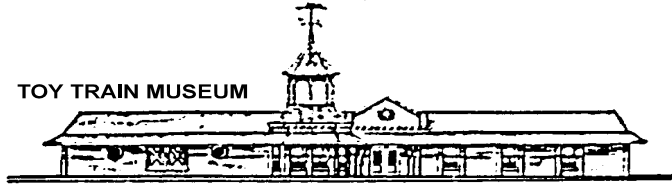


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THE SOUTHERN DIVISION TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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Visiting the B&O Railroad Museum

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Please Join us for the 43rd Annual
Southern Division TCA Banquet.

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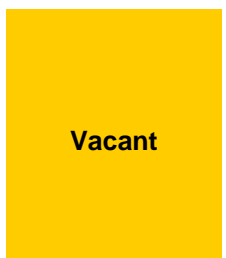
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Communication Officer Needed!
THE SOUTHERN DIVISION IS LOOKING FOR A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER TO ADD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

We're looking for someone who can communicate with the media and the public, local media publications (industry Magazines) and train manufacturers. The Communications Officer will need to have good computer skills and be willing to promote the Southern Division and TCA.

If you would like to serve the SOUTHERN DIVISION please contact Charlie Anyan – President SD-TCA.

**Check out the Southern Division Website: www.tcasoutherndivision.org
Webmaster: Jake Jacob**

President's Report



I'm back from the National Convention, and a report about it is included elsewhere in this issue. As stated in the convention report, next month I intend to describe my visit to the La Posada Hotel in Winslow, AZ. I was fascinated by the place, and want to describe it in case any of you are out that way and would want to visit.

Meanwhile, we had our annual meet at Lake Worth, and it was a resounding success. Of course, any time I find something to buy, I consider the meet a success. Meet details are shown in this issue.

You should have received your ballot for the election of the National Officers by now. Also included is the ballot for voting on the bylaws revision. I urge you to vote for the change in bylaws – it was voted unanimously for the change by your president and the rest of the BOD.

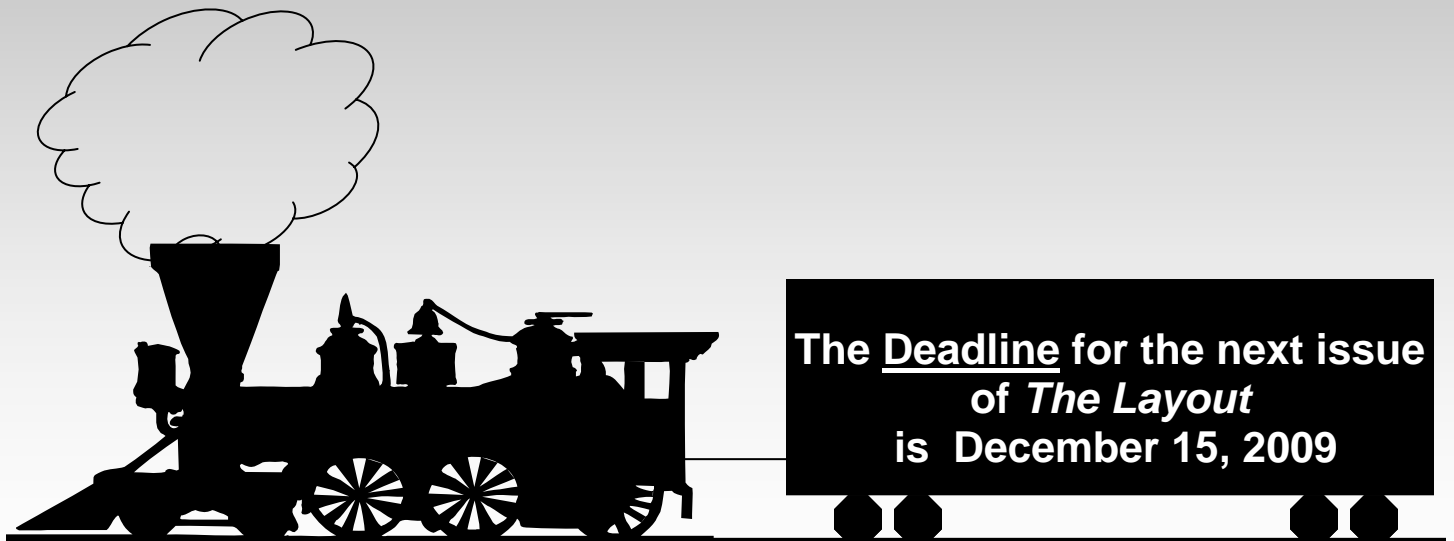
You will be receiving your dues notice for next year. Please remit promptly to reduce the workload on our (both) overworked Secretary and Treasurer.

Our annual meet in Maitland is coming up November 21st at the Maitland Civic Center. Arnie Travitsky is the host. As you probably know, tables are limited, so send your table reservations early to Arnie. Also, our annual banquet will be held in the evening after the meet.

Charlie Anyan, Southern Division President

Address Changes

Please inform the Southern Division Secretary (Dienzel Dennis; see contact info on opposite page) of all address changes. Please do not send address changes to the editors of *The Layout* as that will only delay processing.



MEET STORY 4th QUARTER 2009
THE MAITLAND CIVIC CENTER, MAITLAND, FL., NOVEMBER 21, 2009

The Southern Division 4th Quarter meet will be held at the Maitland Civic Center on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Table holders set up will be Saturday 6:30 - 9 am (hall will be available to table holders only). Tables cost \$20 each for Southern Division Members. Non-Southern Division and TCA members tables cost \$30 each. The meet will be open to TCA members only on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. and the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of free parking is available. The Maitland Civic Center is located at: 641 SOUTH MAITLAND AVE, MAITLAND, FL. 32794.

Meet Hotel: MARRIOTT / SPRINGHILL SUITES,
205 W. HIGHWAY 436 WEST, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL. 32714
PH: 407-865-6400, FAX: 407-866-6773. WEB-SITE

www.marriott.com/mcoal

RATE: \$79 ONE KING BED, \$79 DOUBLE BED

Your room comes with complementary breakfast. You must reserve your room at least two weeks prior to the meet. To get this special rate, please identify yourself as a TCA member when you call.

Membership Meeting

We will hold a membership meeting at 10 a.m. Members can discuss their inputs and ideas to better the Southern Division.

2010 Southern Division Dues Renewal

Southern Division Treasurer Mike Powell will take your \$10 dues renewal for 2010.

Operating Layout and Test Track

We plan to have an operating layout for the meet for all to enjoy along with displays by our members. A test track will be available to test your new purchases. Our Standards Committee will be available to help with your purchases and answer your questions.

Open House, Friday Nov. 20, 2009, 5 PM-10 PM (see information on next page).

Clark & Ilene Vegazo, 2225 West Dale Circle, Deland, FL. 32720, PH: 386-740-1293

43rd Southern Division Awards Banquet at Antonio's, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 (see information on next page). 611 S. Orlando Ave (US 17-92), Maitland, Fl. 32751, Ph: 407-645-5523

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. happy hour

7p.m. to 10 p.m. dinner


Dinner costs \$39.80 per person (SD Members) \$47.80 for non SD member or guest; children's meals - \$4.50 to \$7.95 - See Banquet Reservation Form

Dress code is Business Casual, no shorts, cut off T-shirts or sandals/flip flops.

Please let us know if you can volunteer your time at front door guard and at front desk. We expect a large turn out for this meet.

Look forward to seeing everyone for a fun and memorable time.

ARNIE TRAVITSKY, SD Past President & Meet Host



**Cameras, Cell
Phones, and
Strollers Welcome!**

Directions from the Marriott Spring Hill Suites to the Maitland Civic Center :

Take State Road 436 to I-4 Westbound, I-4 West to Maitland Blvd. (Exit 90). Take Maitland Blvd. East to Maitland Ave, turn right. Take Maitland Ave over train tracks. The Maitland Civic Center (641 S. Maitland Ave) is on your right.

OPEN HOUSE!—Clark and Ilene Vegazo, Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, 5-10 p.m.

Clark and Ilene Vegazo will be hosting an open house on **Friday Night, November 20th**, 5-10 pm Publix deli-trays and other food will be served!

Clark will be showing off his incredible collection of Postwar Lionel trains, with over 200 postwar sets on display with more than another 100 still in set boxes. Sets from Clark's collection are currently featured in the November issue of *Classic Toy Trains Magazine*. Clark's 1200 square foot train room includes most postwar Lionel accessories including the Lionel Boat, dealer-displays, slotcars, and much more.

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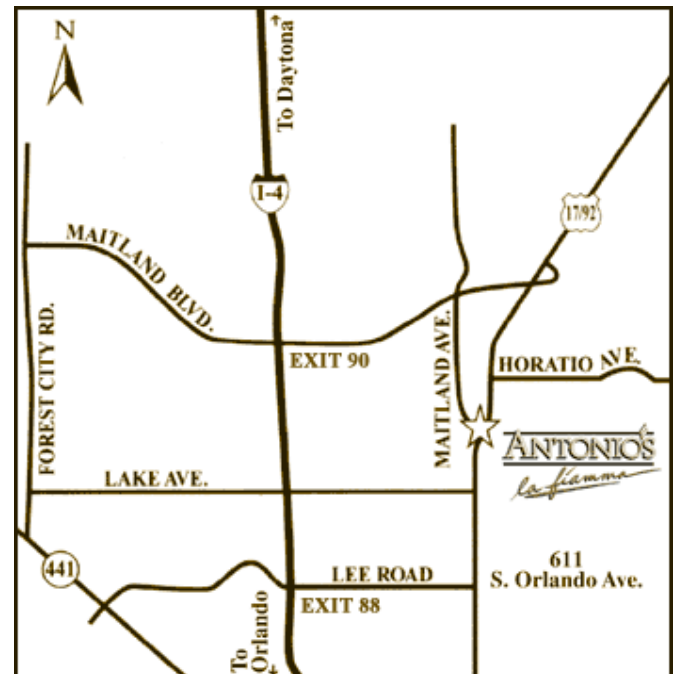
Directions: From I-4 take exit # 116 (26 miles north of Maitland), west four miles directly to West Dale Circle. Turn left (south) onto West Dale Circle and proceed to the 2nd from the last house on the left. Just look for the American Flag at the driveway entrance.

Get the November issue of Classic Toy Trains (CTT) magazine to read the feature article on Clark's Collection! Clark is the first of several Southern Division members who will be featured in CTT over the next few months!

43rd Annual Southern Division Banquet at Antonio's

We are holding our banquet this year at Antonio's, at 611 S. Orlando Ave., Maitland (close to the Civic Center). We are excited about this new restaurant's food quality and atmosphere.

To quote from their brochure: "Antonio's has built a reputation for high quality, great value and friendly service. We prepare a wide variety of original seafood, veal, steaks, and pastas, with the freshest ingredients, at competitive prices. To complete your experience we offer a 300 bottle wine list, a full liquor bar and warm gracious service in a comfortable and elegant atmosphere."



Our friend Arnie (and others) has said that they have excellent food, so we shall find out. The good news is that we have negotiated a lower price this year. The price for members and family is \$39.80 per person. The price for non-Southern Division members or guests is \$47.80.

Check out the menu on the next page, then make your selections on the Banquet Reservation. Send your selections with a check for \$39.80 for each person (\$47.80 for non SD member or guest) to Arnie Travitsky. If you are also reserving a table you may send both reservations together, but make separate checks for tables and banquet. Tables here are also limited, so send reservations in early.

Charles Anyan, President, Southern Division, TCA



Benvenuti Ad Antonio's

43 rd TCA Southern Division Banquet

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2009

HAPPY HOUR (CASH BAR) 6-7 p.m.

DINNER 7- 10 p.m.

INSALATA

Insalata Quattro Stagioni

A mixture of baby greens tossed with balsamic vinaigrette.

Insalata Cesare

Crisp romaine lettuce tossed with our own caesar dressing and freshly baked croutons.

Piatti Principali

Penne alla Boscaiola

Penne pasta in a sauce of portabella and porcine mushrooms, pancetta, fresh cream and a touch of tomato.

Pollo Marsala

Chicken breast sautéed with mushrooms and Marsala wine.

Scaloppine Piccata

Tender Veal Medallions, pounded, sautéed with capers and white wine in a lemon, butter sauce.

Salmone alla Griglia

Fresh salmon brushed with olive oil and fresh herbs and grilled over our wood-burning fire.

DOLCI

Cannoli

Crunchy cannoli shell filled with ricotta cheese, chocolate chips, lemon zest and a touch of cinnamon.

Gelato

Ice cream, chocolate or vanilla.

Bevande

Coffee, tea or soda.

Choice of one each, salad, entrée, dessert, and drink.
Chicken, veal, and salmon entrées come with potato, and vegetable.

TCA SOUTHERN DIVISION
SECOND QUARTER 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance 3/20/09		\$4,680.20
Income (3/20/09 to 6/30/09)		
Stuart Tables Sold	\$1,390.00	
Stuart Attendance	\$1,057.00	
SD Dues Collected	\$70.00	
Donation Sales	\$90.00	
Layout Mailing Account refund	\$59.60	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,666.60

Expenses (3/20/09 to 6/30/09)		
Stuart Meet Hall Balance due	\$652.00	
Stuart 2010 Deposit	\$200.00	
Stuart Flyers	\$28.57	
Checks	\$14.00	
Stuart Advertising/Door Prizes	\$669.83	
Largo 2010 Deposit	\$300.00	
Door Prizes	\$45.00	
Kids Club Cars	\$324.00	
Layout Printing	\$284.31	
Lake Worth/Maitland Flyers	\$19.17	
Cash For Lake Worth Door change	\$100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,636.88

Checking Account Balance 6/30/09	\$4,709.92
CD First Bank matures 10/17/09	\$8,439.26
Cash with Treasurer for Door Change	\$100.00
TCA-SD Assets on 6/30/09	\$13,249.18

2009-2010 Meet Dates

November 21, 2009, Maitland - Maitland Civic Center – 641 South Maitland Ave 32794

January 30, 2010, Largo – MinnReg Bldg - 6340 126th Ave. North 33773

March 20, 2010, Stuart – Columbian Club - 7251 SW Gaines Ave 34997

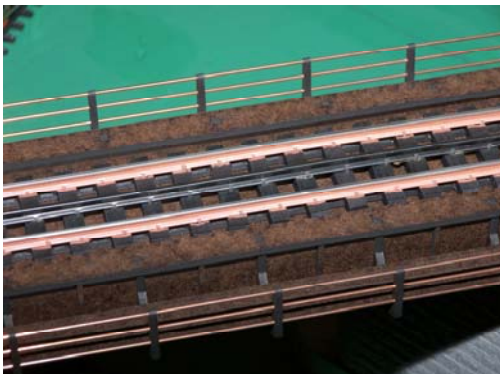
New location for Largo Meet in 2010

Note to all members. The Armory in Saint Petersburg is no longer available for our meets, due to "Military Matters". We have changed the location and date for the February meet. It will now be on January 30, 2010, in the MinnReg Building, 6340 126th Ave., Largo/Clearwater FL. Instructions to the location will be forthcoming.



TCA Southern Division Selling Bridges By Michael Powell, Treasurer, TCA Southern Division

The TCA Southern Division is selling Bridges donated by Brian Cooper of Bridge Solutions. The bridges are Deck Type Girder Single Track with 2 Handrails and Walkways, and come in various straight lengths including 10", 20" and 30" versions, along with a few 042 curve sections. Brian displays many versions of his custom Bridges at the Eastern Division meets at York, PA in the Orange Hall, Booth BB-07. If you go to York, please stop and see all the bridges that Brian sells, and thank him for his most generous donation to the Southern Division.



The TCA Southern Division is selling these bridges at half of the retail price. To see examples of these bridges please visit the Southern Division table at any future SD meet, or contact either Charlie Anyan at 727-345-0288 or Michael Powell at 727-559-1162. Also remember that purchases from the Southern Division are considered donations and the proceeds go towards support of Southern Division activities such as the Ronald McDonald House Layout in the Orlando area and the TCA Kids Club.



The Photos were taken by the Author on his temporary Halloween layout, and are shown with Ross Custom Switches track (not included)

Southern Division Board Meeting Minutes Friday, Aug. 14, 2009—Boca Raton Marriott

President Charles Anyan called the meeting to order at 4:06 P. M. Secretary Dienzel Dennis called the roll with the following present: President Charles Anyan, Treasurer Mike Powell, Secretary Dienzel Dennis, and Directors Arnie Travitsky and Steve Harris. Also in attendance were meet host Mike Setzer, Richard Tashjian, Chris Lucibello and Dick Guenette. Vice President Will Wagner arrived at 4:40 and Web Master Jake Jacobs at 5:02 p. m.

Mike gave an update on tomorrows meet status. We are sold out of tables and have a waiting list. There is a small problem with tables. We may have to use some 6 foot tables since we don't have enough 8 foot. This was worked out to an acceptable conclusion. A few members are bringing their own tables from home. Mike thanked the board for the ad in the Palm Beach Post newspaper and a copy was passed around for all to see. The Treasurer will pick up funds occasionally from the front desk for security reasons. Door prize procedures were discussed and it was decided to change this for all future meets. However, for the meet tomorrow, a certificate will be presented, by drawing, for a free table (\$20.00) for current table holders. One gift, compliments of TCA, will be awarded to a TCA member. A motion by Mike Powell was made and passed allowing a gift to any lady who works the front desk or any other capacity at this meet. Also, one other door prize for a lady attending the meet. You must be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Since we are missing a communications officer, President Anyan will handle the National E-blast for meets. Arnie Travitsky will handle the national free ads and Will Wagner will work with the Manufacturer Ads. (Lionel, MTH, Atlas, etc.) Mr. Jacobs will also do the National Quarterly ¼ page ad. The president will work with local meet host for all local meet advertising.

Mike Powell will chair a committee with Dienzel Dennis and Will Wagner's help in revising our Bylaws to satisfy changes required by the National Club. At the same time we will work on a Southern Division Officer's Handbook. Mr. Anyan will collect names/emails for all general public attending the meet tomorrow. This will be used to announce the next meet in this area, as well as a recruiting tool for the SD. Charlie will continue to work on the Meet Host Checklist handbook. A meet committee will be decided at a later date. However, the president has had great success in securing a meet in Jacksonville and some of us will be traveling there within the next few weeks to finalize this meet. It will hopefully be on May 15 with May 22 as an alternate date. The Courtyard by Marriott will be the site with Chuck Bryner as the local host.

We discussed at length the pros and cons of a secure area on our website. Should the layout be available to members only or also to the general public? Will Wagner and Jake Jacobs will work on this and report back within a month.

A discussion on ads in the layout led to a decision to require members to submit ads for each issue. They will not be carried over to the next issue unless resubmitted by the member. This will be announced in the next "Layout." The possibility of Paid Commercial Ads was tabled until the next board meeting.

The layout that was donated to our division will be stored in the Warbird museum for the time being with Arnie handling this project. We discussed donations to the National museum and this will be decided at our next meeting. Also discussed were donations and solicitations of donations to the Southern Division.

It was decided that a meet table holder with one table could bring one helper with him "free of charge" and a member with 2 or more tables would be permitted to bring 2 helpers "free of charge".

Our annual Banquet will be held after the Maitland meet at "Antonio's" near the civic center. Will Wagner made a motion with a second by Arnie Travitsky that we finalize the plans with the price of \$39.80 per person as recommended by our president. The banquet will be subsidized as necessary by the SD to assure that the price per member will not exceed \$39.80

The **SD** members working on the Ronald McDonald House Layout requested funding, not to exceed \$100.00, to update the layout to include automatic operation for a few minutes when a button is pressed. The house cannot have someone available at all times to operate the layout, so this will allow it to be run at anytime by anyone. The President approved the request. The treasurer will reimburse the members when the receipt for materials is received.

Secretary Dennis reported that we have 509 members listed in the data base. Of this number, 8 have deceased during the past year and 54 are inactive from lack of dues payment. We have 447 paid up active members at this time. Our current computer program is not really suited for what we need and the board gave the secretary permission to pursue other programs that would be better suited to our needs. Also, members must inform the secretary with all change of address and new email addresses to keep our records current. This should be on our web site and mentioned in each issue of the "Layout". Our secretary was reminded to send a copy of all minutes to the National TCA office and also a listing of all our upcoming meets. The secretary should always request a hard copy (printed) membership directory from the national office. The Secretaries report was accepted as presented.

Mike Powell presented a copy of our current financial report. By being very careful, we have stayed on budget with a small surplus. Our total assets as of 6/30/09 are \$13,249.18. A full report will be printed in the "Layout". A projected budget for the remainder of the year was distributed and discussed along with a suggested budget for the year 2010. The treasurers report was accepted as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P. M.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, Southern Division of the TCA

**General Membership Meeting of Southern Division
Saturday, August 15, 2009—Lake Worth, FL – 10:10 a.m.**

President Charles Anyan welcomed everyone to the Polish Center and the Lake Worth Southern Division train show. The dates of the upcoming meets at Maitland on Nov. 21 and St. Pete on Jan. 30 were talked about. The Banquet will be after the Maitland meet and will be less expensive than last years. It will be \$39.80 per person and held at "Antonio's" close to the civic center meet site.

Mike Powell, treasurer, gave his financial report to the membership. It can be read in the board minutes in the preceding set of board minutes. Report accepted.

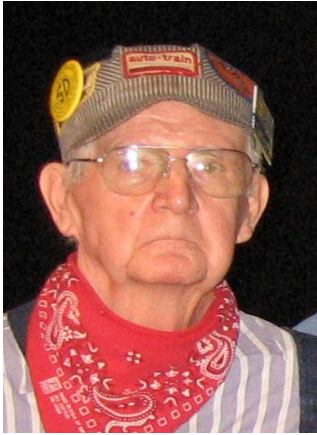
Secretary Dienzel Dennis gave his report as previously written in the board minutes. He also mentioned how important it is to keep him informed of all changes in addresses, telephone numbers, emails, etc. Please let him know of any changes you have. We do not get changes reported to the National TCA, so please let the SD know as well. Next, we called the 9 new Southern Division members to the stage and introduced each one of them to a round of applause. Report accepted.

We had a donation of a nice Oak display chest and the President took bids on this item. He also had a drawing at this time for door prizes as well as throughout the meet.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A. M.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary
Southern Division of the TCA

Meet the Civil War Generals at Maitland! By Grandpa Nelson Williams



"Grandpa"
Nelson
Williams

You may have the opportunity to see a General of the Civil War at the meet in Maitland. The General is not as famous as Robert E. Lee, but she is well-known because she was hijacked from the Big Shanty depot northwest of Atlanta in 1862 by a group of Union soldiers known as Andrew's Raiders. Conductor William Fuller pursued Andrew's Raiders until they abandoned the General about 20 miles south of Chattanooga when they ran out of water and firewood for the

locomotive.

You can see what the General really looked like from some of the 4-4-0 models of different kinds in my display. You might try to identify how many Generals are among my little models. Some are brass, bronze, cardboard, cast iron, ceramics, coal, glass, leather, plastic, pottery, and wood.



14th "Trains at the Holidays" in Ocala

Your family is invited to attend "Trains at the Holidays" at Central Florida Community College, December 12-30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). The hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ocala campus is off SR200 a little more than a mile east of I-75.

Trains of many gauges will be run in the Webber Center Gallery by the Ocala 3-Railers and the Ocala Model Railroads Historical Preservation Society.

My exhibit there will be people movers—trolleys by Lionel and others, plus cable cars.

Quiz Corner, by Charles Anyan

The Quiz Corner quiz for last issue was: How many postwar freight trains can you identify that do NOT have "Lionel" or "Lionel Lines" somewhere on at least one of the cars? The little "Blt by Lionel" on cars is OK.

One of the answers is: Set # 2291W from 1957, a colorful set from a colorful era. It contains the new-for-1957 2379 Rio Grande AB F-3 with the matching 6657 Rio Grande caboose; 3562-75 orange operating barrel car; 3530 generator car; 3444 animated gondola; and the 6464 M&StL boxcar. This is one of the few times that Lionel made a matching caboose for the engine.

While looking through some of my post-war catalogs, I noticed two more sets in the 1954 catalog that qualify. Do you want to look them up yourself, or should I tell you? OK, I'll tell you. They are set # 2217WS "Freight Master" with the 682 Pennsylvania steam turbine with matching caboose, and set # 2219W "The Thunderbird", with the Lackawanna FM trainmaster, and a 6417 Pennsylvania? caboose. There are probably more – I didn't look through all catalogs. Incidentally, all these sets are O gauge: I never found an O-27 set that did not have "Lionel" on it somewhere.

The next quiz departs from toy trains, and moves to the real train world. This should be OK, because if you like trains, it shouldn't matter what gauge they are.

The question is: Who invented the steam locomotive? The answer may surprise you. Email me your answer. As usual, the member(s) who supply the correct answer will receive extensive honors in the next Layout.

TCA NATIONAL TOY TRAIN MUSEUM

SOUTHERN DIVISION 40th ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY, By Arnie Travitsky

During the October 2008 York Meet the National Toy Train Museum honored the Southern Division by putting together a wonderful display of our 2006 Southern Division 40th Anniversary Cars. On display was our MTH Southern Division Double Door 50' boxcar (one of 128 manufactured) and one of the four MTH Standard Gauge Cars (#2006-1).

The dedication was attended by TCA National President Clem Clement, Vice President Elect Ron Stowell, and myself. The display was put together by Keith Arnold and Paul Edger.

My thanks to these hard-working volunteers who do so much work in keeping the museum looking good



for our members and the public, and for preserving the history of toy trains for all to enjoy.

Photo Above: The National Toy Train Museum's Southern Division Anniversary Car Display.

Photo Left: The MTH Southern Division Double Door 50' boxcar (one of 128 manufactured). In the background you can see one of the special Southern Division 40th anniversary billboards which was distributed in 2006.



Photo Below Left: One of the four MTH Standard Gauge Cars produced for the Southern Division's 40th anniversary (car #2006-1).

TCA Southern Division Recruits New Members By Michael Powell, Southern Division Treasurer

The TCA Southern Division Board of Directors has been successful at recruiting new members through activities over the summer of 2009. Two efforts have led to increasing the membership of the Southern Division by at least 12 members over the summer, according to the TCA Southern Division Secretary, Dienzel Dennis. The first activity led by Past President Arnie Travitsky was to staff a Booth at the recent Great Train Exposition shows in both Orlando and Clearwater. Arnie arranged for a very attractive booth and displays about the TCA and the Southern Division to be presented at both shows. Numerous volunteers agreed to staff the booths at the shows, and keep the Southern Division Kids Layout running during the shows. See the accompanying photos to better appreciate the efforts of all volunteers.



Photo Above: Jim Spangler, Arnie Travitsky, and Mike Powell at the Great Train Exposition in Clearwater on 7/25/09



Photo Above: Mike Powell, George Wizi, and Arnie Travitsky at the Great Train Exposition in Orlando on 7/19/09.

The second activity leveraged off an idea proposed by "Grandpa" Nelson G. Williams in the Spring Edition of the Layout. Our President, Charles Anyan, arranged for all TCA members living in Florida who were not members of the Southern Division to receive an email invitation to the Lake Worth meet. This was accomplished through a new service provided by the TCA National Headquarters called "eBlast". These are just two of the activities by your Board of Directors and numerous volunteers aimed at keeping the Southern Division a viable and strong organization to support its members.

The Southern Division Board of Directors would like to thank Mike Mills for providing the display and posters through his company Skyline Displays. And a Special thanks to following Southern Division members for volunteering their time to staff the display and communicate the advantages of TCA and Southern Division membership to the GTE show's attendees: Arnie Travitsky, Mike Mills, Gerard Delaney, Evans Kavallines, George Wizi, John DiCrisci, Jim Spangler, Charlie Anyan, Steve and Linda Harris and Michael Powell.



Photo Left: Steve Harris and Charlie Anyan; Standing – Mike Powell and Arnie Travitsky at the Great Train Exposition in Clearwater on 7/26/09.

TCA National Convention Report, By Charlie Anyan, Southern Division President

We are back from the 55th Annual TCA National Convention that was held in Phoenix and hosted by the Desert Division. It was a great place to celebrate Independence Day. It was also another great opportunity for TCA members to get together for trading and fellowship. I met several Southern Division members there, and also some old friends from the Ozark Division (where I originally joined TCA) plus some others that I had met at York or other shows. Also, two of my daughters, who both live out west, joined me for a few days before the business meetings. We took some tours, including the grand canyon, meteor crater, and Winslow, AZ, where we toured the La Posada hotel (Story to follow). Some of the photos in this issue were taken by my daughter, Julie.



Photo Above: Southern Division President Charlie Anyan at the Grand Canyon

The major item of business to come before the National Board of Directors was the revision of the By-Laws. Revision of the By-Laws was required as a result of laws passed by the US Congress, such as the Patriot Act, and the Homeland Security Act. The By-Laws committee has been working on these for three years under the direction of Robert C. Hazlett, Jr. and his team: James J. Burke, Jr., John H. Carlisle, Newton B. Derby, Glen MacKinnon, and William J. Kotek. A major item within the By-Laws is the changing of the fiscal year from November 1 to July 1. Another change was to separate the policies from the by-laws. The bylaws changes will be mailed to all TCA members along with the ballots for the election of National officers in September.

As a result of the fiscal year calendar change, moving forward, all incoming National officers and committee chairmen will take office following each annual convention. The National Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the change to the By-Laws and strongly suggests to each TCA member to approve the By-Laws revision when it appears on the September ballot. This change should not cost any additional funds.



Photo Above: TCA National BOD Nominees (Left to Right) William J. Kotek, Christie M. Wilson, Carol R. McGinnis, Katie Elgar, Ronald Stowell- next President, Wayne Sheriff, and Paul F. Edgar.

The effect of changing the fiscal year will mean that elections of officers will occur in May of each year. To cover the one time only period of November 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, it was necessary for the board to extend the term of office for all current officers to July 30, 2010.

Nominations for the next slate of TCA National officers were announced. Those nominated are: President-Elect, Paul Edgar (Keystone Division), and Wayne Sheriff (Western Division); Vice President, Katie Elgar (Desert Division) and Carol McGinnis (Eastern Division); Secretary, Christie Wilson (Desert Division), and Treasurer, William Kotek (Southern Division).

Now that National has updated their by-laws, we will do the same. Our change will not occur until after (and if) the national bylaws are approved by the TCA members. At the last Board of Directors meeting, a volunteer committee was approved to study the National bylaws changes and to make our changes (if any) accordingly. Mike Powell will chair the committee with Dienzel Dennis and Will Wagner's help, to satisfy any changes required by the National Club. At the same time they will work on revising our Southern Division Officer's Handbook.



Photo Above: Southern Division President Charlie Anyan at the TCA Board of Directors Meeting.

Visiting the Birthplace of American Railroading – the B&O Museum in Baltimore, MD

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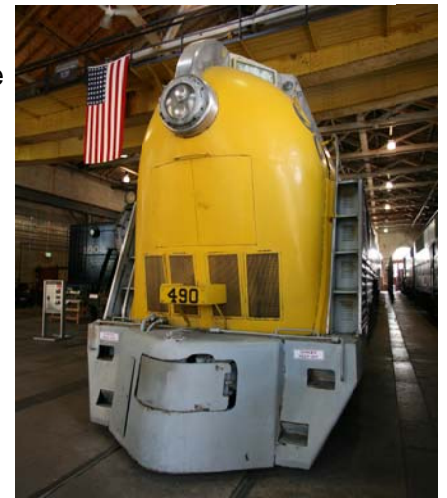
Photo Above: B&O GP40 #3684 at the B&O Museum in Baltimore, Maryland.

For the last 15 years, my trips to the Eastern Division meets at York, PA meant a 5 hour drive South from Rochester NY. The April, 2009 meet was my first since relocating to Florida. To break up the 20 hour drive, I planned a stop at the B&O RR Museum in Baltimore, MD. The museum is on the site of the former B&O Mt. Clare Shops.

I arrived 30 minutes before the museum opened which gave me time to view and photograph the exhibits outside the museum. My wife can attest to the fact that when I visit a Railroad museum I try to photograph every single piece of RR equipment in their collection. This was quite a challenge at the B&O Museum!

I learned that the Mt Clare area is quite historic. The visitor guide states that Wendell Bollman built the first iron bridges at Mt. Clare; U.S. engineers pioneered engineering techniques here; Alfred Vail received Morse's first telegraphic message at Mt. Clare; and railroad air-conditioning was developed by the B&O and the Carrier Company in a small test shop behind the museum's roundhouse.

The roundhouse is definitely the centerpiece of the museum. Built in 1884, the roundhouse has 22 sides and the roof towers 135 feet above the floor. The Museum's largest steam engine, the C&O 2-6-6-6 Allegheny #1604 at 125 ft 7.9" long could stand on its end and not reach the ceiling of the roundhouse. One advantage of visiting on a Tuesday is with fewer people in the museum that day I got a personal tour of the roundhouse instead of being in a large group of people. Most of you will remember that a half of this roundhouse collapsed on February 16, 2003, damaging many one of a kind railroad exhibits. My tour guide explained the restoration process was done in a manner that looks authentic, but incorporates modern construction techniques that will prevent any future problems. Also, most of the damaged exhibits have been repaired and are back on display. The tour of the Roundhouse traces the development of railroading in America, starting with Peter Cooper's "Tom Thumb" built in the mid-1830's, and includes the B&O 4-2-0 "Lafayette" which was the first engine to utilize a horizontal boiler, Paris-Lyon-Mediterranee Railway "40 & 8" Boxcar No. J57121 sent to the US as part of a



Above: C&O 4-6-4 Hudson #490

"Gratitude Train" in 1948, and B&O 0-8-0 #57 "Memnon" with blind (flangeless) center drivers built in 1848. This same technique was used years later by Lionel to allow larger engines to run on 031 track! Some of the exhibits are replicas that were exhibited at the U.S. Sesquicentennial in Philadelphia, PA, in 1926.



Photo Left: B&O 4-2-0 "Lafayette" was the first engine to utilize a horizontal boiler

Visiting the Birthplace of American Railroading, Continued.

As luck would have it, my visit occurred just before the “Thomas the Train” weekend, and the staff was busy all day moving equipment in the yard in preparation for the expected crowds. This afforded a unique opportunity to photograph some of the equipment as it was being repositioned. Although I was “trapped” in the paint shop for a few minutes while one move was completed, this just left me plenty of time to photograph the C&O Allegheny, C&O 4-6-4 Hudson #490, and B&O EA #51 along with the other exhibits in the paint shop.

Before leaving I made sure to visit the fine collection of railroad Models including one of my favorite Railroad, the Chicago & Northwestern, the excellent collection of railroad clocks and watches, and the gift shop. All in all it was a most enjoyable day of learning, photographing, and experiencing the history of railroading in America, and I wholeheartedly encourage anyone visiting the Baltimore area to make time to visit the B&O Railroad Museum. To learn more about the museum check out their website at www.borail.org. Also see more photos on the TCA Southern Division website at www.tcasoutherndivision.org in the photos section.



Photo Above: Western Maryland BL-2 #81 Built 1948 by GM-EMD, 1500hp



Photo Above: Clock Display



Photo Above: Paris-Lyon-Mediterranee Railway "40&8" Boxcar #J57121 – 1948 Gratitude Train



Photo Above: B&O 0-8-0 #57 “Memnon” has blind (flangeless) center drivers built in 1848. This same technique was used years later by Lionel to allow larger engines to run on 031 track!



Photo Left: IC MTD Refrigerator Car #13715

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