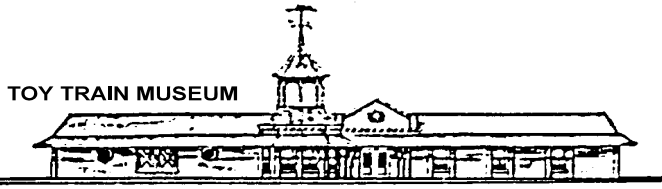


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THE SOUTHERN DIVISION IS LOOKING FOR A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER TO ADD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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.

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President's Message



The Maitland meet again had sold-out tables, and we had a good crowd of guests. Lunch was brought in for table-holders, compliments of the Southern Division.

The previous night was open house night at Ilene and Clark Vegazo's house. I was fortunate enough to attend, as were many more Southern Division members. Clark and Ilene invited TCA members, neighbors, relatives, and apparently at least half the county, because there were a lot of people there. Their house was easy to find because Clark put out directional signs for miles, all the way back to the interstate highway.

I was amazed at the depth of Clark's collection, and also his automobile (full size) collection. I spent most of the night either eating some of the delicious food, drinking their booze, or playing their pinball machines. A great evening.

Saturday after the train meet, the annual Awards Banquet was held. Although the members who attended all said they had a great time, I am disappointed at the number who did show up. Only 37 people, including members, spouses, and guests, attended. Maybe next year we can figure out some way to have better attendance, or change the awards event to make it easier to attend.

Now some good news. We are preparing to have an open house for the January meet in Largo/Clearwater. Read about it on the following pages in *The Layout*. I say Largo/Clearwater, because some people think that the meet location on 126th avenue is in Clearwater. The manager of the MinnReg building told me that the city boundary runs down the middle of the street. The MinnReg building is in Largo, and across the street is Clearwater.

In addition, there is a large layout available for viewing the afternoon and evening of the meet. Read about it in the Open Layout Report elsewhere in this Layout. So we have the open house Friday night, the meet all day Saturday, and the open layout on Saturday afternoon and evening. It should be a fun-packed (trains) weekend.

Charlie Anyan, President, Southern Division TCA

Sad Tidings

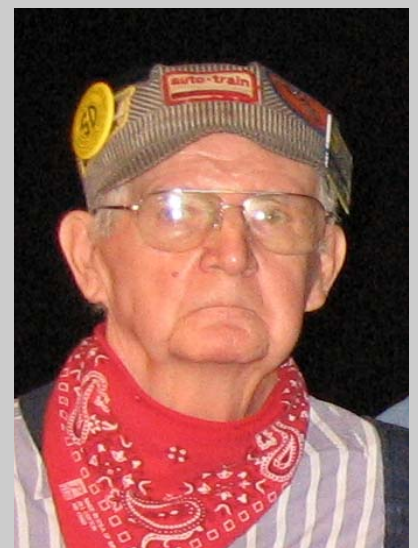
Nelson "Grandpa" Williams, Passing of a Legend, by Arnie Travitsky
Tinplate Tycoon # 17 SD # 248 TCA # HR 74-6535

The Southern Division and TCA have lost our "Grandpa", as he was known by many in the tinplate train world. Nelson Williams passed away on October 8, 2009. He was a mentor to many who loved the world of model trains. Nelson shared his knowledge and writings through the Southern Division Layout newsletter, TCA National, TTOS and LCCA newsletters, and through his train displays at the Southern Division meets. He was always at the front door with his engineer's uniform, red scarf and his engineer's hat, and he proudly wore his SD button. He loved to show off his display of his Standard Gauge engines, freight cars, cabooses and trolleys from manufacturers such as Lionel, American Flyers, McCoy, and many other train makers of Standard Gauge trains. He not only showed his static displays but also ran them for members and children who saw a 400E Lionel engine run. It was real education just to hang out with Nelson at the shows. He warmly would invite people to his home to show off his trains and run them on his layout. I have been lucky to be at Nelson's home to enjoy my time with him since I knew him for many years.

I was proud to give Nelson Williams his "Tinplate Tycoon" award making him the "Seventeenth" receipt of this highest award by the Southern Division to a member of this elite group. He was very proud to receive this award and gave an eloquent, heartwarming speech at awards banquet.

Many may have not known that Nelson was an attorney, teacher, and a judge in his life time.

We had the honor to have his daughter Elizabeth Williams attend our SD Awards banquet, where we proudly gave her "The Best Display in Senior Division for 2009" in honor of her father. Nelson, we will miss you and your knowledge and charm at shows.




**"Grandpa" Nelson Williams
1926-2009**

LARGO MEET STORY 1ST QUARTER 2010

The MINNREG Building, Largo FL, January 30, 2010

The Meet Story - 1st Quarter 2010

The TCA Southern Division's first meet of 2010 will be held Saturday January 30th at the MinnReg Building, 6340 126th Avenue North, Largo Florida. Table holder setup will be Friday night from 6 PM to 9 PM and Saturday morning from 7 AM to 9 AM. During setup time, the building will be open to table holders only. Tables cost \$20 each for TCA Southern Division members. Non-Southern Division TCA member tables cost \$30 each. The meet will be open to TCA members only at 9 AM and the public starting at 11 AM. The meet closes at 4 PM. Plenty of free parking is available.



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

There is no specific meet hotel for this meet. However, there are many motels in the Ulmerton Road area, including Suburban Lodge (Clearwater) and Days Inn & Suites, (St. Petersburg/Clearwater). These two are probably the closest. There are many more on Ulmerton Road.

Membership Meeting

We will hold a membership meeting at 10 AM to discuss items of interest, old and new business, and significant items from the Board of Director's meeting.

2010 Southern Division Dues Renewal

The Treasurer, Mike Powell, will be present to accept your 2010 dues (\$10) if you have not paid them yet.

Operating Layout

We will have at least one working layout. At present we are trying to get another.

Open House – Friday December 29th, 7 to 10 PM

There will be an open house at John Pirrello's home in New Port Richey Friday night. **(See Open House Story)**

Open Layout

The Suncoast Model RR Club is opening their layout for visitors during and after our meet on Saturday. So be sure to visit. **(See Open Layout Story)**

We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun and memorable time.

Directions to Meet

From U.S. Highway 19 South-bound, take the Ulmerton Road (State Route 688) exit. Continue south on the frontage road to 126th Ave. Turn right. Go to the first stop sign. The MinnReg Bldg is just ahead on the left.

From U.S. Highway 19 north-bound, take the Bryan Dairy exit. Continue north on the frontage road to 126th Ave. Turn left. Go to the first stop sign after the underpass. The MinnReg Bldg is just ahead on the left.

SUNCOAST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB LAYOUT OPEN DURING LARGO MEET JANUARY 30, 2010, By Michael Powell, Treasurer

The Suncoast Model Railroad Club has graciously agreed to open their HO and N Scale Club Layout during the TCA Southern Division Train show being held in Largo on January 30, 2010. The layout is only a few short blocks away, and is well worth the effort to get there. I have visited this layout many times and highly recommend you take the time to visit this wonderful layout. You will see over 8 HO scale miles and 15 N scale miles of mainline fun. Please consider giving a small donation to the Suncoast Model Railroad Club to help keep their Layout running.

Suncoast Model Railroad Club Layout Address: 12355 62nd Street North, Suite A, Largo FL, 33733

Directions to the Layout: Turn right out of the Parking lot onto 126th Avenue heading east. Turn right at the stop sign onto 62nd Street heading south. The Layout Building is on the left about one half block South on 62nd Street

**OPEN HOUSE - John and Ann Pirrello's , Friday, December 29th – 7 to 10 PM
10827 Alico Pass, New Port Richey, FL.**

John and Ann will host an open house Friday night before the Largo meet. They are located in New Port Richey, about 35-40 minutes north of the meet location. John will be showing us his layout and displays. Here is a quote from John describing his layout:

"A few particulars about my layout. It was built by Rich Roman of East Coast Enterprises in 2007. It is approximately 18ft. by 20ft. and consists of 4 levels of track. I can run about 8 trains at once if I pay close attention to the action. I run primarily MTH and Lionel and have both DCS and Lionel Legacy systems operating. The trains are powered by 3 MTH Z-4000's, while the switches, lights, and accessories run off 2 Lionel ZW's. In lieu of a control panel, I control all my switches and accessories via my DCS handheld. "

Directions to the open house

From Interstate 75 take exit 275 (highways 56/54). Take 54 Westbound. (If you are on the Suncoast Parkway, take exit 19 (highway 54) and go west on 54. Go past the small town of Odessa a few miles to Starkey Road. Go right on Starkey about a mile to Alico Pass Road. Turn right and go about a mile to 10827 Alico Pass on the left.

If you are coming from highway 19, Go East on highway 54 a few miles to Starkey Road. Turn left and follow above instructions.

There is parking in the lot in front of their house.

The Pirrello's phone number is (727) 375-1265 (in case you get lost).

There will be some snacks and refreshments.

**STUART MEET STORY, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7251 SE GAINES AVE,STUART, FL. 34997
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010**

MEET HOST: Al Galli Ph: 772-546-5873 E-Mail: algalli@embarqmail.com
6255 SE Charleston Place, D-101, Hobe Sound, FL. 33455-7371

SET UP: 7:00 AM – 9 AM, MEMBERSHIP: 9 AM – 10 AM, PUBLIC: 10 AM – 4 PM
ADMISSION: PUBLIC \$ 5.00 SD MEMBERS \$ 3.00 TCA MEMBERS \$ 5.00
TABLES: SD MEMBERS \$ 20.00 TCA NON SD MEMBERS \$ 30.00

DIRECTION: I-95 NORTH EXIT 101 East on Hwy 76 Kanner Hwy 2nd Light, Right on to Cove Road. Knights of Columbus Hall on the Left.

I-95 SOUTH EXIT 101, East on Hwy 76 Kanner Hwy 2nd Light, Right on to Cove Road
Knights of Columbus Hall on the Left.

HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS,
7900 SW LOST RIVER ROAD, STUART, FL. 34997, PH: 772-287-2522
RATE: \$ 89.00 PLUS TAX NOTE: THIS IS A TCA RATE. YOU MUST CALL IN TO GET THIS RATE AND ASK FOR THE TCA RATE. COMES WITH COMPLIMENTRY BREAKFAST

A CONCESSION WILL BE PROVIDED BY KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

THERE IS NO OPEN HOUSES FOR THIS MEET.

Southern Division Board Meeting Minutes
Marriott Hotel—Maitland, Florida
Friday, Nov. 20, 2009

President Anyan called the meeting to order at 12:40 P. M. with the following Officers present: President Charlie Anyan, Secretary Dienzel Dennis, Treasurer Mike Powell, PP Arnie Travitsky, and PP Steve Harris. Vice President Will Wagner was unable to attend today's meeting because of family matters.

The President had Secretary Dennis read the minutes from our last meeting. Even though they had been approved and published in Layout #43-4, Charlie wanted us to be familiar with what we had previously discussed and what we need to elaborate on.

Charlie reported on the Jacksonville Meet status. He is continuously working with Chuck Bryner, our new meet host. Arnie is currently working on meet flyers. T.V. and Newspaper ads were also discussed at length.

The Awards Committee and their work was discussed next. We entered into Executive Session at 1:17 and came out of it at 1:31.

Mike Powell next discussed the by-laws Committee report. It is on going with the main emphasis on getting our Southern Division By Laws to conform to the National TCA By laws to satisfy the Patriot Act as required by law. It appears that we are in compliance. We will have TCA confirm this. This committee, composed of "Mike as chairmen", along with Dienzel Dennis and Will Wagner, will continue to work on things to be upgraded in the SD by-laws and also update our SOP/Handbook.

It was decided to continue on with our web page the way it is, concerning security and pass protected items such as the "Layout". This however, will be an on going board concern and discussion.

Arnie reported on tomorrows meet at Maitland. He has sold 54 tables with a couple more available. There were 6 assigned for displays. We currently have 41 signed up for tomorrow nights annual banquet at Antonio's Ristorante in Maitland. We will honor Grandpa Nelson Williams at the banquet tomorrow night. His daughter will be present.

President Anyan will meet tomorrow morning with Vice President Wagner to bring him up to date on this meeting since he was unable to attend today. They will discuss his duties concerning the 2010 meet schedule, notification of dropped members, membership complaints, manufacture ads, and membership renewals.

Secretary Dennis reported that we currently have 452 Active members, 11 deceased members (during his term of office), and 60 inactive members currently still in the data base. We will continue to stay with our File Maker Pro computer system. The 2010 dues notices and means of collecting them and the distribution of membership cards was discussed and agreed on. The Secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer Powell distributed handouts concerning the final report on the Lake Worth meet. He also gave us the 3rd quarter report. This will be up dated to an annual year end report to be submitted to the National TCA to satisfy the parent clubs report for the Patriot Act. The 2010 budget was presented and accepted after a couple of changes were made. Changes to the proposed budget included the addition of a \$500.00 gift to our national organization. All of these treasure reports will be printed in the next addition of the "Layout" magazine. So far we have had 102 members pay their dues for 2010. We expect many more tomorrow at the meet. The Treasurers reports were accepted as presented.

There was no Layout Committee report since the editor was unable to attend the meeting.

We next discussed the problem of who receives free tables at our local meets. Also debated were the table sizes. This is a problem since each hall is different with different tables available. We will maintain the \$20.00 per table cost regardless of size. There is a problem of non members attempting to acquire tables. This was debated with means of control. We revisited the question of how many helpers are allowed with each table holder.

New Business:

We talked about the fact finding trip to Jacksonville and their plans and meet hall. We discussed the 2010 election, the 2010 membership drive, and the future of the Maitland meet and its location and hall. We again talked about advertisement and what was best to do. Should we continue with local newspaper, go to T.V., flyers, etc. Whatever we use, they must meet the budget criteria and be approved by the president. The treasurer talked about our CD and the rates we are receiving. He has visited 8-10 banks looking for the best deal for the club. After much consideration, a motion was made and passed to place half of it in a 12 month CD so we can have it available, and then place the other half into a 24 month CD with higher rates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, Southern Division of the TCA

General Membership Meeting of Southern Division Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009

President Anyan called the meeting to order at 10:16 a. m. He asked anyone who was not a Southern Division Member to exit the hall while our membership meeting is in progress. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the train show.

Arnie Travitsky announced that there is a memorial table in the corner of the hall honoring our late member, Grandpa Nelson Williams. We had a moment of silence in remembrance of Grandpa and what he meant to the club over the years and also for the brave men and women in our Armed Forces. Grandpa will also be recognized at our banquet tonight and honored with a slide presentation. An award will be given to his daughter who will be in attendance at the banquet.

The President introduced Chuck Bryner, our Jacksonville host, and also Jim Whiskin, a new member helping take meet photos.

The President next asked Secretary Dennis to present his Secretaries report. The same report was given as presented in the minutes from the day before. There are 452 Active members, 11 deceased and 60 inactive for a total of 523 in our data base.

Treasurer Mike Powell presented his report as given in the board minutes above. He also stated that the final annual report will be printed in the next issue of the "Layout"

The President recognized Mike Setzer the host of our very successful Lake Worth Meet. Also recognized was Clark and Ilene Vegazo who hosted over 100 members at their home last night. The president will be host of our next meet in St. Pete and is looking for some one who is willing to have an open house. Our future meets are as follows: Jan. 30, 2010 in St. Pete, March 20 in Stuart with host Al Galli, May 15 in Jacksonville with Chuck Bryner as host, and Aug. 21 in Lake Worth with host Mike Setzer.

Member Mike Setzer asked about meet advertisement. The president and vice president answered this question with information derived from yesterday's discussion of the same at the board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 after with door prizes were distributed to the lucky winners. We had one for table holders, 2 for members, 2 for ladies only, and 2 for children. Trading resumed at this time with the general public admitted at 11:00 a. m.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, Southern Division of the TCA

Toys, Tots, & Trains, by Dienzel Dennis (SD# 2397)

Christmas and children, tots and trains. These go together like bacon and eggs. However, grownups can also become involved in the above. Let me show you one way it happened in Daytona Beach. We have a hobby store in our area that not only caters to the collector, but also to the young beginner. Tony Rotunda at "Roundhouse South" in Port Orange is not only a businessman in the hobby scene but a community leader and supporter for all our citizens. Tony has been in the train business here since 1989 and in 2000 he decided to attempt to bring local train collectors together to enjoy our hobby even more. He also wanted to grow the membership of younger boys and girls, and provide for the less fortunate ones at Christmas. Tony initiated and promotes an unofficial train club in the Daytona Beach area. We are not highly organized, have no officers, no constitution, and charge no dues. We are open to anyone who has an interest in toy trains or just want to attend to see what we are all about. We currently have about 240 people on our email list and are adding more each month. Tony sends out an email the first of each month reminding us that our monthly meeting is coming up soon. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the **Roundhouse South** on Ridgewood Ave. in Port Orange. Tony provides soft drinks, candy, cookies, chips, bottled water etc., courtesy of his hobby shop. Sometimes we have more substantial fare provided by some of our members. We have regular attendees who come from as far away as Melbourne to the south, St. Augustine to the north, and Orlando to the West. Incidentally no one lives to the east, unless on a yacht in the Atlantic Ocean. Occasionally visitors have shown up from California, Vermont, Kentucky, and many other places. We also have attended open houses in our area as well as taking train watching excursions. We normally run from 40 to 65 each meeting.



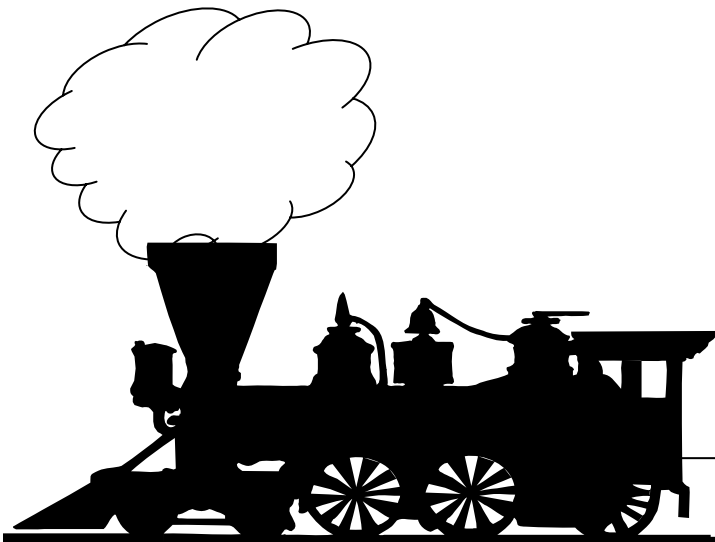
At each meeting we run trains, eat, and visit (with a lot of tall tales.) Some people bring their own trains to run on Tony's large three rail layout. We learn how to use all the new technology and see the latest items available from Lionel, MTH and other manufacturers. Youngsters are given opportunities to run the trains, blow the whistle, etc. To see their eyes light up makes it well worth the effort to attend. Selling and trading even takes place periodically. This is a great recruiting tool for the hobby. HO and even some N gauge trains are finding their way into our midst.

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Probably one of the most important items of business is our monthly raffle. Tickets are sold, with no pressure applied, and then a 50-50 drawing held around 8:00 o'clock. We normally run between \$150.00 - \$200.00 per night. The winning ticket takes home half the kitty and the other half goes into our treasure for Christmas. Incidentally, Tony donates a train car or two, an accessory, etc. so we can have 3 or 4 winners each night and not just the one big money guy. One anonymous member even donated a complete new Santa Fe ABA to auction off with all the proceeds going into our gift treasure. We have now met **115 times** (as of Aug 2009) and have raised and distributed well over **\$15,000** worth of toys for "toys for tots", **Florida Children & Families** and other agencies in our community. Each year at our Christmas open house we raise over a \$1,000 in one night. That money is used to buy Gift Cards for needy families. We usually give a complete train set or two away as well as wagons, bicycles, tricycles, etc. Wal mart has been very supportive of our efforts and contribute in many ways at Christmas. We have a great time and have helped make a lot of kids happy at Christmas time, yet it hasn't hurt any of us financially. Where else can you go and be with friends and have a great evening out for just \$5 or \$10 going to a great cause? We really feel good when we see that over the past nine years we have contributed **\$15,000** plus to our community. (By the way, we do have a lot of wives and children show up each month).



If you get an opportunity, come visit us some time. **Better yet**, why not **start a club** in your area and enjoy this wonderful hobby of toy trains and also make Christmas a little more meaningful for the less fortunate kids and families in your neighborhood. For more information, I can be contacted at Dieden39@aol.com (SD# 2397) and Tony can be reached at info@roundhousesouth.com (SD# 1677) (These are pictures taken at one of our meetings)



The Deadline for the next issue
of *The Layout*
is February 15, 2010

Checking Account Balance 6/30/09 **\$4,709.92**

Income (7/1/09 to 9/30/09)

Lake Worth Table/Attendance Income	\$2,480.00
SD Dues Collected	\$120.00
Donation Sales	\$125.00
Donation to SD	\$25.00
TCA Application	\$60.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$2,810.00**

Expenses (7/1/09 to 9/30/09)

Lake Worth Hall Rental	\$1,000.00
Maitland Banquet Deposit	\$200.00
Meet Flyers	\$178.96
President's Stipend	\$500.00
Lake Worth Advertising	\$231.72
Upgrade to Ronald McDonald Layout	\$130.63
Door Prizes	\$20.93
Check to TCA for Application	\$60.00
Layout Printing/Mailing	\$450.94
Web Hosting for Website	\$35.85

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,809.03**

Checking Account Balance 9/30/09 **\$4,710.89**

CD First Bank matures 10/17/09 **\$8,439.26**

Cash with Treasurer for Door Change **\$100.00**

TCA-SD Assets on 9/30/09 **\$13,250.15**

**Maitland Meet Volunteers
Nov. 21, 2009**

A big thank you from Arnie Travitsky and Charlie Anyan to the volunteers who helped out at Maitland show.

Teri Travitsky - Front Desk
Judy Tashjian – Front Desk
Linda Harris – Font Desk
Geo Wizi – Hall Set Up
Gaye Lindsay – Luncheon
Naomi Jacob – Luncheon
Twyliah Klim – Luncheon
Lu Cretin Fishel – Luncheon
Cheryl Rychcik - Luncheon

Thanks to Clark and Ilene Vegazo for hosting their open house Friday night.

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.

**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.

Clark and Ilene Vegazo's Open House, Friday, November 20, 2009



Photo Above: Visitors admire Clark's wall-to-wall collection of trains and slotcars.



Photo Above: Kids who attended got to play with Clark's *small* slot car track on the floor.



Photos Above and Below Left: Trains and classic cars often go together, and Clark and some friends brought several to display.

Below Right: Clark receives the good fellowship award.

Over 100 TCA members and friends of Clark and Ilene Vegazo attended their open house on Friday November 20th. Clark had a slot car layout set up for the kids in his enormous train room. Visitors were treated to Clark's collection of Postwar Lionel train sets, arranged on shelves in order from the beginning to the end of the postwar period (1946-1969). On shelves above the trains themselves were their set boxes, which lined the top of the room. Outside, several of Clark's friends brought their classic cars, and together with Clark's classic vehicles formed a mini car show. Inside there was plenty to eat and drink and everyone had a great time talking about trains, cars, and anything else they could think of. Our thanks to Clark and Ilene for their efforts in putting together a fun night.



Maitland Meet Photos, Saturday, November 21, 2009



Photos Above Right and Left:
Relaxing at the Maitland Meet.

Photo Below: Our thanks to Judy and Terri for their help at the front desk.



Photo Left:

Steve Harris brought his Bing train, featuring two very rare Bing four wheel Beer Cars from around 1918. The Station in the background is American Flyer Ca 1915.



Photo Above: Robert Klenner received a ribbon for his amazing layout..

Photo Below: Kids eyeball the trains.



Photo Above: Charlie Anyan and Will Wagner
Photo Right: Robert Klenner operates his Marx Layout for the kids.
Photo Below: The Maitland Meet Hall



SOUTHERN DIVISION TCA
43rd Anniversary, November 21, 2009
AWARDS BANQUET 2009

Best of The Year Action Display 2009

Robert Klenner, SD # 1868, TCA # 92-36458

Display Senior Division 2009

Nelson Williams, SD # 248, TCA # HR-74-6535

Presidents Awards 2009

Teri Travitsky

Judy Tashjian

Good Fellowship Award

Clark Vegazo, SD #1368, TCA # 86-24196

Special Service Awards 2009

Mike Mills SD # 2413, TCA # 01-52634

Brennen "Jake" Jacob, SD#1571, TCA #88-28214

Outstanding Service Awards 2009

Mike Powell, SD #2483, TCA # 94-39528

Jeff Mayer, SD #2021, TCA # 95-42299

Distinguished Service Award 2009

Arnie Travitsky SD #1289, TCA # 86-23376

Past Presidents Award 2004-2008

Arnie Travitsky SD # 1289, TCA # 86-23376



Photo Above: Charlie Anyan presents Robert Klenner with "Best of the Year Action Display 2009" for his incredible Marx layout (see photos in this issue).

Photo Below: Charlie Anyan and Arnie Travitsky present the 2009 Display, Senior Division award to Elizabeth Williams in honor of her late father, Grandpa Nelson Williams.



Photo Left:

Accepting an Outstanding Service Award was so easy a Caveman could do it.

Photo Right:

Charlie Anyan Presents an Outstanding Service Award Recipient to Mike Powell.





Photo Far Left: Charlie Anyan presents a Special Service Award to Jake Jacob.



Photo Immediate Left: Charlie Anyan presents a Special Service Award to Mike Mills

Photo Below: Charlie Anyan presents President's Awards to Teri Travitsky and Judy Tashjian.



Photo Above: Past President Arnie Travitsky received the Distinguished Service Award for 2009 as well as the Past President's Award for 2004-2008.

Photo Right: Southern Division President Charlie Anyan with Ilene and Clark Vegazo. Clark received the Good Fellowship Award.



TCA Southern Division Proposed Budget for 2010, From Michael Powell, Treasurer

To be voted on by the members at the Largo Meet on January 30, 2010

EXPENSE	2010 Budget
1. LAYOUT NEWSLETTER	\$2,400.00
2. MEET HALLS - RENTALS	
2.a MINNREG Largo	\$1,000.00
2.b KNIGHTS STUART	\$1,000.00
2.b COURTYARD Jacksonville	\$900.00
2.c POLISH CLUB Lake Worth	\$1,200.00
2.d MAITLAND CENTER	\$1,300.00
MEET HALLS SUBTOTAL	\$5,400.00
3. POSTAGE	\$300.00
4. INTERNET	\$160.00
5. PRINTING STATIONARY	\$100.00
6. PRINTING OF MEET FLYERS	\$500.00
7. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$250.00
8. ADVERTISEMENT EXPENSES	\$1,250.00
9. PRESIDENT'S RESERVE	\$1,000.00
10. PRESIDENT'S STIPEND	\$500.00
11. DOOR PRIZES	\$500.00
12. KIDS CLUB LAYOUT	\$500.00
13. DONUTS/COFFEE	\$500.00
14. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$200.00
15. BANQUET AWARDS	\$700.00
16. TCA DONATION	\$500.00
17. BANQUET DINNERS	\$2,000.00
18. BANQUET SUBSIDY	\$0.00
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$16,760.00
INCOME	
1. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$4,500.00
2. MEET INCOME TABLES	\$5,800.00
3. PUBLIC ADMISSION @\$5.00	\$4,900.00
4. DONATION SALES	\$500.00
5. BANQUET SALES	\$2,000.00
INCOME TOTAL	\$17,700.00
INCOME	\$17,700.00
EXPENSES	\$16,760.00
Profit/Loss	\$940.00

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1. 9569 PAUL REVERE PRR.COMBINE EX \$130
2. DISNEY SET.E-P 5 ENGINE AND CABOOSE & ALL 13 CARS. MINT & ORIGINAL BOXES \$850.
3. 6464-1971 MICKEY MOUSE CONVENTION CAR-MINT-HAS A BOX BUT NOT ORIGINAL.\$300.00
4. CONGRESSIONAL SET GG1 W/ 4 ALUMINUM CARS. EX. \$1300.00 AND WILL INCLUDE A FREE 9569 M.P.C. PENN. COMBINE CAR #9569
5. 6464 SERIES COMPLETE 28 IN ALL GD TO EX Call or email for details and price
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7. 2400 GREEN SERIES PULLCARS.EX. \$350.00

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2. 746 NW STEAM W/TENDER-\$20, \$5 SHIPPING
3. 2343 F3 SANTA FE DIESEL-\$10,\$5 SHIPPING
4. 2101 CHESSIE STEAM W/ TENDER-\$20.00 AND \$5.00 SHIPPING
5. 700E NYC HUDSON-\$15 AND \$5 SHIPPING
6. 400E BLUE COMET-\$10, \$5 SHIPPING
7. 4907 BRUNSWICK GREEN G.G.1-\$10.00 AND \$5.00 SHIPPING

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