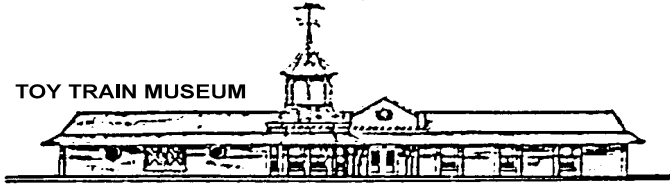


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Kids Enjoyed Gary Horne's HO Scale "Door Layout" at the Jacksonville Meet.

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Saturday, August 21, 2010

American Polish Club
4725 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL 33463

Saturday, November 20, 2010 NEW LOCATION!

First Presbyterian Church,
341 N. Orlando Avenue, HWY 17-92, Maitland, FL 32751

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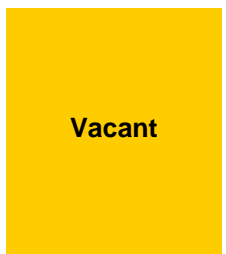
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Please inform the Acting Southern Division Secretary (Mike Powell; see contact info inside front cover) of all address changes. Please do not send address changes to the editor of *The Layout* as that will only delay processing.

Sad Tidings

George "Peter" Warrick, the founder of the Warrick Hobby Superstore in Plantation, died May 17, 2010. Our condolences go out to his family.

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

President's Message



By the time you read this I will have been off to the TCA National Convention and back. As you probably know, the president of each division of the TCA is automatically a member of the National Board of Directors, and is required to attend the Board of Directors meeting at the convention to discuss the business and directions of the organization. This year it is in Baltimore MD.

As part of the BOD meeting, I am required to submit a report on our division's status, sort of a "State of the Division" report. That report is printed elsewhere in this issue for your information and reading pleasure.

In May, we had a very successful meet in Jacksonville. The tables filled the hall, and attendance was substantial. The hall outside the selling "pits" was filled with displays, a working layout, and a kid's play area. I want to thank our meet host and organizer, Chuck Bryner, for the hard work he did to make this event happen. We hope to repeat this next year.

Also, the Meet Story is presented elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to check out the host hotel for the meet. This is an opportunity to stay at a major-name hotel right on the ocean in the Palm Beach area for a very reasonable price. Note that you must make reservations no later than **August 8th** to assure this price.

The Southern Division's elections are coming up. If you, or someone you know, would like to be an officer in our division, submit any name to me or any officer of the division for inclusion on the ballot. We need your help, both as a candidate for office, or as a volunteer to help at meets and other activities.

Charles Anyan, President, Southern Division, TCA

SOUTHERN DIVISION YEARLY REPORT, JUNE 1, 2010

The Southern Division of TCA has approximately 1100 members in its geographic area, of which 408 currently are Southern Division members. Our geographic boundary is all of Florida, except the panhandle west of Apalachicola. In addition there are 32 other members from other states, for a total of 440 members. Southern Division dues are \$10.00 per year.

We have at least four Division meets yearly, with an occasional extra meet per year. In previous years, all of our meets have been from Orlando to further south locations. In this past year we have firmly established a base in Jacksonville, and hope to have yearly meets there. All of our meets are one-day meets.

We try to have several social events during the year, usually in the form of open house or cookouts. So far this year we have had an open house in conjunction with our Tampa Bay Area Meet and another with our Jacksonville Area Meet. This fall we hope to repeat a cookout from two years ago at a division member's home, where he fired up his live steam Pennsylvania K-4 engine and cars for everyone to ride on. We will have our annual awards ceremony, where awards will be given out to members who made contributions of time or effort to the Division during the previous year. We are also trying to plan where and when a Christmas party could be held.

We are continually trying to expand our educational efforts and to establish interest in trains generally, and toy trains in particular. We try to have a Kid's Layout at every meet that we have room for one, in order to help get kids interested in trains. We had our largest and best Kid's Playroom yet at Jacksonville.

Some of our members have set up and operate an operating layout in the Ronald McDonald House in Orlando, for the kids to observe and help operate.

We also set up and man (and woman) a TCA information table at the big train meets in the area. This July we will have a Southern Division table at the Great Train Expo, in both Orlando and Clearwater.

The Southern Division web site is tcasoutherndivision.org. For further details on the Southern Division's activities, officers, meets, and history of the Division, go to the web site. Be sure to click on "The Layout" to view current and past issues of "The Layout", our quarterly newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted, Charles Anyan, President Southern Division, TCA

Lake Worth Meet Story, Saturday, August 21, 2010, American Polish Club, Lake Worth, FL

Location: American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL 33463

Meet host: Mike Setzer will be the meet host. Should you have any questions contact Mike at 954-610-3444.

Set Up will be allowed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday. The meet opens to members only 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and to the public 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: Public and non-Southern Division TCA members is \$5. Southern Division TCA members \$3. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking is available for members and the public. There will be a concession in the hall, where you can purchase breakfast and lunch.

Tables: SD members: \$20 TCA non-SD members: \$30. There will be new rules for table holder helpers which will be announced at the meet.

We will hold a business meeting at 10:15 a.m. to discuss your inputs and new ideas. We will take nominations for office for 2011-2012.

A test track will be available to test your new purchases. Our standards committee will be available to help in your new purchases and answer your questions.

Kids Club: A Lego Layout will be on the stage for the kids to enjoy.

It is important if you can help in volunteer your time as a front door guard and front desk.

Unfortunately, no one has volunteered to hold an open house.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meet. Please drive safe.

Directions to Meet

The American Polish Club is located at 4725 Lake Worth Road (about 1/4 mile west of Military Trail), in Lake Worth, Florida.

Florida Turnpike:

Take the turnpike to the Lake Worth exit, go east on Lake Worth Road about three miles to the club (on the north side of the road).

Via I-95 North:

Exit at 6th Avenue South. Take 6th Avenue west to Military Trail, then North on Military Trail to Lake Worth Road. Turn Left, heading west and look for the hall about 1/4 of a mile down on your right.

Via I-95 South:

Exit at 10th Avenue North. Take 10th Avenue west to Military Trail, left on Military Trail going South. Right on Lake Worth Road and look for the hall about 1/4 mile on your right.



Meet Hotel Information:

We have an outstanding hotel for this meet. It is the Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites in Palm Beach. It is on South Ocean Drive (A1A) across the street from a public beach. Walk across the street or park your car closer in the park for a dip in the Atlantic Ocean. The hotel is within walking distance from shops and restaurants of downtown Lake Worth.

Their normal rate is \$129. We are getting the discount rate of \$79, plus tax. This rate is guaranteed for three days before, during, and after the meet. Reservations must be made not later than August 8th. Ask for the TCA group. Breakfast is included.

To get there, from I-95 take exit 64 (10th Ave N.). Go East to The Dixie Highway (US 1). Turn right and go to Lake Avenue. Turn left on Lake, go over the Lake Worth bridge to Ocean Drive. The hotel is just around the corner (left) on Ocean.

To get to the meet from the hotel, go back to Lake drive (which turns into Lake Worth Drive) and turn right. Continue on Lake Worth Drive directly to the Polish American Club. It is on the right, just past S. Military Trail. It's about 5 miles.

This hotel is not the easiest to get to, but we figure it's worth it to get right on the ocean in Palm Beach at a reasonable rate. Also, it's really easy to get to the meet from there. Just get on Lake Avenue and keep driving, with no street changes.

Nominations for Southern Division Board of Directors

Nominations for officers will be taken at the Lake Worth meet on August 21, 2010 during the membership meeting. The offices are as follows: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Officer. If you would like to run for office, here is your opportunity. Contact any of the Southern Division Board Members (see contact information on page two of this newsletter). Final nominations will be taken at the Maitland Meet on November 20, 2010. Ballots will go out in December 2010. Results will be announced at the Largo meet in January.

FIRST QUARTER 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance 12/31/2010	\$14,010.95
Cash with Treasurer for Door Change	\$100.00
<u>TCA-SD Assets</u> <u>on 12/31/2010</u>	\$14,110.95

Income (1/1/10 to 3/31/10)

Largo Admissions	\$1,249.00
Largo Table Sales	\$1,150.00
Donation Sales	\$82.00
Stuart Admissions	\$1,222.00
Stuart Table Sales	\$1,460.00
Membership Renewals	\$1,490.00
Lost Check	\$25.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,678.00

Expenses (1/1/10 to 3/31/10)

Administrative Expenses	\$611.13
Largo Hall Rental	\$605.00
Web Hosting	\$71.70
Door Prizes	\$60.00
Show Flyers	\$43.27
TCA Application Refund	\$70.00
Largo Advertising "The Layout"	\$565.00
printing/postage	\$420.43
TCA Applications	\$180.00
Stuart Advertising Expenses	\$592.52
Eblast expenses	\$127.26
Stuart Hall Rental	\$682.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,028.31

Checking Account Balance 3/31/2010	\$16,660.64
Cash with Treasurer for Door Change	\$100.00
<u>TCA-SD Assets</u> <u>on 3/31/2010</u>	\$16,760.64

Southern Division Toy Train Layout Project

The Southern Division of the TCA has launched a project to build a Toy Train layout for The Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast located in a great municipal park on the Intercoastal in Jensen Beach, Fl. We have been allocated a space of 12' x 16' and have a preliminary plan developed with two loops, some sidings, a passenger terminal and a trolley line. We expect that individuals will be able to bring their own trains and operate them.

We plan on getting the basic details, including the track plan, type of track to be used and some basic scenery concepts finalized by the end of June. Construction would begin in late October/early November.

We now want to form the group to finalize layout details and construct the layout. The layout will be hands on for the kids (by which we mean buttons for them to push to start the trains and to operate accessories). The layout must be able to function without an operator present so reliability is most important.

Our needs are: Two or three folks to help build the platform and lay track, one or two people with some expertise to help with the wiring and controls, and one or two people to design the scenery and city scene. We may well get some Ameri-towne building kits so we could use perhaps four or five people to each build a kit or two. We would love to have some animated scenes such as kids on swings, but they are very expensive to buy. If anyone has the skill to build some we would be grateful. We will need to borrow a table saw to cut the lumber. After completion we would like to have as many people as possible available to spend a half a day or full day doing whatever maintenance is necessary.

Donations: We would be grateful for any high quality donations. Early commitment would help us to know what not to ask manufacturers for. Williams engines are preferred because they are simple to maintain and operate and quite reliable. We should probably have four to six engines so that we can change them out on a frequent basis. We need basic accessories that operate by themselves without the need for operator intervention, such as the gateman, crossing gate, 128 newsstand, etc. Smaller city type buildings such as Lionel and MTH have produced will be needed. Operating cars such as the Cop and hobo, aquarium car, etc. are needed (anything that does not need operator intervention).

Track: If we go with tubular track we could use several 0-72 switches. We have sufficient tubular track to get started. The alternative is Gargraves track. The final cost will probably be the determining factor so let us know if you have any to donate, particularly the pre-formed curve track. We will be using 0-72 and 0-54 curves.

To donate or for more information contact Charlie Wood at clwj407@aol.com or Al Galli at algalli@embarqmail.com

TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, May 14, 2010

Attendees: **Charlie Anyan**, President, **Steve Harris**, Second Past President, **Arnie Travitsky**, Past President, **Mike Powell**, Treasurer

President's Report: The Jacksonville meet is in good shape and **Chuck Bryner** is doing a great job the first time as a Meet Host. NMRA is holding its National Show in Tallassee, FL the same weekend, but there was not much worry about conflict since NMRA is predominantly an HO organization. Several calls were made to TV stations to try to get the meet on TV, with no success.

Election Committee: Nominations for the fall elections will be taken at the Lake Worth meet. **Steve Harris** took an action to come up with recommendations for Board Officers before the Lake Worth Meet.

Lake Worth Meet: **Arnie Travitsky** took the action to work on getting tables arranged for the Lake Worth Meet. This was a problem at the last Lake Worth Meet. **Steve Harris** will investigate other locations in Florida for future August Meets, since the Polish Club is getting too expensive for Southern Division Meets.

By Laws: There was a brief discussion and report from the By Law Committee chairman, **Mike Powell**. A dissolution clause will be added and any other changes will be completed in time for a member vote at the same time as the Officer's vote.

Helpers at Meets: a motion was made by **Steve Harris** and seconded by **Arnie Travitsky** to change the current rules on helpers at meets. The motion was to require all helpers to pay for admission to the meet. The motion carried with three (3) yes votes, and no dissenting votes. This new rule will become effective at the Lake Worth Meet.

Southern Division support to building a layout at the Children's Museum in Stuart, FL: The Board will consider a small monetary donation to this project. The Board wants to see more details of the project before providing any funding. **Al Galli** will write an article for the next "The Layout" explaining the project to Southern Division Members and soliciting volunteers to help.

Southern Division donation to The National Organization: A motion was made by **Mike Powell** and seconded by **Arnie Travitsky** to make a \$500.00 donation from Southern Division funds to the National Headquarters to help the National Organization fund its activities. Many other Divisions have already made donations. The motion carried with three (3) votes yes and no dissenting votes. A check will be presented by our President, **Charlie Anyan** to the National Organization at the National Convention this summer.

Table Prices for non-Southern Division members: There was a brief discussion regarding the price charged to non-Southern Division Members at future meets. The discussion was tabled without action.

The meeting was adjourned to allow BOD members to attend the open house which started at 6:00PM.

Recorded by Mike Powell, Treasurer

Who's Who in the Southern Division – John Pirrello, By Arnie Travitsky

I had the pleasure of visiting John and Ann Pirrello at their open house for the Southern Division back in January 2010. I got to meet their wonderful family, sons Michael and Christopher who have a real love for model trains. They shared their stories with me and showed me a terrific layout.

John started with Lionel trains growing up in Brooklyn New York. When he was six years old his father brought home a Lionel Santa Fe F-3 2343 AA and 4 Passenger cars, and a Land, Air and Sea set. His father purchased from Peter Bianco at Trainworld on Ave M in Brooklyn.

His family lived in three family house, which had a basement. John and his father built a small layout, where his would spend his after school time playing with his trains. Upon graduation from high school, John lost interest in his trains. He entered college, and went on to Medical School, where he met his love, Ann. In 1989 they were married and moved to Florida. For Christmas Ann bought a him Hiawatha set and he was hooked again. As his sons grew up, more trains entered their home. Soon a layout was built for the boys. John heard about TCA and Southern Division through a patient. He went to his first Eastern Division York meet in 2001 and got to attend his first Southern Division Meet in Largo in 2002. By 2003 he had built a new home with room for the trains. He met Rich Roman, who designed and built a custom layout to fit his train room, incorporating all the latest technology (Lionel Legacy-TMCC, MTH DCS System). The layout has four levels, seven main lines, and can run seven trains at any time. The landscape and scenery are set in the 1950 – 1960 time periods. It will take you from the big city westward, complete with mountains, bridges, tunnels, and a drive-in theatre, with operating movie screen, operating turntable, engine house, freight yards, passenger stations and many operating accessories. John likes the MTH subway trains and built a subway system that runs under the layout. The room has shelves to display his postwar and standard gauge train collection. Along the top is an operating line for his standard gauge Blue Comet and Green State Sets, both manufactured by MTH. These trains run around circumference of the room.

Both Ann and John enjoy attending the Southern Division meets when they can. I thank them both for inviting the members to their home for the open house. When you meet John and Ann say hi.



Above: John and Ann Pirrello with their Layout.



Product Review — Model Power's Lighted People, by Jeffrey Mayer

Many manufacturers make O-Scale Railroad Figures, but Model Power has raised the bar and become the first to add fiber optics and LEDs to their figures. Certainly it *sounds* like a great idea.

There are only so many excuses you can make to add a light to a figure. So far, Model Power has cataloged a man with flashlight, man with lantern (probably the most obvious), man smoking cigar, worker with jackhammer (the tip lights up and flashes), and man with lighted hard hat. All figures are sold either painted or unpainted.

I bought the man smoking cigar and the worker with jackhammer to give them a try on the layout. I had a perfect place for the worker with the jackhammer in a construction area breaking up some rocks. I placed a small die-cast portable generator nearby, which worked to hide the two wires that provide power (I hooked it up to a 12-volt AC power source). I ran them to a hidden hole under the generator so it looked like the wires that might actually power the jackhammer. A tiny LED mounted on the tip of the jackhammer flashes to simulate (sparks perhaps?) movement. I was skeptical at first, but overall it's a pleasing effect and anyone who views it will instantly recognize what it's supposed to be. Even with all the room lights on you can plainly see the jackhammer and the bright flashing attracts viewers.

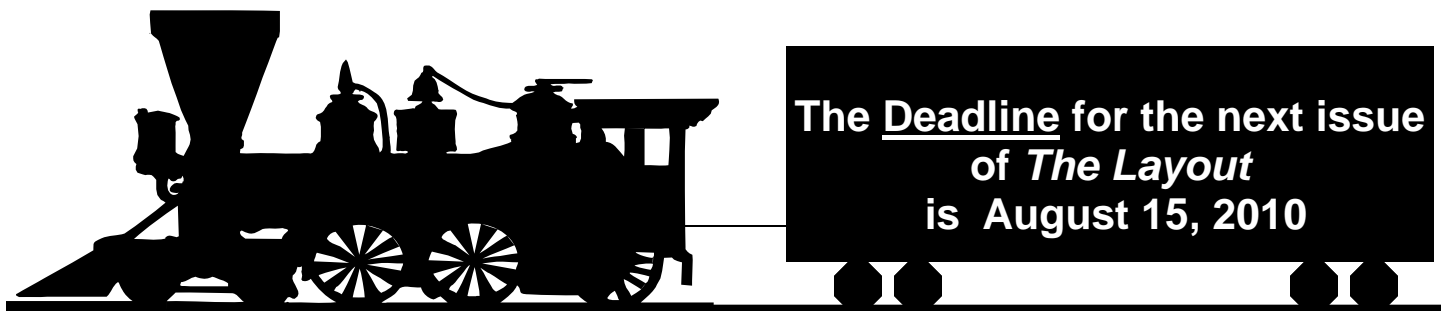


The man's lighted cigar is just too small to see.

The man smoking the cigar disappointed me. It's just too hard to see the fiber optics in the lighted cigar. Worse, the man's cigar points down, making the light almost impossible to see (it might have been more visible if it were pointed up). At first I placed the man at table level (on the main level of the layout, three feet off the ground) and found that you couldn't see the cigar at all. Turning out all the lights I had to almost put my head on the table a few inches from the figure to see that it was lit. After deciding that it might look better if it were closer to eye level I moved it to a higher position on the layout. I didn't have any place on the layout (at least towards the front) that was even close to eye level where it stood a chance of being seen. The best I could do was to position it slightly below eye level where you can see it if you stand close. In reality I don't expect visitors to find it on their own. I suppose I'll have to be happy pointing it out.

The figures retail for \$9.98 but are generally discounted. You can view all the figures on Model Power's website, www.modelpower.com.

I'd like to say the idea has potential, but you don't get that much bang for the buck. The jackhammer isn't too bad, but the cigar simply can't be seen.



Photos from Larry Shugart's Open House

Larry Shugart was kind enough to open up his home to Southern Division members the night before the Jacksonville meet. Larry shared his American Flyer Layout, his Lego Layout, his diecast car collection and his garden railway. Everyone who attended enjoyed his vast collection and operating layout. Thanks Larry!



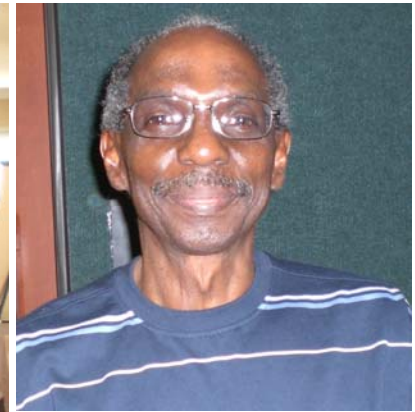
Above: Larry Shugart with his amusement park



The Jacksonville Crew and Meet Photos



Above, Left to Right: Bud Hayden, Bob Burch, John Ruby, Bill Atkinson, Richard Hosack, John Fraley, Chuck Bryner, Ron Fisher & Bud German.



Above: Jim Troutman



Above: Jim Miller



Left: Everyone enjoyed Gary Horne's HO Scale Door Layout. Gary built his layout on a standard-sized door to show what can be done in a small space.



Jacksonville Display Photos



Several Southern Division members put together these incredible displays for the Jacksonville meet.

Above: Steve Harris displayed his Joy Line Freight Set from the 1930s.

Right: Kid's Club Play Area

Far Right: Bob Burch displayed his collection of Civil War, military and construction flats

Directly Below: Bud Hayden's Buddy L Train.



Chuck Bryner brought his collection of customized trains including doubleheaded Lionel turbines, a bronzed Flying Yankee and a 773 "upgraded" to the full detail of a 700E.

Switch List

LIONEL STANDARD GAUGE 4' x 8'

layout includes: #390 Steam Loco + Tender, (black/orange stripe) EX., #212 Gondola w/barrels & tool chest, (maroon) EX., #217 Dump Car, (beige/brass) EX., #219 Crane, (peacock/red) VG., #217 Caboose, (red/peacock/brass), EX., MTH #220 Searchlight, (bronze/brass), LN., #115 Speed Control Station (red/cream), EX., #124 Lionel City Station, G+, MTH #156 Station & figures, LN., Lionel #380 Electric (maroon/restored). Plus 16 pieces of track. All in perfect operating order for only \$3,000. Call Ray Modjeski 941-488-5176 or email raymoe7@msn.com

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936 Penn. Depressed Center Reel C8 P4 \$150
922 GAEX Boxcar C6 \$30
24033 Missouri Pacific Boxcar C8 \$120
24533 Track Cleaner C7 P3 \$20
24106 Penn. Gondola C8 \$5
Purchaser pays shipping **Call Ray Preiter, 3 Eagle Pass, Palm Coast, FL 32164 386-437-4527**

WANTED; On-30 scale items - call Hal Seitz 954-749-1090 or email HAL5141@BellSouth.net

The Switch List is a free service to Southern Division Members. Send your ads (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Jeffrey Mayer, email icjmayer@aol.com or call me at 407-366-8995. Ads must be renewed prior to each issue of The Layout. You may renew your ad for **one** issue at a time by contacting me via email or snail mail.

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3. 2343 F3 SANTA FE DIESEL-\$10,\$5 SHIPPING
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For Sale: O22 Switch Controllers (need rewiring); O27 Track, Straight or Curved; Gargraves 2-rail; #120 90° Super O Crossover; #34, 37,38, 48, 31-7,32-20; LW, TW, SW, 1032, 1033 Transformers; #167 Whistle Controllers; #432 Bulbs; #19 Bulbs; TCA Bicentennial Special Set. All Reasonably Priced. Call **Paul Dean 352-223-4510,** **Wanted:** Prewar Madison Car Trucks w/coupler (need 2); doors for x2458, 3494-275, and 3540.