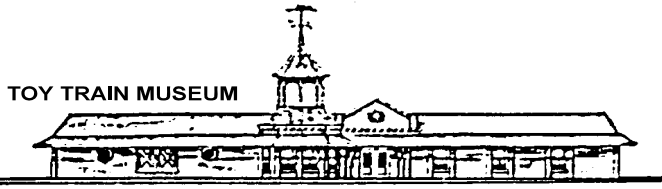


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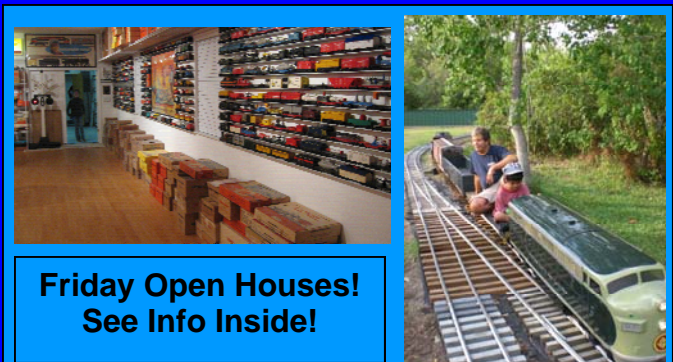
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Friday Open Houses!
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New Communications Officer

Pending approval by the Board of Directors, Linda Harris is appointed as Southern Division Communications Officer. Her term will be effective if the BOD approves in Maitland, until the next election in 2012, where she will run for office with the rest of the candidates.

Address Changes

Please inform the Southern Division Secretary Dienzel Dennis (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.

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

President's Message



It seems that our meet in Lake Worth has only been over for a short while, and now it is time to think about the Orlando Area Meet, in Maitland. The Lake Worth meet was good; I bought a few items and sold a few items. Jake Jacob was the official photographer, and he has supplied us with a bunch of photos. Go to our SD website and click

on photo gallery and Lake Worth meet to see them all. Since our weekend events in Maitland last year, I, and others, have been hearing about what a great weekend that was for the Southern Division. I certainly had a great time. So we are going to try to duplicate it again. It will go like this: Friday, noon till? – Barbeque/train rides at Bruce Pemberton's railroad/ home. Friday night: Open House at Clark and Ilene's house, 5 – 10 pm. At 8 pm, the annual awards will be presented to SD members who have contributed time and efforts during the year. Saturday is the Train Meet. Nominations for new officers will be taken during the member's meeting. Saturday Night: The annual "President's Special" banquet will be held at Sam Snead's restaurant. Award recipients will again be honored at this banquet. Information/directions for all of the above is available elsewhere in this issue.

Because the Board of Director's schedule is so hectic on Friday the 18th due to setting up the picnic area, etc., the BOD will meet at Bruce's picnic, at table #3, at about 2 pm. As usual, any member of the Southern Division is welcome to attend.

Incidentally, we need about five volunteers to help at Bruce's house to help set up tables, sample the food, etc. Please let me or Arnie Travitsky know if you can help Friday morning. Our telephone numbers and emails are included on the first page of this volume. The Meet Hotel for this meet is the Marriott Springhill Suites in Maitland. They have treated us great in the past year, and this year they are giving us a new, lower rate. See the Meet Story for details.

Charles Anyan, President, Southern Division TCA

SECOND QUARTER 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance 3/31/2011	\$19,079.10
Cash with Treasurer for Door Change	\$200.00
<u>TCA-SD Assets on 3/31/2011</u>	\$19,279.10

Income (4/1/2011 TO 6/30/2011)

Donation Sales SD/TCA	\$887.00
Applications/Dues	\$425.00
Jacksonville Table Receipts	\$666.00
Jacksonville Door Receipts	\$604.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$2,582.00
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Expenses (4/1/2011 TO 6/30/2011)

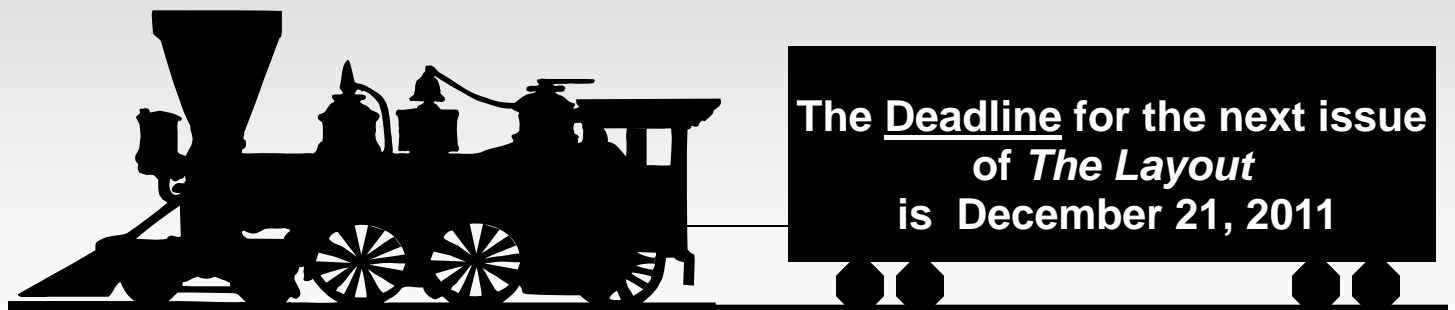
Flyers	\$148.24
TCA Applications	\$235.00
Postage/Printing	\$597.22
Jacksonville Advertising	\$460.31
Jacksonville Hall	\$530.00
Web Hosting	\$35.85

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,006.62
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Checking Account Balance 6/30//2011	\$19,654.48
Cash with Treasurer for Door Change	\$200.00
<u>TCA-SD Assets on 6/30/2011</u>	\$19,854.48

Upcoming Southern Division Board of Directors Meets

At Fern Park, FL, Nov. 18th, 2011, 2:00 PM
Location – Bruce Pemberton's House
682 Gladwin Ave, Fern Park, FL. 32730



Maitland Meet Story, 4th Quarter 2011, Saturday, November 19, 2011

Location: The First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, 341 North Orlando Ave (US 17-92, Maitland, FL 32751)

Meet host: The Meet Host is Arnie Travitsky – (407) 260-8599 or Arni99@aol.com.

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. Concession for Breakfast and Lunch will be available.

The SD TCA Membership Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be presented to members who contributed to the Southern Division and presented displays and operating layouts in 2011.

Your 2012 dues will be taken during the meet. Please pay Mike Powell - Southern Division Treasurer

Tables: SD members: \$20 TCA non-SD members: \$30.

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

Have a safe trip for a fun meet.

Arnie Travitsky, SD – Past President

Meet Hotel Information:

MEET HOTEL FOR THE WEEKEND NOV 17 – 21st

Hotel: MARRIOTT SPRING HILL SUITES
205 W. HIGHWAY 436
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL. 32714
RATE: KING & DOUBLE BED \$ 65.00.
Handicap Room is avail.

Good for Nov 17th – 21st ASK FOR TCA RATE
PH: 407-571-2346 Fax : 407-865-6773

Website:

<http://cwp.marriott.com/mcoal/tcasoutherndivision/>



Directions from the Marriott Spring Hill Suites to the First Presbyterian Church:

Take State Road 436 to I-4 Westbound, 1-4 West to Maitland Blvd (Exit 90). Take Maitland Blvd. East to Orlando Ave (exit right before overpass). Turn right on Orlando Ave (17-92). The First Presbyterian Church is a few blocks up on your right.

SATURDAY EVE Nov. 19, 2010 MEMBERS & GUEST SOCIAL DINNER

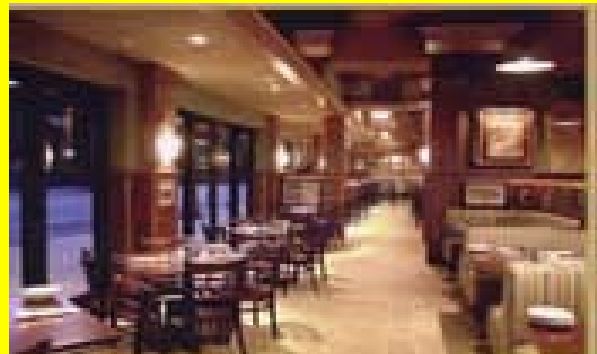
Sam Snead's Tavern
1801 Maitland Blvd.
Maitland, FL. 32810
Ph: 407-622-8800
6-7 p.m. cash bar

7-10 p.m. dinner

COST \$ 19.00 / PER PERSON PLUS TAX & GRATUITY.
YOU CAN ORDER OFF THE MENU.

EACH PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BILL.

See details in the reservation sheet enclosed in this issue of *The Layout*.



Southern Division of TCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday- Aug. 19, 2011 Boca Raton Marriott

The Meeting was called to Order at 3:24 P. M. by the President. Secretary Dennis called the roll with the following present; Charles Anyan, President; Dienzel Dennis, Secretary; Arnie Travitsky, past president; Steve Harris, past president, and guests Jake Jacob and Linda Harris. Vice President Herron and Treasurer Powell were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The president reported on tomorrows meet at the Lake Worth Polish Center. Every thing is shaping up to be a great meet with 63 tables assigned. The meet was advertised in 5-6 different papers as well as train forums, T. V., Radio, and magazines. Table holder badges are printed and are ready to be handed out at the door.

Jake Jacob, our web site manager discussed (4) ideas he had concerning making the page more attractive to both members and general viewers. We will publish the TCA version of the standards on our site. The president will send Jake our BOD policies and procedures to be published. Collectibles for sale will only be included as needed. Mr. Jacob will write a survey and send to the president for his approval before including it on our site.

The TCA Convention report is available to THE SD officers who wish to see them. We previewed pictures of the 2012 and 2013 TCA convention cars. We also discussed the "Attendance Award" for the Atlanta Convention and what we can do to promote this within our division.

We went into Executive Session at 4:14 and back out at 4:39. Advertising Strategy for the Maitland meet was discussed. Ideas were presented and will be implemented for this meet.

After discussing Sympathy cards for deceased SD members, it was decided to let the individual board members respond as they wish.

The TCA has given the Southern Division Officers permission to use the TCA logo for Official Documents.

Arnie Travitsky will be the Chairman and head up the new " S. D. Kids Club"

Secretary Dienzel Dennis reported that we have **475** active members in our Division, with 120 inactive and 20 deceased during the last four years. We still have about 75% involvement after the last 5 years. This is a tremendous number for our Club. Our last number assigned is 2606

In the absence of Treasurer Powell, Secretary Dennis presented the financial report. As of June 30, 2011 (Second Quarter) all bills have been paid and we have assets of \$19, 854.48 We also showed a \$336.74 profit from the Jacksonville meet on 05/21/11.

The awards committee reported while we were in executive session. Mike Powell and Charlie Anyan are serving as the Bylaws Committee and are bringing us into compliance with the TCA standard. Arnie Travitsky and Bill Kotek have been appointed to serve with Chairman Steve Harris on the Standards Committee.

Arnie reported on the next meet which will be held at Maitland. Things are coming together including the banquet and open house. The only thing is that Arnie needs some more local help. President Anyan gave some preliminary plans for the Largo meet.

We next discussed the 50th Anniversary car and the dismissal of the submarine car. The 2012 SD train meets have been scheduled as follows: January 29 at Largo, Fl.; March 24 at Stuart, Fl.; May 19 at Jacksonville, FL.; August 18, at Lake Worth, FL.; and November 17 at Maitland.

Suggestions for Honorary membership in the Southern Division was discussed and tabled since the TCA is doing away with theirs. We will have both TCA and SD applications on the meet tables from here on and also plenty of them available at the Front Desk of each meet.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P. M. Respectfully submitted, Dienzel Dennis, SD Secretary

Bruce Pemberton's Open House and Barbeque

Friday Nov. 18, 2011, 11 – 3, Barbeque Served
12-1:30 p.m.
682 Gladwin Ave, Fern Park, FL. 32730

Bruce will open his home to an American Flyer layout, and a live steam layout with a K-4 Pennsy steam engine where all can ride on the Paradise Park Railroad. It will be a fun time for all, so bring your cameras and kids.

Back by popular demand, we will have an all you can eat BBQ with chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and sides, soda, wine, beer, and dessert.

BBQ IS OPEN TO MEMBERS, FAMILY,
CHILDREN AND GUESTS

Cost: FREE FOR SOUTHERN DIVISION MEMBERS AND FAMILY, GUESTS ONLY, CHILDREN ARE WELCOME SO BRING THEM.



Directions to Bruce Pemberton's Open House and BBQ:

From Downtown Orlando: I-4 to Maitland Blvd. (Exit 90A) east. Take Maitland Blvd. to US 17-92 North to Division St (see Burger King on Left, Lowe's on Right). Make left on Division St. Division St. turns into Gladwin Ave. (keep left) Bruce's house is at the end of the street.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED RSVP FORM AND SEND IT BACK TO ARNIE OR WITH YOUR TABLE REGISTRATION. We will need to know how many are planning to attend so enough food is available.



Clark & Ilene Vegazo's Open House and Buffet

Friday Nov. 18, 5-10 p.m.

2225 West Dale Circle, Deland, Fl. 32720, PH 386-740-1293



Clark and Ilene will be showing off their incredible collection of Postwar Lionel trains. With nearly 300 postwar sets on display with almost another 100 sets still in boxes, Clark's collection was featured in the November 2009 issue of *Classic Toy Trains Magazine*. Clark's 1200 square foot train room includes most all Lionel accessories including the Lionel Boat, dealer-displays, slotcars, etc. There will also be a display of vintage (real) cars!

A buffet of variety of dishes, desserts, and beverages will be served at the open house, so come **hungry!**

Directions to Clark and Ilene's Open House: From I-4 take exit #116 (26 miles north of Maitland), west 3.5 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.



Photos Left: Ilene Vegazo poses with her collection of HO trains. **Photo Above:** Clark's wall of accessories and ultra-rare Lionel boat. **Above Left:** Clark's walls are filled top-to-bottom with postwar sets and set boxes!

Ronald McDonald Layout Moved! By Jeffrey Mayer

Back in 2008 Southern Division Members Barry Broskowitz, John Bailey, and Jeffrey Mayer built a train layout for the Ronald McDonald House near downtown Orlando. Materials were donated by MTH trains, Mianne Benchwork and the Southern Division TCA. Unfortunately, due to upcoming renovations at the Ronald McDonald House, the Southern Division had to remove the layout from its location at the Ronald McDonald House playroom and find a new location. As the renovations at the Ronald McDonald House were scheduled for October, we didn't have much time for clowning around.

Barry spoke with several different organizations and finally found one willing to devote the time, space, and staffing necessary to operate and maintain the layout. The Hopper Center, located in downtown Sanford, is a Seminole County K-12 school for special needs students. Hopper Center Principal Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bently was very pleased to have the layout at her school, and assigned the task of operating and maintaining the layout to Science Teacher Eartha Walters and Coach Robert Walters. Principal Kirby housed the layout in a secure, spare classroom where it will be safe from harm.

The move took place on the weekend of September 17-18. Barry Broskowitz, John Bailey, Arnie Travitsky, and Jeff Mayer donated their time to participate in the disassembly and reassembly. The layout is now up and running at the Hopper Center and we hope the students and faculty have many years of enjoyment running the trains.



Layout Photos Above: The Hopper Center layout measures 4'x8' and operates two DCS-controlled MTH Protosound 2 trains. The layout is set up to start with the push of a button and run a five-minute pre-recorded script. Several switches and buttons mounted on the side of the layout control various operating accessories and lights. We will be adding skirting around the bottom of the layout.

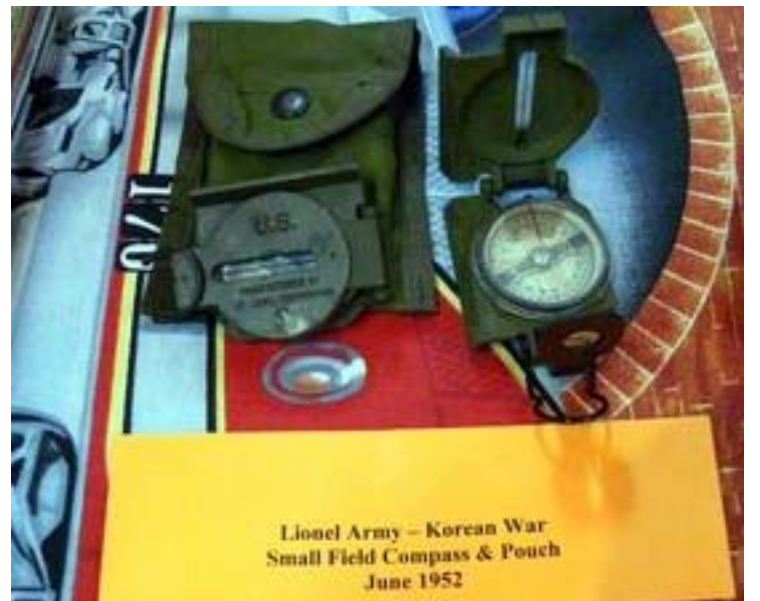
Displays at the Lake Worth Meet



Photo Above: Steve Harris displayed a difficult-to-find 1929 Hafner set.



Photo Above: *Lionel Goes to War*, Dienzel Dennis displayed his fantastic collection of wartime items manufactured by Lionel during World War Two.



Photos of the Lake Worth Meet



Photo Left: Southern Division President Charlie Anyan handed out the door prizes. Here is Charlie giving away his childhood teddy bear which he has kept wrapped in plastic since he was eight years old.

Photo Right: The American Polish Club



Photo Above: Charlie Anyan looks pleased while handing out the door prizes. This lady won a pair of crutches.



Photo Left: This kid enjoyed himself by walking around the meet touching things. He especially enjoyed touching the stripes on the postwar GG-1s and the window struts on the various postwar switchers.

Photo Below: He would have touched this train but it was in a display case.



Photo Right: This kid really wanted a train.

Photo Below: These big kids really wanted a train too.



Photos of the Lake Worth Meet



Photo Above: Linda Harris and Judy Tashjian volunteered at the front desk.



Photo Above: A monster crowd of eager toy train fans waited patiently outside for the meet to open.



Dick Wilsen's Breakfast Club

There are four of us that usually car pool to Train Shows and TCA events. We were looking at an old TCA National Directory showing members in Sarasota and Manatee Counties of SW Florida and found a number of them that we did not know or rarely saw. We decided to try to reach out to these members by inviting them to a Breakfast meeting at the Perkins Pancake Restaurant in Bradenton. We came up with 26 TCA member names and proceeded to call them and invite them to our first breakfast. We were very pleased that 10 members showed up and we had a great time talking trains and renewing friendships. Now we hold them every two months. We have started "Show and Tell" sessions where members are invited to bring an unusual or rare item from their collection. We are now being invited to member's homes for future meetings and to see their layouts and train collections.

It took some initial effort from my local TCA Buddies, Denton Hines and Scott Waud to get this group going but it has been well worth the time to arrange our meetings every other month with these great local TCA members.

We suggest other parts of our beautiful State try bringing your local TCA members together for a nice breakfast meeting occasionally. We think you will be surprised at the enthusiasm shown for such a get together. Good Luck and email me with any questions you may have to get a group of TCA Guys started in your area. Thank you. Best, Dick Wilsen
email: wilsen@comcast.net, cell phone: 941-374-2288.

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Also Wanted: 2625 Postwar Madison Car Body, 2530 Large Door baggage car; 6460 Crane car

For Sale:
Lionel Postwar #3562 Barrel Car, w/barrels, P4 box, bin, missing man, C6, Gray, \$45
MTH Raliking Hoppers w/coal loads, C8, Pennsylvania, Southern, \$15 each.
C7 Repro Pipes, \$25
Lionel #464 Sawmill, postwar, C6, \$45
Contact Jeff Mayer, 321-297-0501 or email me at jcmayer@aol.com

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