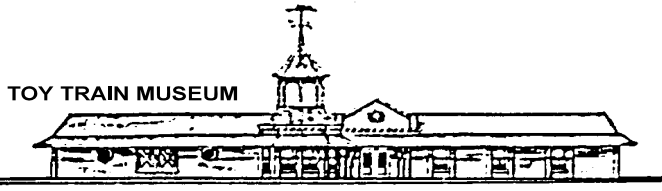


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**Above: Jake Jacob poses with his new set of wheels**

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The Deadline for the next issue of *The Layout* is **Sept 15, 2013**

Check out the Southern Division Website: [www.tcasoutherndivision.org](http://www.tcasoutherndivision.org)  
Webmaster: Jake Jacob

## President's Message



Fellow TCA members,

I had a terrific time in St. Louis and learned a lot about how TCA business works. I met lots of people along with all 19 Presidents of other the other TCA divisions. ***I did not agree with all of the discussion but I expressed my thoughts.***

Brad Woodward

As president of the Southern Division I represented you at the recent TCA convention in St. Louis. Each division president is automatically a member of the TCA Board of Directors. There were a number of decisions made by the Board of Directors which I'd like to share with the Southern Division.

1. The board voted to increase the annual dues for TCA membership from the current \$35 a year to \$50 a year. As you know we have a new national Treasurer, Mr. Bob Mintz. Mr. Mintz working with John Luppino, the TCA Operations Manager, performed an exhaustive study of our current and future needs for the next 20 years. One result of the study showed that for each member's \$35 annual dues the member is currently receiving \$44-47 worth of member services. These services include the Train Collectors Quarterly magazine, the TCA Headquarters News printed five times a year, the Toy Train Reference Library (TTRL), the National Toy Train Museum (NTTM), the functioning of the national headquarters office and staff, and the upkeep and maintenance of our headquarters site. Mr. Mintz pointed out that over the last several years the TCA has received some sizable bequests from deceased members and we have been able to make up the dollar per member shortfall in our dues and not fall into serious debt. Our Treasurer and Operations Manager also took a long look at our projected needs for maintaining the physical plant housing the NTTM, the TTRL, and our operations office in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. This facility is aging as evidenced by the partial roof replacements and partial air-conditioning replacements required last year. Our Treasurer argued that we must have a financial reserve to accommodate anticipated physical plant repair, maintenance and replacement in the future.

2. The new member initiation fee (application fee) has been suspended indefinitely.

3. A presentation was made to the Board of Directors by an organization called Collector DASH. They proposed to partner with the TCA and offer free access to their website capabilities for all TCA members. Their website is <http://www.collector-modeltrains.com/dash/home/>. Collector DASH offers its services at three levels of capability to everyone. They propose to offer all TCA members their mid-level services for free. The levels were explained as follows:

A. low-level provides collection management capabilities;

B. mid-level (to be offered free to TCA members) provides collection management with android and iPhone apps and an eBay like auction capability; and

C. high-level (available for purchase by TCA members) provides access to value guides and reports.

### **Check out this web site, let me know what you think.**

4. A list of previous convention cars will be made available to division presidents. Cars can be ordered for division use at the quoted price plus shipping. These cars can be used by the divisions as door prizes or for whatever the division may find a need for such cars.

5. Dannie Martin who has been the convention chairman for 18 years has retired. A very large thanks was given to Dannie by the Board of Directors for all this hard work. Dannie is being replaced by Mr. Fred Hunter.

***Looking forward . . . to next year Convention in Philadelphia, You should really think about going. It has lots of tours, trains, fellowship and FUN.***

***"Keep Trackin' Those Trains", BRAD WOODWARD, TCA-SD President***

## Charlie Anyan Recognized for his Four Years as Southern Division President

At the conclusion of the January Southern Division Board of Directors meeting, Past President Arnie Travitsky presented outgoing President Charlie Anyan the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Past President Award. The award read "In recognition of his Leadership and Dedication in serving the Southern Division as President 2009 – 2012."

**Photo Right:** Charlie Anyan receives the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Past President Award from Arnie Travitsky"



## Venice Meet Story, Saturday, September 7, 2013

**Location:** Ramada Venice Resort, 425 US 41 Bypass North, Venice, FL 34285 (941) 308-7700

**Meet Host:** Tim Evert, SD# 2154, 7060 Laurretta Street, Englewood, FL 34224, (941) 475-5278  
tjeng@comcast.net

**Set Up:** Set up is from 7:00 am - 9:00 am Saturday. (Friday afternoon or evening set up is highly likely, but has not yet been confirmed by the hotel. This is the same situation as we had last year. More information on this will be made available just before the meet date.)

**Meet Times:** The meet opens to TCA members only at 9:00 am, (There will be a short business meeting sometime between 9:00 and 10:00 am) and is open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Admission:** Admission is \$5.00. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. In an attempt to invite more children into the hobby, we are offering this incentive to adults: One free admission for an adult that brings along one child 12 or under.

**Features:** We will have an outdoor portable G scale layout in the parking area, an O scale layout from Real Rail of Sarasota, and Train Drag races for O and S gauge, with a scale length 1/4 mile track (OK guys. let's see who really is the fastest, at your own risk!). Denton Hines will be doing a train repair clinic and Bill DiMenna of Truescene will be doing How To Make Scenery clinics.

**Hotel:** The Ramada Inn is offering a room rate of \$99 per night. There are several other motels nearby if you desire.

**Food:** Food and refreshments are available in the hall. The Wave restaurant inside the hotel will have a Lunch Special available for us.. There are many other restaurants nearby, some within walking distance, if you desire

**Tables:** SD members \$20 each. Non-SD TCA members \$30 each. There are 105 tables available; they are 8 foot tables. Please register early to avoid missing out. Depending on how many total vendor tables are sold, display tables are likely to be in very short supply. You must be 18 years old or older to obtain a table (bring your ID)!

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to help out in many ways, particularly in working the admission tables. We will need table set-up help sometime on Friday, depending on what time the hotel will let us in. If you can help out in any of these areas, please contact Tim Evert. Thank you very much in advance!

**Open House:** There will be an open house at the Venice Depot on Friday, September 6th. See details on opposite page.

**Other Help Needed:** We need someone to donate some good used American Flyer S gauge straight track for our Drag Race set-up. The Drag Race track will be 40 feet long total (including slow down lane) so we will need roughly 55 sections. Doesn't have to be in the greatest condition; we will clean it here if necessary. Please contact Tim Evert.

### Directions to the Meet/Hotel, and to The Open House at Venice Depot

**Directions coming from North of Venice FL:** Take Interstate 75 southbound to Exit number 200 (Highway 681). Proceed 3.5 miles until Highway 681 ends at US 41. Go south on US 41 for 2.7 miles until the point where US 41 splits into Business 41 and Bypass 41. Follow Bypass 41 left, then proceed for .5 mile and then turn right into the Ramada Inn parking lot (just before the Burger King).

**Directions coming from South of Venice FL:** Take Interstate 75 northbound to Exit number 193 (Jacaranda Blvd.). At the end of the exit ramp turn left onto Jacaranda Blvd. Follow Jacaranda Blvd. south for .8 mile to Venice Avenue. Turn right onto Venice Avenue, (There is a round-about; no stop light at this intersection.) Proceed West on Venice Avenue for 3.1 miles to US 41 Bypass. Turn right onto US 41 Bypass (move into the left lane soon after you turn) and go .4 mile (just beyond the Albee Farm Road stoplight) and turn Left on to Substation Road (just before the Burger King). Proceed 500 feet on Substation Road and turn right into the Ramada Inn parking lot.

#### Directions from the Ramada Inn to the Venice Depot, 303 East Venice Ave, Venice, FL :

Exit the parking lot onto US41 Bypass South. Make a right at the second light onto Venice Avenue. Proceed west on Venice Ave for about 1/4 mile and take the last turnoff before the bridge. There is a sign for the depot. Continue west at grade level under the bridge for about 1 block. Make a right into the train depot parking lot. If you drive into the inter-coastal waterway, you went too far!

## Venice Depot Open House/Show and Tell, Friday, September 6, 6:30-8:30 pm

The Venice Train Depot/Station has a long history dating back to 1927. The Depot is located east of downtown at 303 East Venice Avenue. It replaced the original 1911 train stop and siding located nearby.

Designed by the architectural firm of Walker and Gillette, the Depot is historically and architecturally significant. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Depot's architecture embodies the Mediterranean Revival style planned for the city of Venice. When opened on March 27, 1927, the Depot was heralded as the finest station on the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

The station saw military use during World War II since Venice was home to an Army Air Base. The airport still exists a few miles south of the train station. The station was the prime entry point for the 22,000 service men who trained at the air base.

From 1960-1992 Venice was home to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. The circus train would arrive each January for 2 -3 months while the performers prepared for the new season. Animals were unloaded from the train and paraded through town to the Venice Arena located next to the airport.

After the station closed and rail traffic ended, the station fell into disrepair. In 2002-03 the station was completely restored at a cost of \$2.4 million. A restored caboose from the Seaboard Air Line Railway is also located on the site. We will hopefully have a brief tour of the station provided by a Docent from the Venice Historical Society.

The Southern Division has arranged to rent the depot (air conditioned room inside) for our first annual Venice Meet Show and Tell. It will be similar in format to the York, PA Show and Tell events. Everyone attending will be invited to bring their most unique, prized, unknown or unusual piece from their collection. The member will have 2 minutes to describe the item. Other members may ask questions or provide answers. You are not required to bring anything and you may just sit back and enjoy the presentations. There will be light snacks (chips, dip, etc) and soft drinks for attendees. We will conclude the event in time for attendees to have dinner in one of the nearby restaurants.

## Jacksonville Board of Directors Meeting, Friday 5/17/2013

Attendees: President Brad Woodward, Vice President Steve Johnson, Communication Officer Linda Harris, Treasurer Mike Powell, Past President Charlie Anyan, Past President Arnie Travitsky, Members Bud Hayden , Juluis Zschau and Bryant Bennett. The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

**Jacksonville Meet:** The meet has been extensively advertised in local newspapers, well beyond any newspaper advertising done for previous meets. The expectation is that we will have 250 paying public attendees. There was a motion to reimburse Steve Johnson and Bud Hayden for the ads they placed in local newspapers that exceeded the budget for the Jacksonville meet – the motion passed unanimously.

**Flyers at non-Southern Division meets:** The BOD discussed the process for getting flyers distributed to advertise Southern Division meets at non-Southern Division meets. President Woodward named Steve Johnson as the Chair of a committee to ensure flyers are distributed at all non – Southern Division meets in Florida.

**Incorporating the Southern Division:** Julius Zschau made a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating the Southern Division. The main advantage is protection from Liability, and the main disadvantage is the costs and tax aspects of being incorporated. The Board decided to investigate this idea further before making any decisions.

Vice-President Steve Johnson left the meeting after the Incorporation discussion.

**Venice:** The Venice show is going well according to President Woodward. It is scheduled for 9/7/13 at the Ramada Venice Hotel and the Host is Tim Evert

**Orlando:** The Orlando show is scheduled for 11/16/13 at the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, and the Host is Arnie Travitsky

**Tampa Bay:** The show is scheduled for 1/25/14 at the MinnReg Building in Largo, and the Host is Charlie Anyan.

**Stuart:** The show is scheduled for 3/22/14. The location is still being negotiated, and the Host will be Al Galli.

**Miami Show Report:** The Board reviewed a report by Richard Tashjian on the Miami Meet. The meet made money and is considered a success by the Board.

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**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mike Powell presented the First Quarter Financial report. The finances of the Division are in good shape, and the details will be included with the next issue of "The Layout"

The Largo, Stuart and Miami meets resulted in income above expenses.

**Secretary's Report:** Treasurer Mike Powell delivered the Secretary's Report. Membership as of 4/24/13 is 478 active members.

**GTE Shows in Orlando and Tampa in August:** The BOD approved the following motion: The Southern Division will staff recruiting booths at both the Orlando and Tampa GTE shows in August, and Arnie Travitsky and Charlie Anyan Lead the activities in their respective areas.

Action items agreed to by Charlie Anyan and Arnie Travitsky are as follows:

1. Arnie and Charlie will get the Booth from Tampa Bay back to Mike Mills to be refurbished;
  2. The booth will be set up at the Orlando show;
  3. The booth will be transported from Orlando to Tampa;
  4. The booth will be set up at the Tampa show;
  5. The booth will be transported back to Orlando for storage at Mike Mills employer;
- Members will be recruited to staff the booths.

**Southern Division Photo Policy:** The Board agreed that we should post a sign at the entrance of meets regarding Photography at the Southern Division Meets. Mike Powell agreed to work with Jake Jacobs to write the wording for the sign. The Policy will state that photos taken during the show could be published in "The Layout" or any National TCA Publication and used in advertising for future meets by the Southern Division. Any other uses of the photos of individuals needs to have permission of the individuals before use.

**Southern Division Shirts:** The following motion was approved: The Southern Division will sell shirts with the Southern Division Logo to Southern Division Members.

Action items agreed to by Mike Powell and Linda Harris to implement this motion are as follows:

1. Mike Powell will create an order form for the next issue of "The Layout" and circulate it to the BOD.
2. Linda Harris will have the shirts printed after the orders are received.
3. The Shirts may be mailed or picked up at a future meet.

Mike Powell will rent a Post office box to receive the order forms.

**Kids Club:** At Jacksonville there will be a scavenger hunt and Train Drag Races. For the Venice met, Linda Harris has donated an MTH starter set to be used as a door prize or raffle. The details will be worked out with Tim Evert.

**Standards Committee:** Charlie Anyan volunteered to be on the Standards Committee.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet:** The Board discussed holding a Banquet to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Southern Division which will occur in 2016. This could be one big banquet or several held around the state concurrent with each meet that year.

**Action Item :** Arnie Travitsky and Bill Trappen will create a survey to be mailed with the next "The Layout" to get member input on what they would like for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car:** A committee was formed to plan a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary car. The following were placed on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee: Bill Trappen, Richard Tashijan, Arnie Travitsky, Bob Mintz, and Jim Herron

**GROW Financial:** Linda Harris presented more information on the possibility of entering into an agreement with GROW Financial. The Board decided to defer action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M., Recorded by Mike Powell, Treasurer.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION TO SELL T-SHIRTS

At the May meeting the Southern Division Board of Directors voted to sell Southern Division T-Shirts to members. The T-Shirts are Yellow with the Southern Division Logo printed in Green on the front. The shirts are available in sizes from Medium to 4XL. Prices are \$10.00 each for sizes Medium to XL, and \$12.00 for larger sizes. Orders must be received by 10/31/13, and the shirts can be picked up at the Orlando Area meet in Maitland on November 16, 2013 or they will be shipped by 12/1/2013. Order forms are included with this issue of "The Layout"

**Photo Right:** Southern Division T-Shirt modeled by Southern Division member and TCA National Treasurer Bob Mintz with Southern Division President Brad Woodward indicating how many T-Shirts he plans to order.



# National Train Day at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum and Jacksonville Meet Photos



**Photos Left:** Jeff Sawyer conducts the train races at the Jacksonville meet.  
**Photos,** above, the Southern division sold toy trains right next to the real trains displayed at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum.

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