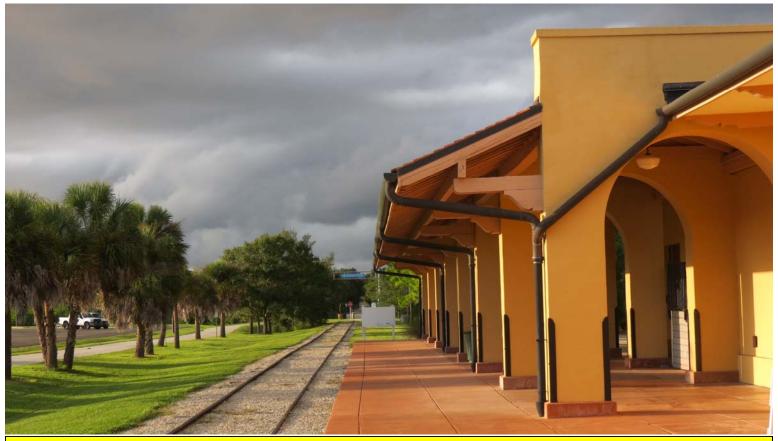


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Above: The Restored Venice Depot

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Photo Right: Record attendance at the Venice Meet!



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NOTICE: As of today, Saturday- Sept. 28, 2013--we have just passed the magical number of 500 active members in the Southern Division of the TCA. Congratulations to all of you who help recruit new members for our club.

The <u>Deadline</u> for the next issue of *The Layout* is December 15, 2013

Check out the Southern Division Website: www.tcasoutherndivision.org
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President's Message



Brad's Train of Thoughts

The Venice TCA-SD Trains show was TERRIFIC and FUN with over 925 attending. 56 kids joined the KIDS CLUB. It was a GREAT Friday night at the Venice Train Station museum. All the "show and tells" were interesting.

Brad Woodward

Quote from Mike Powell "Our members keep reminding us that part of the reason for the TCA and SD is the friendship and camaraderie of hanging out with other members and talking about toy trains."

Thanks to Tim Evert and Al Michelini's families and team.

<u>MAITLAND -</u> November 16, 2013 will be another GREAT Train Show in Maitland. Friday night, November 15th, is the annual OPEN HOUSE at Clark Velgazo's (always a FUN fellowship time). Saturday night, November 16th, is our Annual Banquet (more Fellowship time).

<u>KIDS CLUB</u> - We have doubled the Kids Club to 170 members this year. Having the Kids Scavenger Hunt and Train Drag Races has made our train shows fun for kids.

<u>YELLOW SHIRTS -</u> Have you seen the YELLOW t-shirt with SD logo on them? Do you want one? Order by end of October for only \$10. Please fill out an order form and pick up your shirt at Maitland train show.

<u>50 ANNIVERSARY</u> - We are planning on having Southern Division 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2016. If you have thoughts and Ideals please contact Bill Trappen, Arnie Travitsky or Richard Tashjian

NATIONAL CONVENTION - Will be held next June in Philadelphia, PA. It is just a drive up I-95. This should be a FUN Convention with lots of tours, fellowship events and trains. It would be a great vacation for you and family.

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

Look up in the Sky it's...., by Linda Harris

Brad Woodward, our new president, attended his first National convention as President. He came back raving about the sites and all the people he met and how they asked where Charlie Anyan was hiding. He also told us he learned a lot of things about the TCA and how other divisions operated.

During the convention Brad met with some of the Rocky Mountain Division, and they told him about how they use billboards to advertise their meets. Brad thought it might be a good idea for us to try. Our Board of Directors also thought it would be a good idea to try, and I was directed to check out the situation for the



Venice meet. After investigating billboard advertising in the Venice area we were able to get a good location with a discount because of it being off season and a salesperson whose son was into trains. She also has a summer home in NC that has trains running by her back yard. It was placed in a high traffic area in Venice for 2 weeks and then moved to another location for a third week. This gave us lots of coverage, which we feel really helped with advertising the meet, along with all the work Tim Evert and the Michelinis did advertising the meet in other ways. It all seemed to work together, as we had the largest meet attendance in many years.

We are going to try to see if we can get billboard advertising for other meets.

Maitland Meet Story, 4th Quarter 2013, Saturday, November 16, 2013

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 email at Arni99@aol.com.

Set Up will be allowed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday. The meet opens to TCA members only, 9 am to 10 am, and to the public 10 am to 3 pm.

Admission: Public and non-Southern Division TCA members is \$5. Southern Division TCA members - FREE. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking is available for members and the public. Concession area for Breakfast and Lunch will be available.

The SD TCA Membership Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Your 2014 dues can be paid 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 safely. Have a safe trip for a fun meet. Arnie Travitsky, SD - Past President

Meet Hotel

MEET HOTEL FOR THE WEEKEND NOV 15 -18.

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RATE: KING & DOUBLE BED \$ 79.00.

Handicap Room is available. Rates good for Nov 14-20.

ASK FOR TCA RATE Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is Nov. 7th. After this date you may have to pay more. PH: (407) 865-6400 Fax: 407-865-6773

Directions to the Meet

Directions From Interstate 4 (north or south): Take exit 90 (Maitland Blvd) eastbound. 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 down on your right.

From the Marriott Spring Hill Suites to the First Presbyterian Church:

Take State Road 436 (less than one block east) to I-4 Westbound, 1-4 West to Maitland Blvd eastbound (Exit 90) Follow instructions as above. Saturday Night, November 16, 2013

Directions to Sam Snead's

From our Meet Hotel, take I-4 south to exit 90 (first exit south). Go west on Maitland Blvd. about ½ mile to N. Keller Rd. turn right & take the first left into the Sports Complex. Turn left & go all the way to the South end of the parking lot.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEET HOTEL: From I-4, northbound or southbound, take exit 92 west-bound. Go one block, and Springhill suites is one block on the right.



The President's Social Dinner, Saturday Night, November 16, 2013

THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL DINNER for SD MEMBERS & GUESTS, 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 \$ 28.00 / PER PERSON PLUS TAX & GRATUITY. Cash Bar.

Each person is responsible for their bill. See details in the reservation sheet enclosed in this issue of The Layout. Please reserve space so we can get a count of how many members are coming



Clark & Ilene Vegazo's Open House and Buffet

Friday Nov. 15, 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

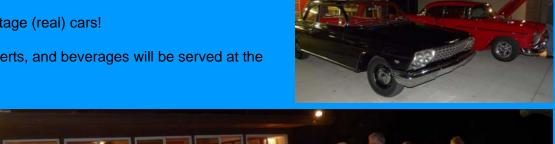
Boat, dealer-displays, slotcars, etc. Since last year Clark has added 300 lin-

ear feet of display shelves!

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.





Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting Friday, Sept. 6, 2013 Venice Ramada Inn

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P. M. by President Woodward. The following people were present: President Brad Woodward, Vice President Steve Johnson, Past President Charles Anyan,

Director Arnie Travitsky, Secretary Dienzel Dennis, Treasurer Mike Powell, and Communications

Officer Linda Harris. Guest members: Representing the 50th anniversary committee were Bill Trappen, Bob Mintz, & Rich Tashjian. Bob Mintz is also our National TCA Treasurer.

The President gave his report which mainly told about the National Convention, where he represented our Division.

The Vice President report included his duties of keeping track of all the Train Hobby shows around the state and keeping the board informed.

The secretary reported next showing that we have a total of 493 active members as of today. We have one honorary member and 187 inactive members. This number is from the last 6 years and also shows 29 members who are deceased during this time. Therefore, we have 710 listings in our data base. We are sure to go over the 500 active members during signup time at tomorrow's meet. Jeffrey Mayer and Jake Jacob are doing a great job of continually reminding members to inform Secretary Dennis with all change of addresses, phones, emails, etc., to keep our records current. The president will inform our webmaster to correct the TCA application concerning the new dues. Secretary Dennis also had available the 2014 membership cards for all present active members and also blanks for new members. These were given to Treasurer Powell to send out as the 2014 membership dues are received.

The Treasurer next distributed and explained the last meet report from Jacksonville, the 2nd quarter financial report, and the annual statement that will be sent to the national TCA office, per the Bylaws. The treasurer will report our financial status in a separate report in the next layout.

The Communication report was next and consisted of all the means of advertising our meets in the local newspaper, T.V., brochures in hobby shops, brochures distributed in non SD train show, and also in national train magazines. ("O" gauge Railroading, Classic Toy Trains, Model Railroader, etc.) Many on line blogs are used for information about our shows, especially by Bill Trappen. One new thing we tried for this meet was a highway bill board advertising in the local area. So far, we are very pleased with this project.

We next discussed the upcoming shows and their status. This included tomorrow's show here in Venice; the Nov. 16 show in Maitland; and the January 2014 show in Largo. The Stuart show is moving to a new venue in Palm Beach Gardens on March 22, 2014. The Jacksonville show was discussed at length and the Miami show has been post-poned for now. We are looking at other dates where it may not be as hot for this outside show at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum (possibly December 2014).

We have decided to continue with our courtesy booth at the GTE shows and will try to get some more of our Southern Division members to help man the booth. Dick Tashjian next reported on the 50th anniversary celebration and the status of this committee and the possible activities and commemoratives.

The decision was made to drop the idea of a Credit Union for our club. Steve Johnson is approved as our Train Show Flyers Coordinator. We discussed and dropped the idea of Incorporation for our Southern Division. We also tabled the "photo policy" discussion for the SD meets. It was decided that our SD Tee Shirt sale will be cut off on Oct. 31. Members who have ordered and paid for shirts by this deadline will have their shirts ordered, with no extra shirts ordered. We do not want to tie up club funds with tee shirts bought and stored. We voted to table the MTH "See it, hold it, Run it" program.

Our special guest and National Treasurer, Bob Mintz, gave a report on the increase of national dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00. It has been 6 years since the last increase and it is now necessary to keep the Office, Museum, etc. along with all the other member's benefits. We also discussed the Kids Club Car raffle. We next talked about the possibility of ads in our club magazine, "The Layout". Mr. Anyan and Mr. Johnson will create a policy for this and present it to board at our next meeting.

We nominated two of our Southern Division members for inclusion in the National Election of the TCA. Bob Mintz, as treasurer and Charlie Anyan as vice president will be submitted by our Secretary to the National Election Committee.

The treasurer was authorized to pay Mr. Anyan for the door prizes he purchased for this meet.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 P. M. Dienzel Dennis, Southern Division Secretary

Photos from the Venice Meet



Photo Above: Southern Division President Brad Woodward presents Tim Evert with the Host Award. The Southern Division would like to thank Tim for hosting the Venice meet.

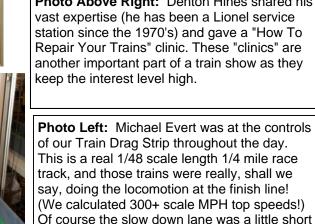


Photo Above: Bill and Maria DiMenna (their business is called True Scene) were with us doing "How To Create Scenery" clinics throughout the day, and were a very important part of the success of our show.



Photo Above: Charlie Anyan shopping with Bill and Jean Hollash





added to the fun of it all!



Photos Above: Train sets were given away and here are the happy winners!



Photo Above Right: Denton Hines shared his vast expertise (he has been a Lionel service station since the 1970's) and gave a "How To Repair Your Trains" clinic. These "clinics" are another important part of a train show as they

for these intense speeds and the slow down was helped by a pillow at the end; in other

words, they stopped with a dull thud! This only

REPAIR

Photos from the Venice Meet—September 7, 2013



Photo Above: A lineup of real steam trains





Photo Left: Here are Bruce and Nancy Bernardo with their wide selection of G scale trains for sale. The TCA in the future will need to expand beyond the O, S and Standard scales that have dominated the club in the past, and G scale is a perfect fit to join with us! Bruce and Nancy joined the TCA so they could sell at our shows, by the way!



Photo Above: Scott Miller brought his very nice LEGO layout for all of us to enjoy.

The LEGO layout was a crowd favorite! Thank you, Scott. You worked hard to make this happen for us!



Photo Below: A Kid's club member participates in the scavenger





Photo Above: Chris Eirich of American Made Steel Bridges brought this great 3 train, 2 level layout that will fit in a 3 x 6 foot area, thus proving that almost anyone has the room for a nice O gauge layout! At the previous Venice show (2012), we had one complaint: Only trains for sale and no operating layouts. As you can see, we most certainly corrected that problem for 2013! Lots of small but very interesting layouts (we had 7 total operating layouts, 4 display tables and 2 clinics) will keep those new to the hobby coming back for more!



Photos from the Venice Meet—September 7, 2013









Photo Above: A day at the Train Races!



(that is correct) Nate Robinett. Toy trains are indeed a hobby that transcends all generational differences!

Photo Below: Here is Luke DeSantis explaining the intricate details of a steam locomotive to his Grandfather, Paul Heim. Luke at age 4 is already a confirmed train enthusiast and proof positive that kids will indeed play with something other than computers if given the proper exposure to Toy Trains!

Photo Above: Here is the future of our hobby everyone! Young train enthusiasts naturally gravitate to the Thomas the Tank wooden trains before they get old enough to get an electric powered set! We had well over 200 children at our meet!



Photo Above: Here is Mark Adams enjoying the show with his Great Grandson





Show and Tell at the Venice Train Depot—By Steve Johnson



Photo Above: Matthew and dad Al Michelini with the only known example of an English Marx Coronation Vestibule Set

Photo Below: Mark Stephens shows his rare 1950 Lionel O27 track display.

I grew up in the TCA attending York meets with my Dad back when they just occupied one building at the county fairgrounds. While I had not been to York in years, I went back a few years ago and was almost overwhelmed - if you ever have the chance or make the opportunity to attend a show at York, I highly recommend it! They now fill upwards of six or more buildings, not to mention all the other hotels where people meet to buy, sell & trade trains of every imaginable kind.

One of the perks of becoming an officer in the Southern Division is that I "have to" attend as many of the SD meets around the state as I can. I had the pleasure of attending the Sep-

> tember 7th meet at the Ramada in Venice, I arrived on Friday afternoon in time to see the



Photo Above: Scarce British Flyer 6 1/2" 1105 & 1106 8-wheel Passenger Cars from 1920-23 displayed by Al Michelini

flurry of activity involved in setup. I know there are lots of people involved and I don't want to disappoint anyone by not mentioning their name, so I'll just mention one - Tim Evert, meet host, seemed to be everywhere helping to get things set up and running smoothly. A big

smile always on his face leads me to believe that as hard as he worked. Tim was having a great time and it rubbed off on the rest of us. Following a SD Board meeting, we all migrated a few blocks away to the historic (recently renovated) Venice Depot, where some other SD members had arranged a nice reception. In addition to learning about the history of the depot (including its use by the Ringling Circus), we had great food, wonderful conversation and a "show and tell" session with some truly unique items including a 1950's era dealer promotional board showing the different types of track, some nontrain items manufactured by Lionel, a literally one-of-a-kind train set from the WW II era and a completely translucent Lionel mint car. It was a great evening enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

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Photo Above: Dienzel Dennis showing a left-handed baseball glove from his collection of Airex items made while Airex was owned by Lionel in the 1950's

Show and Tell at the Venice Train Depot—By Steve Johnson, continued



Photo Above: Bill Trappen talking about his pre-war Marx Moon Mullins Hand Car.

Saturday morning I showed up bright and early at the Ramada ballroom and found set up well under way. The hall was filled with an assortment of collectors and dealers with every variety of train, parts and accessories you can imagine. I did not have a table so that enabled me to roam and help out where needed. Once the meet got under way and opened to the public, the line to get in stretched out the front door of the hotel into the parking lot. The ladies at the door did a phenomenal job of keeping the line moving, getting everyone checked in, signed up for the door prizes and even referred a number of people to Mike Powell a me to sign up for TCA and SD membership. I don't know what the final attendance count was.

but hundreds came making this one of the most successful meets in recent SD history. A number of factors likely contributed to that success including, but not limited to, tremendous involvement of local SD members, our first time access to a billboard to advertise the meet, a great location and the decision to promote attendance by giving free admission not just to kids under 12 but to a parent accompanying them. We hope to replicate this success in future shows but in the meantime, hats off to everyone that helped make Venice such a roaring success!



Photo Above: Larry Smith discussing one of his very old live steam locomotives.

Photo Below: Bob Mintz showing a rare Lionel HO Mint car mounted on an O gauge flat car.



Upcoming Meets/Train Shows

Upcoming TCA shows

TCA Southern Division - First Presbyterian Church, Maitland, FL November 16, 2013

TCA Southern Division - MinnReg Building, Largo, FL January 25, 2014

TCA Southern Division—St. Mark's Church, Palm Beach Gardens, FL March 22, 2014

TCA Eastern Division - York Fairgrounds, York, PA October 17-19, 2013

Non-TCA meets, but sponsored by a TCA member

Regal Railways – Joe Schramm –for info, contact Joe at joe @regalrailways.com; 727-441-2159 Elks Hall, Englewood, FL October 19, 2013, - Palms of Largo, Largo, FL October 26, 2013 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Kissimmee, FL November 2, 2013 - Citrus County Fairgrounds, Inverness, FL November 9, 2013 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Port Richey, FL November 23, 2013 - Lopez Inc. Hall, Pinellas Park, FL December 7, 2013

This information is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. Since Train Shows sometimes get canceled or change dates, we recommend members verify the dates and times of Train Shows before traveling to at-

Non-TCA Meets

Golden Spike - FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL December 21-22, 2013 Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL January 11-12, 2014 Schultz Space Coast Trains, Azan Shrine Temple, Melbourne, FL, December 7, 2013

Promotion & Attendance at Train Meets

In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we will print a schedule of upcoming shows in each quarter's Layout and at our Southern Division website (www.tcasoutherndivision.org). Another way these meets are promoted is by having flyers about upcoming shows available at each show, thus marketing to folks who have already evidenced an interest in trains by attending the show. We are looking for TCA-SD members to assist in that distribution. If you plan to attend any train related meets, shows or other events please contact TCA-SD Vice-President Steve Johnson (email: sjohnson@fljdcpa.com or call: 305-335-1752) and let him know. Steve will get flyers to you to take to the meet and leave out for others. If possible, please give Steve at least a week or more notice to ensure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help!!

Switch List

For Sale: O22 Switch Controllers (need rewiring); O27 Track, Gargraves 2-rail track; Super O #120 Crossover; #36, 37, 48, 32-20; LW, TW, SW, 1033 Transformers; #19 Bulbs; #167 Whistle Controller; 1866, 1875, 1876 cars; TCA Bicentennial Special Set. 12948 Bascule Bridge, 2623 Madison Cars, 3356 Horse Car and Corral; #6357, 2411, 2454l 2452; 2452X; 6462;6012; Lionel Watch, All Reasonably Priced. Call Paul Dean 352-223-4510 Also Wanted: 2530 Large Door baggage car and PW Madison car body.

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- 3. 6464 SERIES COMPLETE 28 IN ALL GD TO EX Call or email for details and price
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- BOX,INSERTS,INSTRUCTION SHEET & LIONEL WRAP .EVRYTHINGWORKS.LIGHT,WHISTLE,SMOK E & E-UNIT.\$2000.00 O.B.O.
- 6.PENN. RR PENCIL.UNSHARPED.2 SMALL NICKS AT THE TOP & BOTTOM.BROWN IN COLOR WITH GOLD P.R.R.SOME FADING ON GOLD PAINT MARKINGS. E-MAIL FOR PIC \$5 (FREE SHIPPING) 7.1949 WALLET SIZE CALENDER OF THE MISSOURI PACIFIC R.R.E-MAIL FOR PICTURE.EX CONDITION.\$5(FREE SHIPPING)
- 8. 1964 Hudson NYC Tender Only, broken step,\$125 Lionel 1996 Accessory Catalog Ex to LN, \$5 +\$3 ship Seven Atlas HO Controllers, \$5 for all.

Lou Vece, PO Box 211062, S. DAYTONA, FL 32121 E-MAIL santafe2353@yahoo.com PHONE 386-316-5464 . MAKE AN OFFER. Free shipping on all items!

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