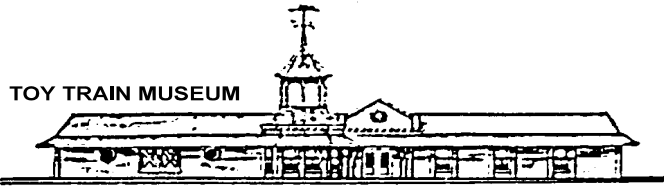


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**Above: Our Newest Tinplate Tycoon Poses with Southern Division Tinplate Tycoons**

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Photo Right: Southern Division Members Hang Around Wearing Yellow Shirts!!



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# President's Message



Brad Woodward

Brad's Train of Thoughts "Keep Trackin' Those Trains"  
BRAD WOODWARD, TCA-SD President

## HAPPY 2014 NEW YEAR!

How old were you when you got your first train?

Do you remember how excited you were? With our KIDS CLUB, we are trying to give the kids the same feeling you had. The scavenger hunt and train drag race has almost tripled our Kid Club membership. A suggestion for table holders: have some trains that kids can buy at low price!

Charlie Anyan has the Largo Show ready to go on January 25, 2014. He has 100 tables available. We are having an exciting silent auction (see article below) for several items at the show.

We have moved the Stuart, Florida, show to a larger venue which can accommodate over 100 tables. On March 22, 2014 we will host a train show in West Palm Beach at St. Marks Church. It is easy to get to from I-95 and Florida Turnpike. This should draw people from Miami /Ft. Lauderdale and also from Stuart/Vero Beach.

The 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION is in Philadelphia on June 22-29th, 2014. This would be a terrific family vacation with lots of events and trains, including the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad, the National Toy Train Museum, Cape May, Philadelphia trolley tour, Steamtown, USS New Jersey tour, six layout tours, Liberty Bell tours, River Dinner Cruise, PLUS TOY TRAINS.

This is an easy drive on I-95 to Philadelphia. It would be a great "history and train" vacation. I would like to see a lot of Southern Division Members there!

## SILENT AUCTION

We will have a silent auction at the Largo meet. The auction will be like this:

The Southern Division has excess items it wishes to sell. We decided to auction them to give everyone the same chance to obtain them.

Each item will have a blank list with it. Each person who wants to obtain the item just writes his/her name down, and the maximum amount they wish to pay. If someone else would want to pay more than the last price, they just write the higher number and their name. At approximately 2:30 we will call for a final bid, and the highest bid wins the item. The lists and items will be on the TCA table near the hall front door before and during the meet.

**We so far have three items for bid:**

1. \$100 gift certificate from Gargraves Track Co.
2. Kid's Club operating boxcar (est. value = \$85)
3. Boxed Lionel CSX freight set – used on TCA layout at meets (used only at train meets) – original cost +\$400.

Here is a sample bid sheet (and the actual amount I am going to start the bidding with on the first item):

	NAME	GIFT CERTIFICATE	AMOUNT BID
	Charlie Anyan		\$35
	Xxxx Xxxxx		xxx

The Southern Division may have a reserve on some items. There may be more or less items for auction.



# The Meet Story - 1st Quarter 2014 – Tampa Bay Area

## The Minreg Bldg, Largo/Clearwater FL, Saturday, January 25th, 2014

The TCA Southern Division's first meet of 2014, will be held Saturday January 25th at the MinnReg Building, 6340 126th Avenue North, Largo Florida, 33773.

**Tableholder setup will be Friday afternoon from 2 PM to 5 PM and Saturday morning from 7 AM to 9 AM. EARLY SETUP TIME ON FRIDAY 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

During setup time the building will be open to tableholders and helpers only. On Friday we must be out of the building no later than 5 pm. 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 10 am until 3 pm. Plenty of free parking is available. Food is available at reasonable prices.

**Meet Host** – The Meet Host is Charles Anyan. For questions, etc., call at (727) 345-0288, or [can-yan1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:can-yan1@tampabay.rr.com). During set up times, call my cell phone at (727) 459-8681.

**Membership Meeting** - We will hold a membership meeting at 9:30 a.m. to discuss items of interest and new business, and any significant items from the Board of Director's meeting.

**2014 Southern Division Dues Renewal** - The Treasurer, Mike Powell, will be present to accept 2014 dues (\$10) if you have not paid them yet.

**Operating Layout** - We will have at least two working layouts, including a LEGO layout, plus several interesting displays.

**Open House – at Linda Harris' home, Friday January 24th.** (See open house article below for information).

### Open House—The Steven Harris Collection

Open House at the home of Linda Harris, Friday 24, 2014, 7-9 pm, 2543 Winding Wood Dr, Clearwater, FL 33761, PH 727-796-5721

Linda Harris will be showing off the modest collection of Prewar Tin Trains, boxes, and accessories that Tin Plate Tycoon #20 Steven Harris put together. He took great pride in collecting the best pieces he could find although he didn't have a lot of space to store them. Steven Harris loved "hunting" for trains and that's one reason he was involved with the TCA. This is the first time the collection has been open to the public.

Directions to Open House from US 19. Take Countryside Blvd. exit, eastbound (Countryside Blvd will have Westfield Mall on the left after you turn). Go 0.3 miles and turn right onto Winding Wood Dr. 2543 Winding Wood Dr is on the right.

### Directions to the Meet

Directions to the hotel – From highway 19 southbound – take 66<sup>th</sup> Street exit (State Route 693) – go to 2<sup>nd</sup> stoplight & turn left onto Ulmerton Rd. Hotel is one block on the right.

From highway 19 northbound – turn left on Ulmerton Rd (highway 688). Go to 66<sup>th</sup> St., make a U-turn & go back one block to hotel.

I-275 South-bound, take the Ulmerton Road exit (Hwy 688). Drive west to 66th St and follow directions as above.

I-275 North-bound, take the Roosevelt Blvd exit (Hwy 686). Don't miss this turn or you will wind up in Tampa. Keep left and go west/north to where Roosevelt merges into Ulmerton road. Follow directions as above.

To get to the meet, from the hotel, turn right onto Ulmerton, go one block & turn right on highway 19. Stay in the right lane and go to the next street exit (62<sup>nd</sup> St.). Follow 62<sup>nd</sup> about two blocks to 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Minnreg Bldg. is just to the right of the stop sign. To get back to the hotel, continue west on 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 66<sup>th</sup> street. Turn right & go to the first stop light, which is Ulmerton. Turn right, and you are back at the hotel.

### Directions to the Meet from Elsewhere

Follow direction from above to get to 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn east on 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go to the first stop sign. The Minnreg Bldg. is on the right.

Our Meet Hotel is the Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, Clearwater, FL, 6500 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL (727) 532-4800 [suburbanhotels.com](http://suburbanhotels.com)

I haven't stayed at this hotel, but I've stayed at others, and they are pretty nice. The rooms have kitchen facilities and wi-fi. This one is almost right around the corner from our meet. The TCA rate is \$61 for one bed and \$71 for two beds. It is a cheaper rate if you book for two nights. All rooms have a kitchen, microwave, fridge, stove, pots & pans, dishes. You must mention TCA or Train Collectors to get this rate.



## Southern Division of TCA Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, November 15, 2013, Maitland, Florida

The meeting was called to order by President Woodward at 4:10 P.M. Secretary Dienzel Dennis called the roll with the following members in attendance. President Brad Woodward, Vice President Steve Johnson, Secretary Dienzel Dennis, Communications Director Linda Harris, and Directors/Past Presidents Charlie Anyan & Arnie Travitsky. Richard Tashjian was in attendance representing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee and Harry Long as Chairman of the SD Kids Club. Our Treasurer Mike Powell was out of state on family business and could not be in attendance.

The president's report consisted of thanking Linda Harris for her work with the billboards. He also informed us that a new Tinplate Tycoon would be added to our list at tomorrow's train show meeting.

The Vice President, Steve Johnson, reported that he is staying up to date with listing the train shows in our "Layout". He could use help from anyone who could distributed our SD flyers at shows in their area.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, stated that we have 501 Active paid up members as of today. Our rolls also show 33 deceased members, 1 honorary member, and 185 inactive/past members. We have a total of 719 entrees in our data base since he became secretary 7 years ago. He also mentioned that TCA is expecting a 10% decrease in their enrollment mainly because of the National dues increase. This will also affect our division since you must be a member of the TCA before you can be an active member in the Southern Division. Mr. Dennis also brought up the concerns of our SD archives. After a discussion, he was instructed to shred & dispose all old applications, old minutes, and other files he has accumulated over the years. The records/minutes, etc are kept in our "Layout" magazine and also in our FileMaster data base. Also, to keep our records current, he must be informed of all changes of mailing address, phone numbers, emails, etc.

The Treasurers report was approved as distributed electronically by Mike Powell the week prior to the meeting.

We next discussed (1) the Venice meet, (2) having a waiting list for tables at all meets, and (3) the giving of door prizes. It was approved that all door prize purchases must be cleared through Charlie Anyan, and kept below \$50.00. Venice report approved.

Linda Harris, our Communication Director, reported on the Billboard advertising. Mr. Dennis suggested, and it was approved, that NO ONE does any club advertisement unless they go through Linda first for her approval.

We took a short break and had Birthday cake in celebration of Linda Harris' birthday. Congratulations Linda. We have heard it was her 39<sup>th</sup> and also her 75<sup>th</sup>. I think it is somewhere between these two. We may never know!!!

Arnie Travitsky next reported on the Maitland meet and banquet. Tables are all sold out and 36 signed up for the banquet thus far. The contract for the Largo meet (1-25-14) is signed and down payment made. We are looking to have 120 tables for this meet. The Palm Beach meet (3-23-14) is progressing nicely with contract signed. Steve Johnson discussed his ideas for the Jacksonville meet. It was moved that we move the Jacksonville meet from May, 2014 to November 2014. Motion approved. The President will get with Arnie Travitsky, and others, to pursue the moving of the 2014 Maitland meet to a date in May, 2014. Due to health reasons, this will be Mr Travitsky's last meet in Maitland. We are looking for someone who would be willing to host a meet in the greater Orlando area.

Richard Tashjian discussed in length, with plenty questions and suggestions from the board, the 50<sup>th</sup> SD Anniversary project. This will be an ongoing subject for the next few months in anticipation of our celebration.

Mr. Anyan will create a sign for future meet halls concerning our Photo Policy for the general public. Linda Harris will have our club Tee Shirts available for sale tomorrow at the train show. Harry Long presented his Kid Club report and informed the board he is stepping down for personal reasons. Jeff Sawyer will be his replacement. We next discussed the 2014 budget as presented by our treasurer. We are concerned about losing SD members because of the anticipated loss of TCA members resulting from the raising of the TCA dues. The budget will be approved at our next business meeting. Mr. Anyan will place an article in the Layout concerning our Silent Auction for the track Gift Certificate and a few other items. The results will be made known at the Largo meet. A post card mailing list was discussed and was left to the discretion of Linda Harris. It is suggested that the next meet host, or someone from his location, pick up the banners and signs after each current meet and taken to the next meet site.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 P. M., Dienzel Dennis, Southern Division Secretary

Southern Division General Membership Meeting, Saturday, November 16, 2013, Maitland, Florida

The President made some announcements concerning club business. No officer's reports were given as everyone can read them in the next issue of the "Layout". We know that everyone wants to buy and sell trains. However, one very important presentation was to be made. Mr. Woodward introduced one of our Tinplate Tycoons, John Schleicher #14, to make the presentation. He asked all current Tycoons to come forward to welcome our newest member into this important society. In attendance were TT #9, Bill Trappen, TT # 11 Ernie Howering, TT #15 Denton Hines, and TT #19 Dick Guenette. MR. IRWIN ABELSON, SD #1055 of Clearwater, Florida became Tinplate Tycoon # 21. He was welcomed by all the present Tycoons as well as the general membership. Now on to the business of trading trains. Dienzel Dennis, SD Secretary



# Photos from the Maitland Meet—November 16, 2013



**Photo Above:** John Schleicher displays items from the collection of his friend, the late Steve Harris.



**Photo Above:** Richard Tashjian plays the guitar.  
**Photo Below:** Many thanks from the Southern Division for everyone's help at the front desk.



**Photos Above:** The Lego layout!  
**Photo Below:** This Budd's for you!





# Photos from the Maitland Meet



Photo Above: Train Races!





# Photos from Clark and Ilene Vegazo's Open House, November 15, 2013





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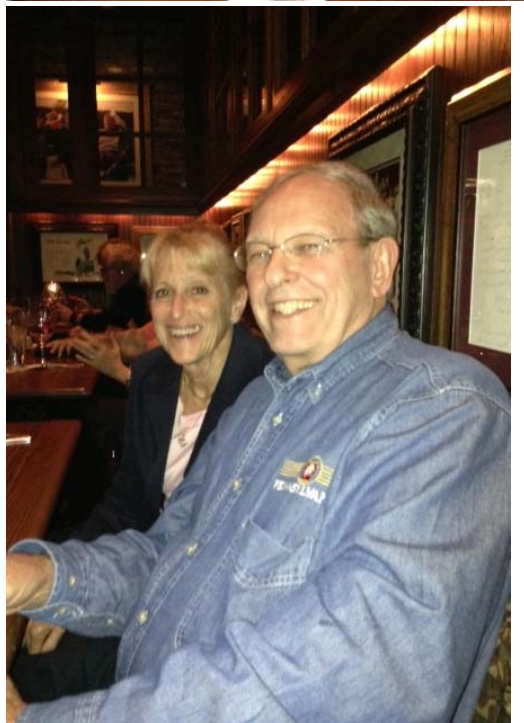
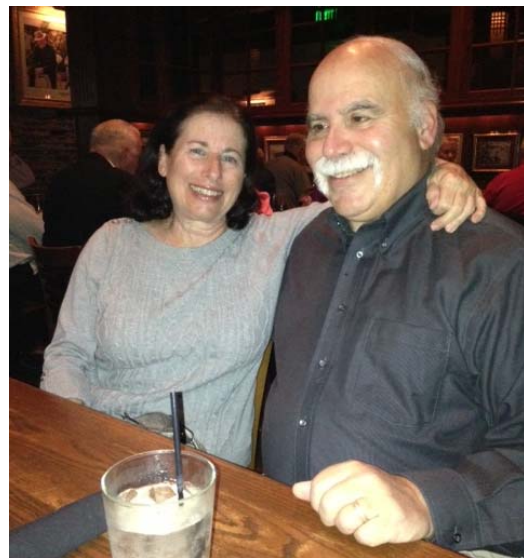


Photos: Clark and Ilene Vegazo hosted their annual party at their home. Clark and Ilene displayed their incredible collection of postwar trains, prewar trains, boxed sets, slot cars, real cars, and many other collectibles. The Southern Division would like to thank Clark and Ilene for hosting this wonderful event.





The 2013 Southern Division Banquet—Sam Snead's Tavern





Prestigious "Tin Plate Tycoon" Awarded  
Report by: John G. Schleicher



Irwin Abelson: Our newest Southern Division Tinplate Tycoon

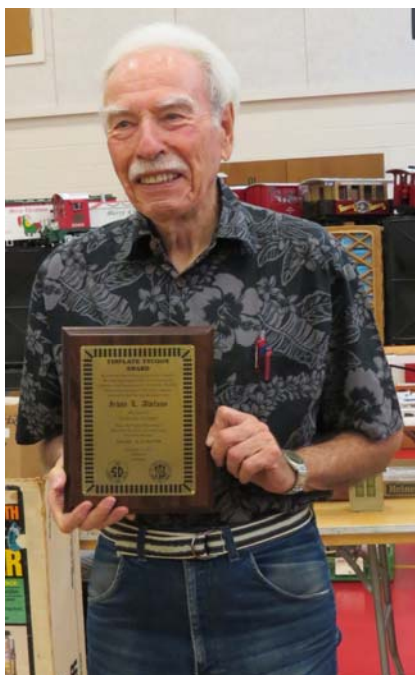
On Saturday, November 16, 2013 the Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association awarded its most prestigious & highest award of "Tin Plate Tycoon" to Irwin L. Abelson. This award is not an annual award like the other awards usually given out at our November meet/dinner but only when a worthy member is chosen by the consensus of the past Tin Plate Tycoon recipients. The criteria to be considered is that a long term Southern Division member in good standing that has been deemed to have extensive knowledge of American toy train manufacturers of all eras, gauges and types. The willingness and unselfish desire to share that knowledge with all persons

that might be interested and want to educate themselves in the hobby. In addition it is a person who is honest and of high character that is dedicated to protect, promote & preserve the history, appreciation & love of Tin Plate trains.

The Tin Plate Tycoon Award reads:

*Be it known that in recognition of his unselfish devotion and inspired efforts in promoting the collection and preservation of Tin Plate Trains, the Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association has this day bestowed upon Irwin L. Abelson the title of "Tinplate Tycoon". Being the highest honorarium which the division can confer upon one of its members.*

Irwin L. Abelson reflects all the above and is a very deserving recipient to be chosen to this small group of Southern Division Collectors. Previous recipients in attendance to welcome him and celebrate his induction were:



Ernie Howering 1989

Denton Hines 1996

Bill Trappen 1985

Dick Guenette 2008

John G. Schleicher 1994

Thank you Irwin for all you are; from the Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE TIN PLATE TYCOON AWARD:

- #1 1972 Chester Holley\*
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  - #3 1975 Stan Parker\*
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  - #5 1980 Geoffrey Binneveld\*
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  - #7 1983 Stewart Robinson\*
  - #8 1984 Robert C. Bartlett\*
  - #9 1985 Bill Trappen
  - #10 1987 Henry Myers
  - #11 1989 Ernie Howering
  - #12 Bob Ford
  - #13 1993 Robert "Ed" Lawrence\*
  - #14 1994 John G. Schleicher
  - #15 1996 Denton Hines
  - #16 1999 Evan C. Earl
  - #17 2003 Nelson Williams\*
  - #18 2004 Bill Mursch
  - #19 2008 Dick Guenette
  - #20 2011 Steve Harris\*
  - #21 2013 Irwin L. Abelson
- \*Deceased



Photo Above: The Southern Division Tinplate Tycoons welcome Irwin.

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Lionel Postwar #6424 Flat/w 2 Repro Cars, C7, \$35  
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