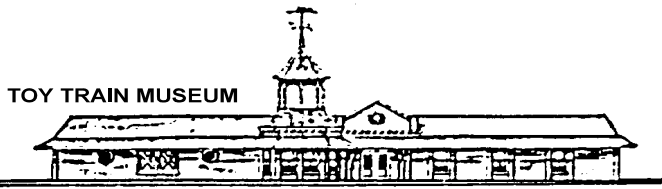


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Please inform the Southern Division Secretary Dienzel Dennis (see contact info on this page) of all address changes. Please do not send address changes to the editor of *The Layout* as that will only delay processing.

Sad Tidings

Bernie O'Neil has passed away. Our condolences to his family. Long-time members will remember Bernie as a former editor of this newsletter. He will be missed.

Norm Lindsey has passed away. Our condolences to his family. Norm ran the train show in Melbourne for some time. He will be missed.

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

President's Message



BRAD's Train of Thoughts

I hope that you all get the trains you want for Christmas!

This summer when it was so hot outside my wife Louise asked me if I had my trains inventoried. The answer was no. Do you have your trains inventoried and up to date? Last July I spent the entire month inventorying my trains in the air conditioned train room out of the sun and the heat. My inventory is now up to date.

Brad Woodward

I got to dust and HUG MY TRAINS! It was amazing how many trains I found that I forgotten I had collected. Using a legal pad and listing every train I went to my computer and typed them in order of sequence on the shelves. You can do that or you could use one of many special inventory programs available.

After completing my Inventory I went to Staples and made several copies in booklet form. I now have three complete booklets of all my inventoried trains.

There are several insurance companies that cater to collectibles. For your bucket list or 2015 New Years Resolution you should have your train inventoried and insured.

Upcoming Meets/Train Shows

Upcoming TCA shows—See the Meet Stories in *The Layout* TCA Southern Division - Largo, FL, January 24, 2015; Palm Beach Gardens March 14, 2015.

Regal Railways – Joe Schramm –for info, contact Joe at [joe @regalrailways.com](mailto:joe@regalrailways.com); 727-441-2159
January 17, 2015. Elks Hall, 401 N. Indiana Ave, Englewood, FL; February 7, 2015, Port Richey, FL K of C 5850 K of C Drive 34668; March 21, 2015, Winter Haven, FL K of C 401 3rd St. SW 33880; March 28, 2015, Kissimmee, FL, K of C 2000 Neptune Road 34744; April 18, 2015, Pinellas Park, FL, K of C 7177 58th St. North, 33781; May 2, 2015, Inverness, FL Citrus Auditorium, 3610 Florida Ave 34450; May 30, 2015, Brooksville, FL Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St 34601

Golden Spike - 37th Jacksonville Rail Fair, Prime Osborne Convention Center, Jacksonville, FL February 14, 2015 Contact Charles Miller, www.gserr.com; email charles.miller@gserr.com 703-536-2954,

Schultz Space Coast Trains, Azan Shrine Temple, Melbourne, FL, Schultzspacecoastrains.com, 321-591-2641, March 7, 2015, June 6, 2015; September 5, 2015, December 5, 2015.

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!!

The Meet Story - 1st Quarter 2015 – Tampa Bay Area
The MINNREG Building, Largo FL, Saturday, January 24th, 2015
EARLY SETUP TIME ON FRIDAY

The TCA Southern Division's first meet of 2015 will be held Saturday January 24th at the MinnReg Building, 6340 126th Avenue North, Largo Florida, 33773. **Tableholder setup will be Friday afternoon from 3 PM to 6 PM and Saturday morning from 7 AM to 9 AM.** During setup time, the building will be open to tableholders and helpers only. On Friday we must be out of the building NLT 6 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 4 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 canyan1@tampabay.rr.com. During set up times, call his cell phone at (727) 459-8681.

Directions to Meet –

From U.S. Highway 19 South-bound, take the 66th Street exit (State Route 693). Continue south to the stop light on 126th Ave. Turn left (east). Go to the first stop sign. The MinnReg Bldg is on the right.

From U.S. Highway 19 north-bound, take the Bryan Dairy Rd. exit. Cross Bryan Dairy Rd. and continue north on the frontage road to 126th Ave. Turn left. Go to the first stop sign after the underpass. The MinnReg Bldg is just ahead on the left.

I-275 South-bound, take the Ulmerton Road exit (Hwy 688). Drive west to 66th St and turn left. 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.

Meet Hotel

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

I've stayed at other Suburban Stay hotels, 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. You must mention TCA or Train Collectors to get this rate.

Directions to the hotel –

From highway 19 southbound – take 66th Street exit (State Route 693) – go to 2nd 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 66th St., make a U-turn & go back one block to hotel.

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

From 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 (62nd St.). Follow 62nd about two blocks to 126th Ave. The Minnreg Bldg. is just to the right of the stop sign.

To get back to the hotel, continue west on 126th Ave. to 66th street. Turn right & go to the first stop light, which is Ulmerton. Turn right, and you are back at the hotel.

Membership Meeting - We will hold a membership meeting at 8:30 AM to discuss items of interest and business, and significant items from the Board of Director's meeting.

2013 Southern Division Dues Renewal - The Treasurer, Mike Powell, will be present to accept your 2015 dues (\$10) if you have not paid them yet.

Operating Layout - We will have at least two working layouts, including, possibly, a LEGO layout.

Open Layout – (NOTE: The following is tentative, based on condition of layout – check at the meet or a week before the meet if you are interested in touring the layout) The Suncoast Model RR Club is opening their layout for visitors during and after our meet on Saturday, so be sure to visit. You will see over 8 HO scale miles and 15 N scale miles of mainline fun. The layout is only a few short blocks away, and is well worth the effort to get there. Suncoast Club's Layout Address: 12355 62nd Street North, Suite A, Largo FL, 33733. To get there: Turn right out of the Parking lot onto 126th Avenue heading east. Turn right at the stop sign onto 62nd Street heading south. The Layout Building is on the left about one half block South on 62nd Street.



The Meet Story - 1st Quarter 2015
St MARKS CHURCH Gym, 10635 Gardens East Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL, 33410
Saturday, March 14, 2015

On March 14, Southern Division will be holding its spring train show in the St Mark's Church gym in Palm Beach Gardens. The gym is only 1.5 miles from I-95. We will have space for 120 tables plus several layouts. The Palm Beach area has responded well to train shows in the past and we are anticipating strong attendance. We have a few operating layouts committed to the show but we can always use more. If you know of one that is available please contact Al Galli. Hope to see you at the show. The location is: **St MARKS CHURCH Gym, 10635 Gardens East Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL, 33410**

Directions to the meet: From the north – Take I-95 to the South Military Trail exit, EXIT 79C. From Military Trail, turn left onto Burns Road. Cross A1A, then turn left onto East Gardens Drive.
From the south, take I-95 exit 79A. Go east. Take first right on RCA Blvd. Follow RCA Blvd to A1A highway. Turn right (south). Go to next light and turn left on Burns Road, then left on Gardens East Dr.

From the Turnpike take Exit 109, PGA Blvd East. Turn right on RCA blvd. Follow directions as above.

Contact: Al Galli 772-219-7653 - algallo@embarqmail.com

Meet Hotel: Because this is Palm Beach in "season" we do not have a meet hotel. Currently there are a few modestly priced motels in the area but you need to make reservations early as prices can go up sharply closer to the actual date. Travelocity is a good source for finding hotels in the area.

Clark & Ilene Vegazo's Open House and Buffet

Clark and Ilene Vegazo hosted their annual open house/party/car show on November 15th, 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 friends and neighbors also brought their vintage (real) cars! Our thanks to Clark and Ilene for hosting this annual event.



Board of Directors Business Meeting
SD TCA-Nov. 21, 2014
Hampton Inn Suites, 4415 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 P. M. by Vice-President Steve Johnson, filling in for President Brad Woodward who was absent due to Personal Health problems. Secretary Dennis called the roll with the following in attendance; VP Johnson; Sec. Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; & Communications Director Linda Harris. Local meet host Jeff Sawyer was also in attendance with Past Presidents Charles Anyan & Arnie Travitski arriving at 3:27

Jeff gave the state of meet update for tomorrows show. With a few tweaks, we feel it will be a very successful show. More tables are being sought out as we currently have a sell out. Officers agreed to give up their personal tables to allow for all guest to be able to be accommodated. Jeff was thanked for his work and was dismissed to go and attend to table set up and other meet hall concerns. We have 80-85 tables sold.

The minutes of the last meeting had already been approved and submitted in the Layout. There was no Presidents report but Steve and Dienzel reported on the status of our Presidents health. Dienzel brought a get well card for Officers to sign for Brad, and Linda brought one for the general membership to side at the meet tomorrow. Chuck Bryner spoke to the board concerning suggestions for future meets and how he thinks we can improve them and our image in the community. This was followed by discussion and approval of tomorrows train lottery and the Turkey raffle. Board approved.

Secretary Dennis followed up the secretaries report he mailed to all officers last week by stating that we have 448 active paid up SD members, about 50 short of last year at this time. We continue to have 252 inactive members, 35 deceased members, and 1 Honorary member listed in our data base from 2007. AS ALWAYS, EVERYONE SHOULD KEEP THE SECRETARY INFORMED OF ALL YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL, ETC CHANGES SO WE CAN KEEP OUR FILES CURRENT.

Our Treasurer, Mike Powell, presented the 3rd quarters report and the final Venice meet report. After much discussion on next year's budget, all three of these reports were accepted. They will appear later in the Layout at our Treasurers discretion.

Linda next presented her communications report and all the various means of advertisement for each of our shows. This includes trade magazines, newspaper, TV, radio, web sites. Forums, banners, bill boards, eblast, flyers at various meets, and to some extent the *social media*. (*We are still pursuing this adventure.*)

Mr. Anyan reported on what is happening in our National Club (TCA) and the improvements being made. He also passed out a typed list of door prizes for tomorrow and the time of day each will be presented. This was well received by the board and we expect a smooth process tomorrow. Charles also reported that our next me that he is hosting in Largo on Jan 24 is coming along well. The contract is signed. Al Galli was not present but it was reported that the Palm Beach Gardens meet on March 14 is on schedule. We continued discussing meets and hope to be able to schedule them at least a year in advance. In 2015, we have meets scheduled for Largo on Jan. 24, PB Gardens March 14, Venice on Sept 12, and Jacksonville on Nov. 21. In 2016 we are looking at Largo Jan 23, PBG March 12, Venice on Sept. 10 and Jacksonville on Nov 19. Start marking your calendar. We are still desperate for someone to host a central Florida, Orlando area meet. If you are willing or know someone who might host one, please let a board member know. It is fun and the board will support and help you make this a success for yourself, our club, and all central Florida train collectors.

Old Business: After much discussion, a motion was made and passed that "all special projects at any future meet must be approved by the board in the prior business meeting. (Raffles, food drives, discounted admissions, special guess, Santa Clause, etc.)

Steve Johnson is continuing to work with the National TCA Treasurer concerning our Tax exemption.

There was no 50th Anniversary update report. The board approved a motion that "everything concerning this celebration must be finalized by the Palm Beach Gardens meet in March."

The nominating committee reported on a slate of candidates for the 2015-16 upcoming election. Nothing has changed since our last meeting. We are always looking for willing and able candidates!!

Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, continued.

Arnie and Charlie are currently working on this years awards. Charlie will email the board a list of awards, their criteria, and ask for recommendations to be received by them before Dec. 15. They will be awarded at a banquet, picnic, etc. at Largo for the 2014 awards. The 2015 awards will be presented at the Venice meet at either the Depot get together or at the Live Steam layout.

Dienzel made a motion with a second by Mike Powell that we adopt the following schedule for our club magazine, The Layout...

Volume 1—deadline for submission to the editor---Dec. 1-----publication date Dec. 28

Volume 2__deadline for submission to the editor---Mar. 1—publication date Mar. 27

Volume 3__deadline for submission to the editor---June 1----publication date June 26

Volume 4__deadline for submission to the editor---Sept. 1----publication date Sept.25

We must stick strictly to this calendar. Everyone please get your reports and articles in on time. "Members, we would love for you to submit an article for publication." If needed, any of the board would be willing to assist you in preparing and submitting an article. Consider this and let us know.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, SD TCA

Switch List

Repairs: Done on American Flyer Trains by A.C. Gilbert Reasonable prices, honest assessment of Parts & Labor. Alco & Geep Rebushings: Single - \$ 20.00; double - \$ 35.00 **Call or Write: Chris Lucibello 2483 Pinellas Pt. Dr. So., St. Pete, FL 33712 (727) 867-3465 candklucibello@verizon.net**

FOR SALE: LIONEL POSTWAR, PRE-WAR, LTI, MTH, Have MTH RAILRAX TRACK, curves, straights. **ARNIE TRAVITSKY, 873 CYNTHIANNA CIRCLE, ALTAMONTE, SPRINGS, FL. 32701 arni99@aol.com 407-260-8599 LSASE FOR LIST.**

For sale: shelving for your collection – various sizes, built for American Flyer, but they will hold 0 gauge, but it is a tighter fit. Priced from \$40 to \$50, depending on size. Call Charlie Anyan, (727) 345-0288, or can-yan1@tampabay.rr.com.



For Sale: RCS Controllers (need rewiring); Gargraves 2-rail track; Super O #120 Crossover; #36, 37, 48, 32-20; KW, LW, SW, 1032, 1033 Transformers; #19 Bulbs; #167 Whistle Controller; 1866, 1876, 1875W LIL General Cars; TCA Bicentennial Special Set. 12948 Bascule Bridge, 2623 Madison Cars, 3356 Horse Car and Corral; #6247, 6357, 2411, 2454, 2452; 2452X; 6012; 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534 passenger cars, 214 Bridge Boxed, NYC Bridge, American Flyer Bridge, 2032 Box, 3462P Milk Platform, #456 Coal Ramp w/ 3456 Operating Hopper, Lionel Watch, All Reasonably Priced. Call **Paul Dean 352-223-4510** **Also Wanted:** 2530 Large Door baggage car and PW Madison car body.

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 jcjmayer@aol.com or call me at 321-297-0501. 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.

SOUTHERN DIVISION SOUVENIR TRAIN HISTORY - Part 2 By Bill Trappen

This is the second in a series of articles discussing the history of the Southern Division Souvenir train. This series started two issues of The Layout ago and was planned to continue in each issue of The Layout. However, yours truly was late getting to the platform at the editor's station so the last issue left the station without the article. I will try to be more punctual in the future. Anyway, this article will discuss a very historically significant item in the Southern Division Souvenir Train consist: the Very First Car!

The idea of a Southern Division Souvenir train was first discussed by members in the early 1970's as a means of raising funds for the Division. But having been selected in 1973 to host the 1975 TCA Convention, the Division had bigger freight to haul, so to speak. But once the plans for the Convention were finalized, the late Ben Dick, then SD treasurer, began negotiating with Kris Model Trains (KMT) of Endicott, NY in 1974 for a special SD Souvenir box car. The car would be sold only to SD members and would bear a distinctive design appropriate for our Division. The price was expected to be about \$12.00 per car!

Why not negotiate with Lionel instead? Even though the SD boundaries as set by the TCA back in those days included the entire states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi and the eastern part of Tennessee, in 1974, the SD only had about 225 members. I don't know if the situation was the same in 1974 as it was in later years, but based on personal knowledge of corresponding negotiations in later years, Lionel's minimum order quantities for special runs greatly exceeded the number of cars that SD members were expected to purchase. But KMT only required an order for 40 cars. As a result, KMT was selected to produce the very first SD souvenir car. Our late member Marty Brooks, who had a day job as an attorney, was named Project Manager for the SD.

"Kris Model Trains was owned by TCA member Andy Kriswalus and had been producing O gauge box cars, stock cars, refrigerator cars and gondolas since 1968. Andy had bought the original American Model Toys (AMT) tooling for the box cars, stock cars and reefers from the Kusan Corporation when Kusan decided to exit the toy train manufacturing business in 1967. By the way, before selling their train business, Kusan had made trains under the name "Kusan Model Trains", also with the initials KMT, a source of confusion among O gauge collectors even to this day. AMT first made box cars from that tooling in 1952 which at that time they advertised as full O scale models of a 40-foot prototype box car. These cars are slightly longer and higher than a Lionel post-war 6464-series box car, which is the box car "standard" for post-war Lionel collectors. And the first SD souvenir box car was made from that AMT tooling.



Photo Above: The first Southern Division Souvenir Car manufactured by Kris Model Trains in 1975



Even though about 40% of the SD members at that time did not live in Florida, the SD was headquartered in Florida and preferred a car with a Florida road name. The Florida East Coast Railroad was the obvious choice, if not the ONLY choice! The Division selected as a prototype an FEC blue box car with the FEC's slogan "Speedway to America's Playground" on the side of the car in yellow lettering. But due to internal SD logistics issues, the order forms didn't go out to SD members until June 1975 (as you recall the SD was busy hosting the TCA National Convention). Each member was allowed to order up to 3 cars and a total of 235 cars were ordered by SD members in 1975. The Division decided to order 60 additional cars to be distributed to new members or used as door prizes at future meets. So it turned out to be quite a sizable order after all.

In the fall of 1975 KMT moved their production facilities to a new location which further delayed production and delivery of the cars until 1976. But the cars are considered the "official" 1975 SD Souvenir Car and carry the road number "SD 1975".

Attached is a photo of the car with its original box. Note the Lionel MPC-type trucks and couplers, sliding plug doors and other detail including the Southern Division Logo on the Door. Another photo shows the end label on the box which simply says "SD '75". The label on the other end of the box is blank.

This car is often confused with the 1975 O Gauge TCA Convention Car because the SD hosted the 1975 Convention. For reference, also shown is a photo of the very colorful 1975 "Southern Belle" TCA Convention Car which is an MPC 9700-series box car specially produced for the TCA by Lionel. There was also a Standard Gauge 1975 TCA Convention Car which was a 500-series box car made by McCoy Manufacturing of Kent, Washington.

Part 3 of this series will be in the next issue of The Layout and will be a discussion of perhaps the most valuable item in the Southern Division Souvenir Train consist and it didn't even come with any wheels!

Stay tuned!



Photo Above: The 1975 "Southern Belle" TCA Convention Car

The Deadline for the next issue of *The Layout* is March 1, 2015



K-Line Grocery Store Trains by Brad Woodward

In 1990 K-line advertised a Proctor and Gamble train set in several national monthly magazines for \$75.00 (I think that was the price). The set came with an S2 Diesel, Folgers covered hopper, Jiff Peanut Butter covered hopper, Sunny Delight tanker, Duncan Hines boxcar and a Crisco caboose (along with track and transformer). K-line sold a lot of Proctor and Gamble sets.

K-Line also sold a lot of sets with special grocery store names (with S2 Diesels) to the District Managers. I have heard they made 100 of each store name (but I can't confirm that).

I started collecting them in 1990. Here is the photos of the ones I have. Check out the store names: Publix, Winn Dixie, Albertson, Market Basket, IGA, Harvey's, Big Bear, Rainbow Foods, J.M. Jones and Stop & Shop.

Always looking for more!



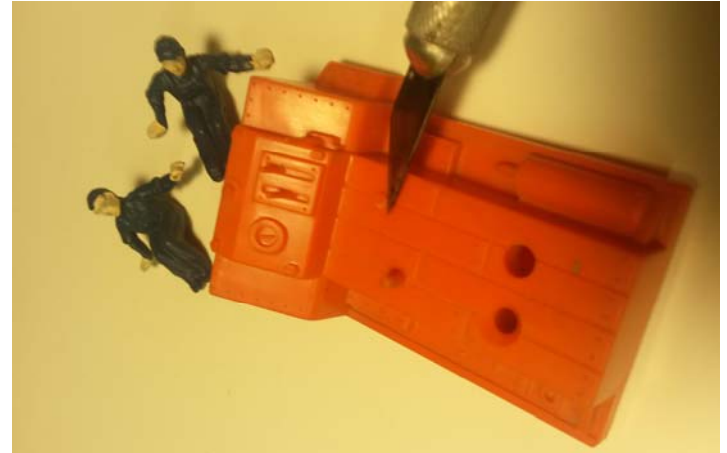
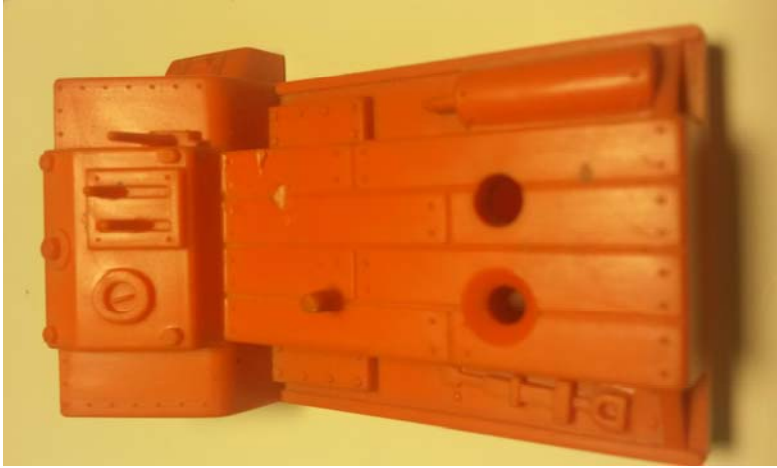
Photos From The Jacksonville Meet



Easy Lionel Gang Car Fix, by Jeffrey Mayer

Often one finds Lionel's #50 Gang Car with two missing men. Because the men are held on by plastic posts which always break off, the men are gone and the car is incomplete. I've seen horrible attempts to glue the men back on.

Reproductions of the men are readily available. You could also buy a reproduction of the entire base, but the posts are fragile and can easily break off again. Fortunately I have another solution using the broken base and drilling small screws through to hold the men in place. Once repaired the men will never break off again. Here's how:



First, CAREFULLY cut off both posts flat against the base with a sharp hobby knife.

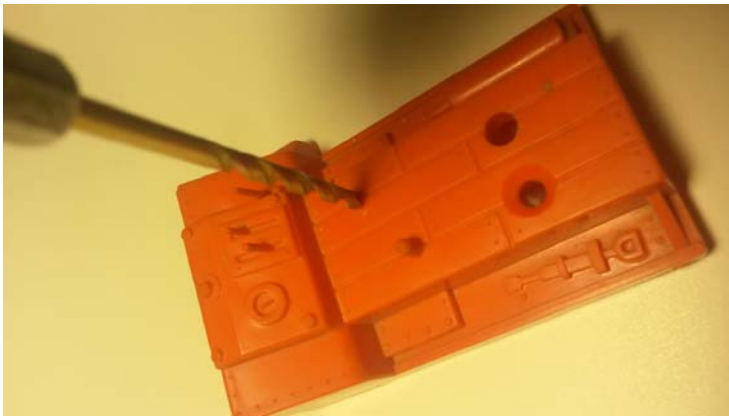


Photo Above: After the post has been shaved flat, drill a small hole through the Gang Car base. Repeat with second post.

Photo Right: put a small (3/8) screw through the base (one for each man).



Photo Above: Install the two men!

Photo Left: Your blue men will never again fall off your gang car!.

