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Below (foreground): (L-R) SD VP Jay Zschau and SD Member Dave Zitnik in the "Great White Tent Sale"



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Above (L-R): Karl Abbott, Mike Powell, Dave Zitnik, Roy Lash, Terry Smith, and Jay Zschau



Above: Roy Lash, Dave Zitnik and Charlie Anyan rented a cabin in the Gifford Pinchot State Park.

Right: cabin interior



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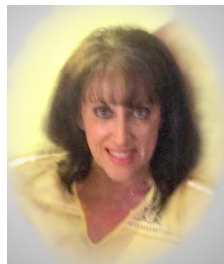
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Thank you to the many who changed their receipt of *The Layout* from a paper copy to an electronic copy.



It's a good deal for many reasons:

- 1) the SD saves printing and postage costs;**
 - 2) money saved is used to partially subsidize division events (this also offsets your annual dues);**
 - 3) you'll get to see the photos and graphics in color; and 4) the environment will thank you!**
- (Notify Dienzel Dennis if you wish to change.)**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, I'm preparing for the 2018 TCA National Convention in Warwick, RI the last week of June. While I have been a member of TCA for well over 30 years, this is my second time attending a national convention. I really enjoyed last year's convention in Pittsburgh and am looking forward to this year's – there will be several days of meetings, but it is very encouraging to see how well TCA is doing and exciting to hear ideas from others from around the country as to what they are doing to stimulate interest in our hobby and to better serve our members. In the next issue of *The Layout*, I'll report on the outcome of those meetings. I also am watching and trying to pick up tips for running a successful convention in anticipation of 2020. Plans for that convention in Jacksonville are proceeding well. The committee has had another meeting and continues to work independently while keeping each of us informed by email. Logo designs are being finalized and should be announced by year-end. Bill Trappen and others have been working with Stu Rankin (TCA National convention car chair) to finalize plans and have several really cool car ideas in development. Those will be finalized by year-end and announced next year.

Mike Mills and his crew are also hard at work planning for our return to the Orlando area with a meet to be held September 15, 2018 at the Lake Nona Middle School. As mentioned last time, plans include multiple operating layouts and possibly locomotive drag races at the meet as well as a show & tell session the Friday evening before the meet. Please make plans to attend as a good time will be had by all!

As also mentioned in my last message, TCA-SD VP Jay Zschau and I are working on meeting to develop a strategic planning initiative to secure the future of the Southern Division. Current plans are to hold our initial meeting in Orlando on Sunday, September 16, following the meet on the 15th. If you'd like to attend, have questions and/or suggestions, please email or call me to discuss.

Lastly, I'm repeating my appeal for help – we're always looking for volunteers to help out our Southern Division in many different capacities, particularly meet hosts and a communications director. So, if you have the time and interest, we'd welcome your involvement. Just drop me an email or give me a call or text with your name and area of interest.

Happy Collecting!

Steve



The Layout Quarterly Quiz

The Quiz Corner quiz for last issue was: How many postwar freight train sets can you identify that do NOT have "Lionel" or "Lionel Lines" somewhere on at least one of the cars? The little "Blt by Lionel" on cars is OK.

One of the answers is: Set # 2291W from 1957, a colorful set from a colorful era. It contains the new-for-1957 2379 Rio Grande AB F-3 with the matching 6657 Rio Grande caboose; 3562-75 orange operating barrel car; 3530 generator car; 3444 animated gondola; and the 6464 M&StL boxcar. This is one of the few times that Lionel made a matching caboose for the engine.

While looking through some of my post-war catalogs, I noticed two more sets in the 1954 catalog that qualify. Do you want to look them up yourself, or should I tell you? OK, I'll tell you. They are set # 2217WS "Freight Master" from 1954, with the 682 Pennsylvania steam turbine with matching caboose, and set # 2219W "The Thunderbird," with the Lackawanna FM trainmaster, and a 6417 Pennsylvania? caboose. There probably are more – I didn't look through all catalogs.

Incidentally, all these sets are O gauge: I never found an O-27 set that did not have "Lionel" on it somewhere.

The next quiz departs from toy trains and moves to the real train world. This should be OK, because if you like trains, it shouldn't matter what gauge they are.

The question is: Who invented the steam locomotive? The answer may surprise you.

Email me your answer. As usual, the member(s) who supply the correct answer will receive extensive honors in the next "Layout."

Charlie Anyan: canyan1@tampabay.rr.com

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GET INVOLVED

The Southern Division of the TCA has a history of enjoyable social events and great train shows. That history is supported through the efforts of members who enjoy helping their fellow train collectors - and in the case of our train shows, to help the general public to expand and develop their interest in model trains. The Division is always in need of more member involvement. I know many of our members want to do more and contribute more to the growth and success of our Division. So, the question comes, "How do I get Involved?" All of us have talents and various kinds of expertise in a wide range of areas that can be useful in connection with the train collecting hobby. All are welcome to active participation in the Division where your talents and expertise can foster the growth and expansion of the Southern Division and TCA and enhance your enjoyment of the hobby. One of the ways to get involved is to volunteer for service on a committee that might suit your interests.

The Division has the following standing committees:

- Awards Committee
- Communications Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Publications Committee
- Standards Committee

In addition, there are other committees:

- Meet Hosting Committee
- Social Committee

. . . and there are openings in all of them.

If you're interested in any of these Committees, please contact me! My email address and phone number are on the second page of the "Layout." I would be very happy to hear from you and assist you in any way that I can.

The Southern Division is an organization in which train enthusiasts can have fun and further their enjoyment of the hobby. It is one in which your participation at all levels is valued and appreciated. And, by the way, if active work in the Division does not appeal to you, don't forget that if you have not previously done so, you can display and trade your trains at Division Train Meets. Tables are inexpensive and carry with them the opportunity to meet fellow members of the Division, exchange ideas and stories, and encourage new membership. Be sure to invite friends and relatives, especially younger ones, to our train shows. Remember to include children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces; it's never too early to get interested in model trains. We are fortunate to have and be involved in a great hobby – let's share it with others. Let's grow it and strengthen it.

In the meantime -
"Keep Trainin!"
Jay

Orlando Meet Story - September 15, 2018
(early set up on Friday the 14th)

UPDATE!

UPDATE!

After a long absence from the Central Florida Area, the Southern Division returns to Orlando!

Meet Venue: Lake Nona Middle School, 13700 Narcoossee Rd., Orlando, FL 32832 / This new location is in a growing, upscale community just 12 minutes southeast of the Orlando International Airport, with easy access from both State Rt. 528 (the Beachline) and State Rt. 417 (the Greenway). The school, which is just 7 years old, has high visibility along Narcoossee Rd. in the Lake Nona Community. We will be setting up in the spacious cafeteria, with easy load-in/load-out access. Plenty of free parking is available.

Table Holders & Layout Set up: Friday, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 7 - 9 a.m.

Meet Hours: 9 a.m. for TCA members, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the general public. (A members' business meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m.)

Tables: 8' tables \$20 for TCA SD members and \$30 for TCA non-SD members. Please send in your Table Registration Form with payment early to assure a spot.

Meet Host: Mike Mills, cell: 612-382-0325 email: Flyermike1949@gmail.com, assistant hosts: Bill Trappen & Jeff Mayer (If anyone is interested in assisting us or if you have any questions, please contact us.)

Activities: Layouts and Displays, Door Prizes for kids and adults throughout the day, a Scavenger Hunt for families, as well as a Kids' play area. **Update:** Three workshops currently are scheduled, and each workshop will last approximately 45 minutes:

Intro. To Model Railroading - all Scales and gauges - Jeff Mayer
Scenery & Structures - Ernie Krillke
Modern Electronics - Jim Lewis

There's room for more, so let us know your interests!

Food: provided by a very worthy local organization - the Central Florida Children's Home (fund raiser) - in cooperation with the Lake Nona Rotary Club. Food will include burgers and hot dogs. Lake Nona Middle School is providing a shaved ice vendor in the parking lot.

Lodging: Update: Official Meet Hotel - The Holiday Inn Express (slated to open August 1), 10115 William Carey Dr., Orlando 32832 (corner of William Carey Drive and Narcoossee Rd.), 1.5 miles North of Lake Nona Middle School. The room rate will be \$109 per night which includes a hot breakfast - mention the TCA/SD train show. Their website and reservation system are not quite ready yet but will be shortly. Check with IHG 877-992-8412 in June or July; otherwise, call Mike Mills at 612-382-0325 if you need updates. Also, there are two Marriott properties nearby (a Courtyard and a Residence Inn), and mostly all the major hotel brands are available near the north side of the airport along Semoran Blvd. There also is a KOA Campground in the area for our members with RVs.

Added Bonus: A Friday night *Show & Tell Get Together! 7 - 9 p.m.*, Location: Villagewalk at Lake Nona (Mike's Community), Town Center Ballroom, 8524 Insular Lane, Orlando 32827 (very near State Rt. 417 and Lake Nona Blvd.) Bring an interesting or unusual train-related item or two to "show & tell." **Update:** Our Show & Tell dinner menu will be Italian cuisine (no - not frozen pizzas!) provided by Bill's favorite Lake Nona Restaurant "Sweet Mama's" - don't miss it! Refreshments will be available at \$5.00 per person; the Southern Division will subsidize the remainder. (Sign up is on the Table Registration Form.)

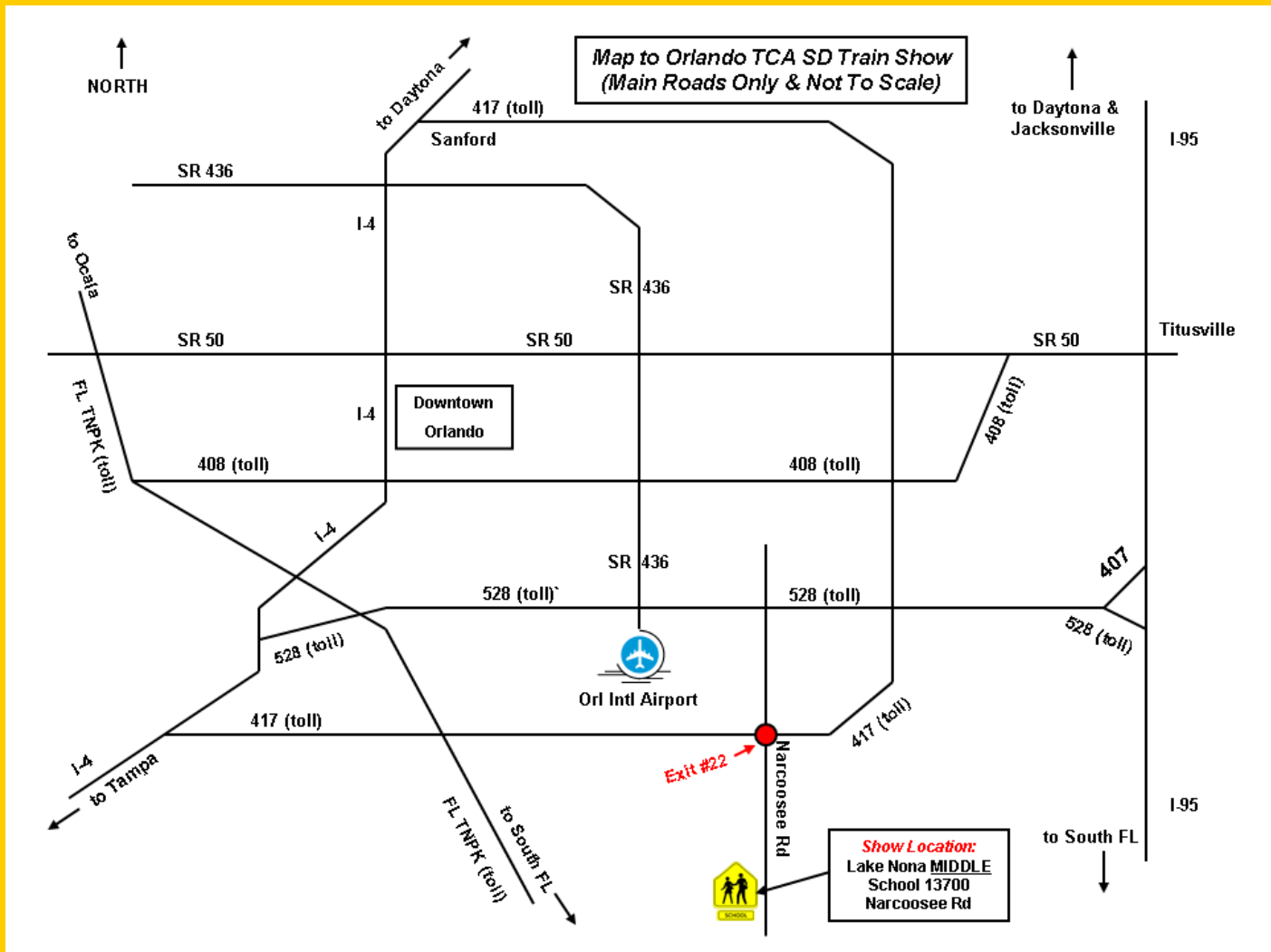
By the way, along with other local businesses, Sweet Mama's (6 a.m.-3 p.m.) will be offering all TCA and show attendees discounts at their restaurant throughout the weekend - just mention TCA at the restaurant at 10743 Narcoossee Rd. (flyers will be available at the show).

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Orlando Meet Story - September 15, 2018 (update continued)
(early set up on Friday the 14th)

Directions to the Meet: (Lake Nona Middle School, 13700 Narcoossee Rd.)

- **From Jacksonville and Daytona:** I-95 to State Rt. 407 bypass to State Rt. 528 to State Rt. 417 to Narcoossee Rd., South on Narcoossee Rd. for 2 miles, school is on the right.
- **From Melbourne and South Coast:** I-95 to Rt. 192 (Melbourne) west toward St. Cloud, North on Narcoossee Rd. for 12 miles, school is on the left
- **From Tampa and the Southwest Area:** I-4 to State Rt. 417, East to Narcoossee Rd., South on Narcoossee Rd. for 2 miles, school is on the right
- **From Downtown Orlando:** State Rt. 408 to State Rt. 417 to Narcoossee Rd., South on Narcoossee for 2 miles, school is on the right
- **From the Orlando Airport:** East on State Rt. 528 to Narcoossee Rd., South on Narcoossee for 8.5 miles, school is on the right



We are hoping for all of your support so that we can permanently bring our train meet back to Central Florida in the future! Here are some websites for more info: Lake Nona Middle School: lakenonams.ocps.net; lakenona.com and VillagewalkatLakeNona.com.

Lastly, at this time: we are expecting lots of kids and younger families. We highly recommend that table holders put together some "starter sets" or have some other items that will appeal to the first-time buyers.

We're looking forward to seeing you September 14-15.

Mike, Bill and Jeff

Upcoming 2018 Florida Train Meets/Shows

July 14: 64th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, contact Charles W. Miller, 703-536-2954, rrshows@aol.com; www.gserr.com (**Golden Spike**)

August 18-19: Model Train Show & Sale, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162, Aug. 18 = 9A-4P; Aug. 19 = 10A-3P. Contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, sammathis@bellsouth.net, or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079, cbyrd@cfl.rr.com (**TheVillagesModelTrainClub.com**)

August 25: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 9A-2P, Joe Schramm, joe@regalrailways.com; 727-441-2159; www.regalrailways.com (**Regal Railways**)

September 1: Train Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 SchultzSpaceCoast-Trains.com, 321-805-1963 (**Schulz Space Coast Trains**)

September 15: Lake Nona Middle School, 13700 Narcoossee Rd., **Orlando** 32832 (See **updated** Meet Story, pp. 5-6 in this issue.) (**Southern Division**)

September 23: Train Show, 605 N. Collins Ave., **Plant City** 33563, 863-412-3090 (**H.B. Plant City Railroad Historical Society**)

October 6: 65th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

October 13: Columbian Club of Osceola County, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 347449 (**Regal Railways**, above)

October 27: New Lake Civic Association, 8330 Civic Rd., **Port Richey** 34668 (**Regal Railways**, above)

November 17: Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd., **Jacksonville** 32224, 10A-3P (**Southern Division**)

November 17: Hillsborough County Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 33527 (**Regal Railways**, above)

December 1: Schultz Space Coast Train Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schulz Space Coast Trains**, above)

December 1: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

December 15 & 16: Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, Special Events Center, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 North, **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, above)

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Jeff Mayer, jcmayer@gmail.com or call 321-297-0501.

Promotion and Attendance at Train Meets

In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we will print a schedule of upcoming shows in each quarter's *The Layout* and on 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 already have 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 Jay Zschau** (email: jayz@penningtonlaw.com or phone 727-784-8490) and let him know. Jay will get flyers to you to take to the meet and leave out for others. If possible, please give Jay at least a week or more notice to ensure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help!

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American Flyer Trains by A. C. Gilbert. Buy, sell, repairs done. Diesel bushings redone. Single motor, \$25; Double motor, \$40 (includes general servicing and parts). Call or write Chris Lucibello: 2483 Pinellas Point Dr. S., St. Petersburg 33712; 727-867-3465, email: karen.lucibello@verizon.net.

I am always looking to buy pre-war, post-war and modern era O gauge trains as well as G gauge and Marklin trains. I am in Hobe Sound in Southeast Florida. Contact Al Galli, 772-219-7653, email: algalli@embarqmail.com

For Sale: Std. gauge tracks both Ives & Lionel good cond. need cleaning; misc. std. gauge switches 222 green & black; elec. 210 green & black manual; "O" gauge switches 3 pair 022; & other assorted #s. All in working order, make offer. Jeff Sawyer (904) 891-7395 or email jeff.sawverriviera@att.net

Switch List is a free service to Southern Division Members. Send your ads (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan. **Ads must be renewed prior to each issue of *The Layout*.** You may renew your ad for **one** issue at a time by contacting Mary via email, mia1@tampabay.rr.com, or snail mail, 1800 Follow-Thru Rd. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

**The deadline for articles, photos, etc.
for the next issue of *The Layout* is
September 1, 2018. Thank you.**