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Barbara & Mike Mills



L-R: VP Jay Zschau, Bob Burch,  
and Steve Lukefahr

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Thanks.  
Jake Jacob, WebMaster

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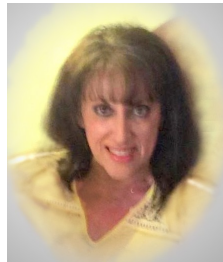
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Please inform **Dienzel Dennis** of all address changes. Do not send address changes to the editor of *The Layout* as that will only delay processing. Thank you.

**Check out the Southern Division Website:**  
[www.tcasoutherndivision.org](http://www.tcasoutherndivision.org) and also our  
**Facebook page:** [Train Collector's Association-Southern Division.](#)

**Members ~**

**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

Wow! Another Christmas is upon us! It seems like such a short time ago that I got everything packed up from Christmas 2017 and put away. However, I think I'm ahead of last year as our tree is already up and decorated with two trains running underneath it (one Lionel Standard Gauge and one O Gauge). In homage to our Department 56 Collector friends I have about 30+ Snow Village pieces scattered among the trains and on our back porch. Of course, by the time this goes to print and you read it, the 2018 holidays will be happy memories, we'll be headed into the New Year and all this will be packed away for next year!

Speaking of 2019, we have two great meets coming up - February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fort Pierce (see Meet Story on page 4) and Largo which has been moved to April 27<sup>th</sup>. Both promise to be great meets. While I'll be out of the country for the February meet, I hope many of you will be there and I'll plan to see you in Largo. If you didn't have the opportunity to be in Orlando for our September 2018 train meet, you should definitely plan to be there next year. It was a great weekend as Mike Mills and crew did a super job with the meet as well as a dinner and show & tell on Friday evening. We also had a productive strategic planning session with the Board and a dozen or so members on Sunday following the meet. More on that in the future; but in the meantime, if you have any interest in volunteering with the SD or have ideas to improve our division, please don't hesitate to contact me or VP Jay Zschau.

Plans for the 2020 TCA National Convention are progressing well. Although it still a year and a half away, time will fly by. The Hyatt Regency Riverfront in downtown Jacksonville completed renovations this past summer from the 2017 hurricane, and the lobby and exhibition space are wonderful! Our convention committee is hoping to meet soon to tour the space and further our joint efforts with the Dept. 56 Collectors. Bill Trappen continues to work with Stu Rankin on convention car options. December 31 is their deadline and official announcements should follow by late spring or early summer.

Again, I ask for an army of volunteers to help with the convention . . . load in and out (trading floor), registration desk, security, and tour escorts. I've started a list, so let me know if I can add your name to it.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year; and, as always - **Happy Collecting!** *Steve*

## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER "Membership - Front and Center"



On both the TCA National and Southern Division (SD) levels, greater emphasis is being placed on developing new members. The "WIN BIG" project at National is starting to bring in new TCA members, thereby growing and strengthening our national organization. At Southern Division, we began a membership development program by writing letters to the unaffiliated TCA members residing in the jurisdiction of the Southern Division. The results thus far have been excellent (in the first three months after mailing the letter, we have received 35 paid applications).

The point of all this is to develop our unaffiliated TCA members which increases our ability to serve our current members better. It also enables new like-minded model railroad operators and collectors to experience the benefits of the biggest and best model railroad organization. It brings new members to serve on Boards and Committees, it strengthens us financially, it increases the attendance at our train shows, it brings in new members who take tables and display their collections, it provides an opportunity for new members to experience the friendship and camaraderie that all of us enjoy.

Membership recruitment is not just in the purview of a few people, it really takes all of us to get involved. Each TCA and Southern Division new member is a recruiter.

### **So - the question arises, "How do we as individuals grow our divisions?"**

- \* Talk membership with the unaffiliated at train meets.
- If you have a table, get a supply of "WIN BIG" membership applications and SD applications, remembering that on the "WIN BIG" application you should print your name and TCA number so that you get credit toward a chance to win a "Big Boy" and a year's free dues.
- \* Tout the benefits of National and Southern Division membership to your family and friends.
  - Stress the high value of National and Division membership and the great opportunity to develop new train friendships, and gain more knowledge about and have more fun with your hobby.
- \* Work with the division to promote "WIN BIG."

These are but a few ideas that we can work on to grow our organization. As I've said before, **get involved** - it's **your** organization and **your** hobby. **Let's all get together to make a great organization even better!**

In the meantime - "**Keep Trainin'!**" *Jay*

**FORT PIERCE MEET STORY**  
**February 2, 2019**  
**The Havert L. Fenn Center**

The Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, FL 34982, (772-462-1521) again will serve as the host venue for our 2019 train meet.

**Meet Hours:** **8:30A** to TCA members and **9:00A-2:00P** to the general public

**Directions:** From I-95, take Exit 129. Go East on Rt. 70 (Okeechobee Rd.) for 1.2 miles. Turn RIGHT on Virginia Ave. Go 1.6 miles to the building on the left. From the Florida Turnpike, take Exit 152. Go East on Rt. 70 for 2.1 miles. Turn RIGHT on Virginia Ave. Go 1.6 miles to the building on the left.

**Admission:** \$5.00/person with free admission to a child 12 and under when accompanied by an adult (limit one per family)

**Workshops:** Several operating layouts will be on display, but there is room for many more. If anyone wishes to bring a layout or knows someone or a club that might be interested, please contact Meet Host **Al Galli**.

**Hotel:** There is no designated meet hotel but several, reasonably priced, are located at I-95 Exit 129.

**Food:** Coffee, drinks and snacks will be offered for sale at the Fenn Center.

**Table Holders:** Early set up currently is scheduled for Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30-4:00P and 7:00-9:00A on the day of the meet. All table holders are asked to contact me the week of January 14<sup>th</sup> to confirm that these will be the hours for set up. Electrical power is available (no extra charge), but please specify on your registration form.

**Tables:** 8 feet, \$20 for TCA SD members and \$30 for TCA non-SD members - remember that all helpers must be a current spouse or a current member of the TCA in good standing.

**Note:** An SD Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 3:00P at the Fenn Center. Any SD member is invited; but if you wish to attend, contact VP Jay Zschau (contact info on page 2 of this newsletter) prior to the meeting.

**Open House:** Brad Woodward's home, 5712 Tangelo Dr., Fort Pierce 34982, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-9:00P (only 15 minutes from the Fenn Center). Directions from the Fenn Center: go East on Hwy. 70 to US 1 and turn RIGHT (south). Count 9 traffic lights on US 1 (about 5 miles) to Easy Street. Turn LEFT at traffic light. Go 3 stop signs, and turn LEFT on Tangelo Dr. Go to second block, to 6th house on the RIGHT. Cell 772-577-3881

**Meet Host:** Al Galli, 772-219-7653 or [algalli@embarqmail.com](mailto:algalli@embarqmail.com)

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TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting  
November 16, 2018  
Morocco Shrine Auditorium, Jacksonville, FL

I. Call to order: by President Steve Johnson at 2:05 p.m.

II. Attendees: President Steve Johnson, Vice-President Jay Zschau, Treasurer Mike Powell, and Communications Officer Bill Trappen. Also attending was Henry Snyder, Jacksonville Meet Host.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: September 2018 Orlando BOD Meeting Minutes previously were approved by email.

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IV. Meet Reports:

- A. Jacksonville: Mr. Snyder reported that 50 tables have been sold and 60 tables have been set up. Regarding next year's meet, Mr. Snyder reported that the proposed sale of the MSA facility fell through. He also reported that this is not the first time a sale has fallen through, and it will go back on the market. But due to the lead time involved in completing a new sale, the facility is expected to be available for rental again next November.
- B. Fort Pierce (2/2/19): Mr. Johnson reported that meet host Al Galli told him at York that it was going OK.
- C. Largo (4/27/19): a phone call was made to meet host Charlie Anyan who reported that he has locked in the date and will finalize a contract with the facility rental manager.
- D. Orlando: Mr. Trappen reported that Mike Mills advised him that the Lake Nona Middle School wants us to return to have another meet in 2019. A date of September 21<sup>st</sup> is our first choice to avoid conflicts with other shows and UCF home football games.

V. Officers' Reports:

- A. Vice-President's Report: Mr. Zschau reported that just last week letters were sent out to 440 TCA members in Florida who are not SD members inviting them to join the SD and that he had already received responses from that mailing from 7 paid-up new members who joined. More are expected to be received. Mr. Zschau also reported that he is working on the by-law changes and also that they need to be reviewed by national which we should plan to do before we present them to the membership in a referendum. Mr. Zschau also is planning to revise the Officer's Handbook and is soliciting changes and ideas. Regarding the Awards, no report has yet been received from John Bailey. It was suggested that we again consider having a banquet to present the awards, and it makes sense to have it during the timeframe of the Orlando meet next September. Regarding elections, we will ask for nominations at the business meeting tomorrow. Mr. Zschau also mentioned the TCA "Win Big" recruiting campaign and that despite being a relatively small division, the division can still win a prize for highest percentage new membership growth.
- B. Secretary's Report: in the absence of Mr. Dennis, Mr. Powell unofficially reported that currently we have 397 paid members (not counting the 7 new members mentioned above).
- C. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Powell distributed the Orlando meet financial report along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report. The Orlando meet exceeded financial expectations with a net income of \$500+. Table sales and paid attendance were higher than expected while the facility rental cost was lower than expected. The treasurer's report shows \$16,279.06 in assets as of 9/30/18; however, 2019 dues are now being received. A motion was made to accept the report which was seconded and unanimously passed.
- D. Communications Officer's Report: Mr. Trappen summarized his analysis of the effectiveness of the various advertising sources used for the Orlando meet as shown on the survey of meet attendees. Results showed that placing flyers at other trains shows had the most impact and that the paid ads in Classic Toy Trains (CTT) and Model Railroader (MR) magazines brought in more attendee dollars than they cost. Therefore, Mr. Trappen submitted paid ads in CTT and MR for the Fort Pierce meet. He also identified other places he has been advertising our meets. We still need a webmaster and will ask for a volunteer at the business meeting and in the newsletter.
- F. The Layout Editor's Report: Mary Anyan sent her report by email in which she requested that items for the next newsletter be sent to her not later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- G. 2020 National Convention Report: Mr. Johnson reported that plans are progressing well for the 2020 Convention and that the hotel has completely renovated the space that had been damaged in the flood due to the hurricane last year. He will put together a budget.

VI. Old Business: follow-up to Strategic Planning Meeting – Mr. Johnson and Mr. Zschau are reviewing the recommendations.

VII. New Business: Mr. Johnson has received requests from some members for SD shirts. Should we order new shirts? Mr. Johnson will research. The suggestion was made to reverse the colors (green with yellow graphics next time).

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

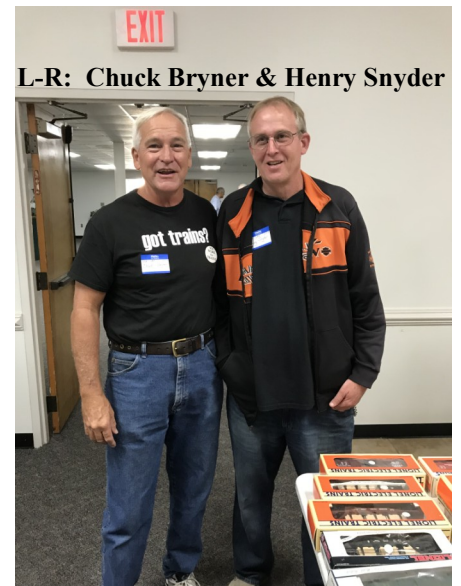
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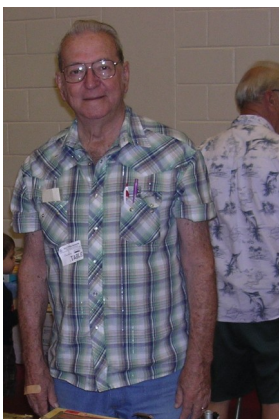


Atlantic Coast S Gaugers



L-R: Chuck Bryner & Henry Snyder

**Southern Division "Passings"**



**We lost our beloved and good train buddy Denton Hines of Bradenton on October 26. He was at home in the comfort of his family and his devoted, loving wife, Lois. We remember Denton as a "can do guy." He was always available with the talent and skills to make repairs on our broken trains and to give advice on any model train question we may have. As a longtime member of the Southern Division of the TCA, Denton very capably served as our SD Treasurer for many years and was awarded the "Tin Plate Tycoon" award for his outstanding work to our organization. At home he was one of the original members who started the Train Guys Breakfast in Sarasota, which is now in its 8th year and going strong with 45 members. Denton could always be found at the big York train show as well as our Florida SD shows, during which he conducted a free train repair clinic for our members. Denton was a very good train buddy who will be missed by many and loved by all.**

The Southern Division extends its sincerest condolences to SD Member Chris Lucibello on the passing of his wife Karen on Friday, October 12. May she rest in peace.

## Upcoming 2019 Florida Train Meets/Shows/Seminars

**January 5:** Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street, **Brooksville** 33601 (Joe Schramm, joe@regalrailways.com; 727-441-2159; www.regalrailways.com, all shows 9A-2P) (**Regal Railways**)

**January 12-13:** 66<sup>th</sup> Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (contact Charles W. Miller, 703-536-2954, rrshows@aol.com; www.gserr.com) (**Golden Spike**)

**January 19:** Elks Lodge, 401 North Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**January 19-20:** Martin County Model Railroaders Annual Train Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy., **Stuart** 34996, 9A-3P, Contact Bill Smet cgwbill@aol.com, www.martincountymodelrailroaders.com

**February 2:** The Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., **Fort Pierce** 34982 (**Southern Division**) see **Meet Story p. 4**

**February 2-3:** The Villages Model Train Show & Sale, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 9A-4P Saturday, 10A-3P Sunday, (Contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, samathis@bellsouth.net or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079, cbyrd@cfl.rr.com)

**February 9:** 40<sup>th</sup> Jacksonville Rail Fair, Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., **Jacksonville** 32204 (**Golden Spike**, above)

**February 9:** Zitnik Trains Clinic - Jon Addison - "Making Rock Structures From Foam" (9A), 5193 73rd Ave., N. **Pinellas Park** 33781 (727-201-9668)

**February 10:** Spring Parking Lot Swap Meet (**Zitnik Trains**, above)

**February 16:** New Lake Civic Association, 8330 Civic Rd., **Port Richey** 34668 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**February 23:** The Columbia Club of Osceola, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee**, FL 33474 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**March 2:** Schultz Space Coast Train Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schulz Space Coast Trains**, SchultzSpaceCoastTrains.com, 321-805-1963)

**March 2:** Train Show, First Christian Church, 1908 SE Fort King St., **Ocala** 34471, 9A-3P, contact Bob Chadwick, 352-694-6381 (**Silver Springs Lions Club**)

**March 9-10:** Train Show/Swap Meet, Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd., **Palmetto** 34221 (**RealRail**)

**March 23:** U.S. Army National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**April 6:** 67<sup>th</sup> Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

**April 20:** Lopez Inc. Hall 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**April 27:** **Largo** - see Meet Story in the Spring issue of *The Layout*.

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.tcasouthernndivision.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 meets 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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### SWITCH LIST



Are you ready to **Sell** or **Thin out** your **Train and Toy collections**? Please call **Dick Wilsen** (Sarasota): **941-374-2288**.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.sawyer@att.net](mailto:jeff.sawyer@att.net)

"Wanted by Alaska Railroad Collector, Lionel Alaska #9117 TCA" marked black covered hopper from 1978. Comes with no box. Any condition accepted except completely destroyed. Call Don at 772-281-2316. Thank you in advance for your help.

**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](mailto: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  
March 1, 2019. Thank you.**