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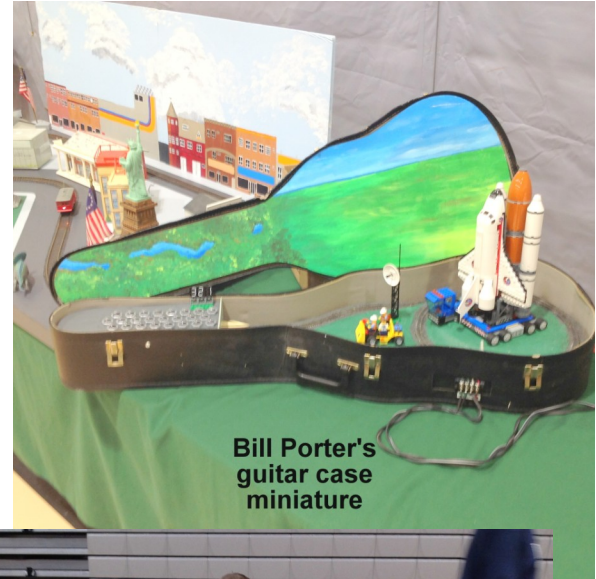
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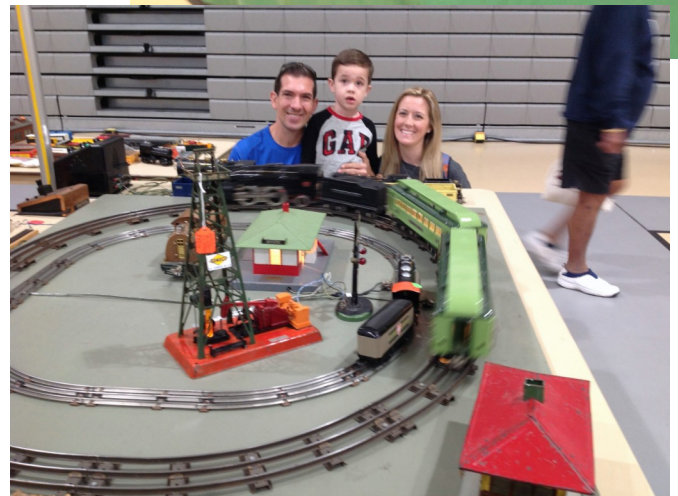


This happy grandpa was introducing his grands to toy trains (and they won prizes, so they were happy, too!).

Fort
Pierce
Meet
2019



Bill Porter's guitar case miniature



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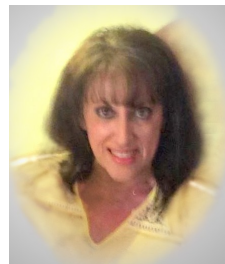
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Please inform **Dienzel Dennis** of all address changes. Do not send address changes to the editor of *The Layout* as that will only delay processing. Thank you.

Check out the Southern Division Website:
www.tcasoutherndivision.org 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

The Fort Pierce meet was held on February 2 at the Fenn Center; and while I was unable to attend, by all reports it was a great success! Meet Host Al Galli continues to host a better show each year with over 300 attending this year. He's already reserved the Fenn Center for next year's meet on January 25.

As noted in earlier columns, the Largo meet has moved from its traditional January date to April this year. The meet will continue at the MinnReg Hall and will be held April 27 (see Meet Story on page 4 of this newsletter.) Charlie Anyan diligently is working to make the meet a great success, but he could use your help. By all means, please plan to attend; but also, if you are anywhere near that area please let Charlie know if you are willing and able to help in any way.

Mike Mills already is well underway planning this year's meet on September 21 at Lake Nona Middle School in the Orlando area. He has a wonderful and devoted group of helpers, and I have no doubt that it will be at least as successful as last year's smashing success!

In addition to the meet hosts mentioned above (as well as Henry Snyder and Chuck Bryner working on November's meet in Jacksonville), we have a great and dedicated group of volunteers. Many thanks to Bill Trappen who has stepped up as our Communications Director. Bill's busy in that role but also has devoted hours to his other role as convention car chair for the 2020 National Convention. His long history of participation in the SD (including past president) is to be lauded. Also, many thanks to Jake Jacob for his years of devoted service as the SD Webmaster, and welcome to Bill Porter who recently took over as Webmaster! Our VP Jay Zschau continues to fill in roles in many different aspects at both the Division as well as National levels of TCA, from membership recruitment, By-Laws review/update, and strategic planning initiatives. He even drove over from Gainesville (visiting family) to attend our Convention Planning Committee meeting in Jacksonville on March 2.



As noted above, we held a committee meeting on March 2 for planning the 2020 TCA National Convention at the Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront. Following a tour of the hotel's meeting facilities, the committee worked on plans for registration, tours, the Marketplace (trading hall), convention cars and souvenirs, as well as a host of other topics. As previously reported, this will be a joint convention with the Department 56 Collectors Clubs which requires us to rethink some of our traditional TCA Convention guidelines. TCA National Convention Committee Chair Bob Keller drove all the way down from Atlanta. Other members came from all over Florida for a lengthy but productive meeting. With only about 15 months remaining until the convention, the amount of work to be done seems a little daunting, but I have no doubt that this dedicated group of volunteers will pull off a Convention to make all members of the Southern Division proud! Convention car designs are being finalized and include a special D56 item which should all be announced this fall.

Lastly, my perennial appeal for help – we're always looking for volunteers to help out our Southern Division in many different capacities, particularly for meet hosts and for the 2020 convention, where we'll need an army of volunteers to help with everything from load in and out (trading floor) to security to tour escorts. If you are interested in helping, please let me know as I am beginning to compile a list.

As always, I'm always open to input with fresh ideas or even constructive criticism; so feel free to email, call, or stop and chat with me at one of our upcoming meets.

Happy Collecting!
Steve

**SD Passing: Dick Wilsen reported that SD Member Barry Alexander passed in January.
May he rest in paradise.**

Largo Meet Story
April 27, 2019
(early set up on Friday the 26th)

The Largo Meet again will be held at the Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773.

Set Up for table holders will be Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 7-9 a.m. During set up, the building only will be open to table holders and **authorized** helpers. **Remember to list full name(s) of any helpers on the Registration Form. All helpers must be a family member or a current member of the TCA in good standing.** On Friday the 26th, we must vacate the building not later than 5 p.m.

Tables: 8 feet, \$20 for TCA SD members and \$30 for non-TCA SD members. Please send your completed Table Registration Form and payment **in advance of the meet** as it is hectic during Friday set up and the morning of the meet to handle administrative duties.

Meet Host: Charlie Anyan, canyan1@tampabay.rr.com, 727-345-0288

Meet Hours: 9 a.m. to TCA members; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. to the public

Board of Directors' Meeting: Friday, the 26th, 3 p.m. - Advise VP Jay Zschau in advance if you plan to attend.

SD Members' Meeting: Saturday the 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Admission: \$5.00/person with free admission to a child 12 and under when accompanied by an adult

Activities: door prize drawings for adults and children throughout the day; drag races; kids' Scavenger Hunt and play area

Food: Food trucks will be on site as food is no longer offered for sale by the Minnreg administrative staff.

Hotel: Tampa Bay Extended Stay Hotel, 6500 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33771, 727-532-4800, www.tampabayesh.com. This is the closest hotel to the meet. All rooms are studio efficiencies and include kitchen with a two-burner stovetop, microwave, dorm-sized refrigerator, pans and dinnerware. Regular rates: \$84.74 single, \$96.04 double (taxes included). Check at registration for TCA discount. Other, reasonably priced lodging in the area is available.

Directions to above hotel:

- **From Hwy. 19 Northbound:** turn left on Ulmerton Rd. (Hwy. 688), go to 66th St. N., make a U-turn & go back one block to hotel.
- **From Hwy. 19 Southbound:** take 66th St. N. exit (State Route 693), go to 2nd stoplight & turn left onto Ulmerton Rd. Hotel is one block on the right.
- **From I-275 Northbound:** take the Roosevelt Blvd. exit (Hwy. 685) - **don't miss this turn or you'll end up in Tampa!** Keep left and go west/north to where Roosevelt merges into Ulmerton Rd. Follow directions as above.
- **From I-275 Southbound:** take the Ulmerton Rd. exit (Hwy. 688), drive west to 66th St. and follow directions as above.

Open House: TCA SD member Dave Zitnik and wife Gale graciously have agreed to again host an open house at their store, Zitnik Trains, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday the 26th. Sandwiches, beverages, snacks and desserts will be offered.
www.zitniktrains.com

Directions: **From Hwy. 19**, exit at Park Blvd. N. go west to the McDonald's at Park Blvd. and 52nd St. (the store is just behind/south of McDonald's). Look for the large Zitnik Trains / Jersey Dan's sign.

From I-275: take the Gandy Blvd./Park Blvd. exit, and go west (Gandy turns into Park). Follow instructions as above.



TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2019

The Fenn Center, Fort Pierce, FL

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Vice President Jay Zschau.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following in attendance: Mr. Zschau; Mr. Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; and Past Presidents Brad Woodard and Charles Anyan. Communications Officer Bill Trappen participated by phone. Also present were Bill Porter, the SD's new Web Master, Fort Pierce Meet Host Al Galli, and Orlando Area Meet Host Mike Mills.

The minutes of the Jacksonville 2018 BOD meeting were approved and printed in the Winter issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Zschau submitted his report on SD and TCA membership and also discussed the revision of our club By-laws and this ongoing process. He requested input from the board. With prior approval from President Steve Johnson, Mr. Zschau appointed Bill Porter as the SD's new Web Master, replacing Jake Jacobs. All in attendance agreed that Mr. Jacobs has done a tremendous job over the years and that Mr. Porter possesses the skills to assume this position. (His contact info is found on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Mr. Dennis gave the Secretary's report, previously emailed, which stated that the SD currently has 892 member listings in our database: 1 honorary member; 393 active, paid members; 428 inactive members from the last 10 years; and 70 deceased members over the last 10 years. This is the first time in a few years that the SD has been this close to 400 members just after the New Year's signups. Mr. Zschau, who spearheaded and tirelessly worked on the recruitment campaign, deserves great credit for his efforts. Many thanks also go to everyone who assisted. The report was approved.

Mr. Powell gave the Treasurer's report which consisted of the financials of the Jacksonville meet, the 4th Quarter 2018 report, and the 2019 Budget. After a brief discussion, this report was approved and will be included in the Spring newsletter.

Mr. Trappen presented his Communications Officer's report. He informed the board of all of the advertising expenses and means for SD meets. He briefly mentioned the TCA 2020 National Convention in Jacksonville and the work taking place on this project. His report was approved.

Mr. Galli gave an update of tomorrow's meet and stated that over 100 tables will be filled with trains for our members and the public. We will not have a joint meet with the NMRA as previously explored.

Mr. Anyan reported on National information as well as his meet in Largo on April 27. The site rental will increase next year, and he will research other venues. This year's meet is satisfactorily progressing; however, food availability is an issue, and he is checking on food trucks to fill this gap.

Mr. Woodward reported on the SD's Kids Club as well as the National Kids Club. Kids Clubs are divided into 2 groups – teenagers, and those 12 and under. He also is hosting an Open House at his home tonight from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

SD members are being sought to work at the spring York show and also the National Convention in Albuquerque this summer. Tables advertising our Jacksonville 2020 National Convention will be set up, and members are needed to assist.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In a recent article in the TCA National Headquarters News, our National President Rupert Campbell made reference to the need for volunteers to serve both at the national level and on the local level. He is so right! He made the point: "... there are TCA members out there who have business and life experiences that would be a huge benefit to our divisions if you will step forward and identify where you would like to help. I'm sure someone will assist you in helping all of us."

In the Southern Division, that person is me and every other officer, director, meet host, and committee chair. SD wants **you**. Some areas in particular that need help are assistants to our meet hosts. And if you're in an area in which we currently don't have train shows, the SD needs people who will take on the role of Meet Host and get a train show set up. Perhaps train shows could be offered in places like Fort Myers, the southeast coast of Florida, possibly Tallahassee or Panama City. There is a lot to be gained by getting involved in these activities – making new friends, receiving new sources of information about model trains, and the satisfaction of accomplishing something worthwhile.

Another area that you'll be hearing more about as we approach it is our National Convention in Jacksonville in June of 2020. Plans for the convention are being firmed up, and there are many areas of service available to our members to contribute to this very special event. Our convention in Jacksonville is shaping up to be one of the best. Plans are being made for some great tours. As always, the TCA National Board of Directors has its annual meeting, so there is an opportunity to see how the National TCA functions and what it hopes to accomplish in the coming fiscal year. The annual membership meeting also takes place during the convention. This is an opportunity to share your views about TCA. And, of course, the annual banquet is always a highlight.

There is, as our National President has pointed out in the National Headquarters News, an easy way to get involved and to help your organization. And that is to recruit one new member to join TCA. If you do that, you will make an impact on our future. As President Campbell has stated, "...find a younger person who might be interested in model trains; become a mentor, introduce them to the toy train hobby, offer to take them to a meet, and help them start their own collection or operating layout. Tell them about other train meets, the educational aspects both in trains and how to build a layout, the friendships, the free TCA publications they will receive, our online services, the National Toy Train Library and the National Toy Train Museum."

You are a member of the world's greatest organization of people of the world's greatest hobby. Let's keep it strong, and let's help it grow so that others can enjoy it in years to come.

In the meantime,
Keep Trainin'
Jay



Webmaster Updates

(From Bill Trappen): On page 2 in this issue you will notice a new face in the photos of Officers & Other Division Officials. In the last issue we advertised for a new Webmaster to replace our long-serving, first Webmaster, "Jake" Jacob. Not only has Jake served as Southern Division webmaster ever since the SD has had a website, but he also served for many years as co-editor of *The Layout*. He and his late wife Naomi were fixtures at our meets, and Jake also helped out as the photographer at meets for as long as we can remember. Jake now lives in North Carolina and recently requested that we begin a search for a new Webmaster so that he can step aside and enjoy a well-deserved retirement. We thank Jake for his many years of dedicated service to the Southern Division and wish him well in his retirement.

This is Jake
"retiring"!



Now we will let Bill introduce himself!



My first train was an American Flyer figure-8 set with the cardboard trestles. I was just starting school. Later I moved on to HO and then N for over 40 years. Once I developed grandfather eyes, I became interested in larger trains and tinplate. One of the treats from my train career is to take portable layouts to shows and meetings. That gives me a chance to talk with the visitors and double the fun for me. After teaching high school Math for 4 years in the '60s, I began supporting my family by programming computers and managing other programmers. Currently, I maintain a couple of websites for my employer and another for myself. It seems to me that web site work is a lot like portable layouts. It is pleasant work and I get to communicate with other train nuts. I have never met a train I didn't like.

This is
Bill's work space!



Fort Pierce
2019



Meet Host Al Galli



Barbara Mills and
Judy Tashjian



SD Treasurer
Mike Powell





part of Brad's layout



Augie Staebler



more of Brad's layout



a winning ticket holder!



Dienzel said the SD may have to start an amusement park!



Roy Lash

Fort Pierce BOD Meeting Minutes (cont'd.)

Mr. Mills reported on the progress of the Orlando area meet on September 21. Layouts have been committed, a drag strip race will be set up, and helpers from the Children's Home and school clubs again will be available to assist at the meet. Those who utilized these teenagers last year really appreciated their help in loading and unloading trains, etc. A Saturday evening banquet is being organized to honor members receiving awards for their contributions to our club.

Mr. Powell motioned, seconded by Brad Woodard, that at all future shows, adults (13 and over) will be charged for admittance to our meets, and children 12 and under will be admitted without charge. Motion passed. **Reminder to membership:** anyone helping a table holder at SD meets must be a family member or a TCA SD member.

New Business: The SD Awards program was discussed and what is needed or expected. The board went into a brief Executive Session and then returned to the regular business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by
Dienzel Dennis
Secretary



Q. How do locomotives hear?
A. Through the engineers!

Q. Why are the railroad tracks angry?
A. Because people are always crossing them!

Q. What do you give a train driver for Christmas?
A. Platform shoes!

Q. Why can't the engineer be electrocuted?
A. Because he's not a conductor!

Q. What happened the man who took
the 5 o'clock train home?
A. He had to give it back!

Q. What is as big as a steam locomotive
but weighs nothing?
A. Its shadow!

Q. Why don't elephants like to ride on trains?
A. Because they hate leaving their
trunks in the baggage car!

Q. Why is that train engine humming?
A. Because it doesn't know the words!

Got a couple of railway buffers going cheap.
It was an end-of-the line sale.

I've always liked one-liners.
That's why I'm a fan of monorails.

I know someone who tried to run away after camouflaging a railway.
He tried to cover his tracks.

Credit: <https://toytraincenter.com/100-train-jokes/>



Upcoming 2019 Florida Train Meets/Shows

April 6: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (contact Charles W. Miller, 703-536-2954, rrshows@aol.com; www.gserr.com) (**Golden Spike**)

April 11-13: TCA Eastern Division, **York, PA**

April 13: Suncoast Model Railroad Club, Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave. N., **Largo** 33773 (9A-3P)

April 20: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (Joe Schramm, joe@regalrailways.com; 727-441-2159; www.regalrailways.com, all shows 9A-2P) (**Regal Railways**)

April 27: **Largo (Southern Division)** - see **Meet Story p. 4**

May 11: Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street, **Brooksville** 33601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

June 1: Melbourne Train & Toy Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P) (**Schulz Space Coast Trains**, SchultzSpaceCoastTrains.com, 321-805-1963)

June 1-2: Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 N., **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, above)

June 8: Train Show, First Christian Church, 1908 SE Fort King St., **Ocala** 34471, 9A-3P, contact Bob Chadwick, 352-694-6381 (**Silver Springs Lions Club**)

July 14: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

August 17-18: 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)

August 24: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

September 7: Melbourne Train & Toy Show (**Schulz Space Coast Trains**, above)

September 21: Lake Nona (Orlando Area) (**Southern Division**) (Meet Story and Table Registration Form in Summer newsletter)

November 3: Zitnik Trains Fall Parking Lot Swap Meet, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781

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 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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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: Standard 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.sawyerrivera@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, maryanyan.mia1@gmail.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
June 1, 2019. Thank you.**