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## "Make Trax to Jax"

Join the fun on Saturday, November 23, at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium - Meet Story on page 5.

*And speaking of "Make Trax to Jax" . . .*

We hope you are making plans and encouraging your relatives and friends to attend the 2020 TCA and Department 56 Collectors Jointly-Hosted Convention in Jacksonville from June 21-28, 2020. See Steve Johnson's info on page 3, and check out page 7 for convention information regarding Souvenir Water Towers, T-shirts, and "cast-off" cars. Also, be sure to visit our secure website: <https://tcasoutherndivision.org> for information on tours which will be offered during the convention. (*The Layout* Editor already has selected hers!)

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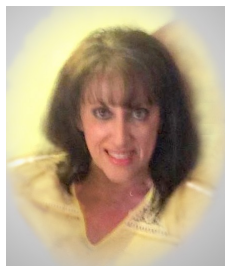
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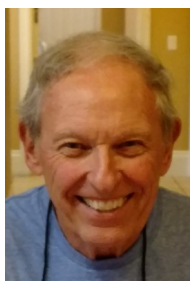
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Please inform **Dienzel Dennis** of all address changes.  
Do not send address changes to the editor of *The Layout*  
as that will only delay processing. Thank you.

**Check out the Southern Division Website:**  
[www.tcasoutherndivision.org](http://www.tcasoutherndivision.org) and also our Facebook  
page: [Train Collector's Association-Southern Division](#).  
Send FB submissions to Steve Johnson (for Linda)  
or Bill Porter.

**Check out the TCA's Social Media Pages!**  
**Facebook:** Train Collectors Association TM and  
TCA-Train Collectors Association Toy Train Discussion;  
**Instagram:** @TrainCollectors Association; and  
**Twitter:** @TCAnational  
(Invite your contacts to "Like" and "Follow" them!)

## Members ~

Thank you to the many who electronically receive  
your copy of *The Layout*.



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

by

**Steve Johnson**

Although my wife and I were unable to attend the “trifecta” of activities in Orlando last month, I’ve heard from several that it was jam-packed with camaraderie among members and families, great fun and lots of laughs, interesting special guests, a great amount of train sales, delicious food, and awards presented to deserving folks. Mike Mills, Bill Trappen, and all who assisted them are to be commended. At the invitation of SD Vice President Jay Zschau, TCA National President Peter Atonna flew in from his home in Arizona to attend the meet, attend the banquet, present awards, and see it done the “Southern Division” way.

Chuck Bryner continues work on the November 23rd show in Jacksonville, so please distribute flyers and get your table registration forms to him as soon as you can. I strongly encourage you to attend this show. You’ll be able to meet your 2020 TCA Convention Chairmen and Convention Treasurer Marianne Napolitano, get yourself updated on the many convention volunteer opportunities, and then sign up to assist! If time permits, check out the Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront, official convention hotel.



We thank our VP Jay Zschau who continues to fill roles in many different aspects at both the Division and National levels of TCA, from Membership Recruitment, By-Laws review/update, and Strategic Planning initiatives. Thanks also go to Bill Trappen who’s very busy not only as our Communications Officer, but he has devoted countless hours to his other role as Convention Car Chair for the TCA 2020 National Convention.

Plans for the Convention are proceeding on schedule. As previously reported, this will be a jointly hosted convention with the Department 56 Collectors. Check out the Registration link on the SD website, and also check the website for the latest info. You can peruse the tour packages so you can decide which interest you. We need folks to help with everything from load in and out (trading floor) to security to tour escorts. It truly does take a “village.”

We’re still looking for folks to sit at a table in York in October 2019, Jacksonville in November, Fort Pierce in January 2020, Pinellas Park in February 2020, and York in April 2020 to promote our convention. If you’re interested in helping, please let me (or the Meet Hosts) know as I have lists and *more* lists and still *more* lists compiled for ... everything!

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***

### Official Convention Baseball Cap

To complement the Official Convention T-shirt and other swag, please consider ordering one (or more) of these high-quality baseball caps (limited supply), priced at only \$15.00 per cap. Go to our website, or use the attached/inserted order form.



***The Southern Division salutes Jim Spangler!*** As you know, Jim has been the Distribution Manager of *The Layout* for many years. Every quarter, he and Charlie Anyan made a trip to the printer’s, loaded up boxes with our newsletters, took them to the bulk mail center at the Post Office, and completed the required, extensive paperwork. The SD Board of Directors recently approved allowing the woman who does our printing to handle it all, including taking the newsletters to the Post Office. Interesting tidbit ~ Jim has been our “bouncer” (as we at the Registration Desk fondly call him) at the Largo shows. His masterful diplomacy and humor diffused many situations which arose over the years, to include unhappy general public folks who demanded to enter the show before it officially opened, or those who tried their best to get in for free. He is a gentleman and a personal friend, and his years of service to the Southern Division are very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing Jim in Pinellas Park next year to reprise his “bouncer” role!

(submitted by Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor)



## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by  
**Jay Zschau**

The National Marketing Committee is rolling out this year's new "Win Big" contest, with more prizes and more winners. The new contest will offer five, \$500.00 certificates for use at designated vendors. Each winning participant will receive one of these certificates, which may be used to purchase trains or train-related items from the vendors participating in the contest. The five winners will be the five people who have signed up the most, new members during the period of the campaign during September 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020. In addition, all TCA members recruiting three or more new members will receive one year of paid (no charge) membership.

Participation in the contest is not difficult - just complete the TCA membership application making sure to clearly print your name, TCA number and Division at the bottom. This is a pre-requisite to getting credit for the new member. When TCA National Headquarters receives the application and the applicant's check, you will be on your way to getting a prize. It's really very easy, and contest rules are as follows:

Eligibility – Open to all members in good standing

Time Frame – September 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 (It's important to note that applications must be received by the National Business Office between those dates.)

Eligibility of Prospective Member – The applicant must be a new member applying for the first time; however, the applicant may be a former member who has been inactive for not less than one year.

Recruiter Requirements – In order to qualify the recruiter must fill out his or her name, TCA number and Division at the bottom of the "Win Big" application.

Prizes - One, free year of membership for a recruiter who submits three or more applications with a check for the first-year dues. There will be five, grand prizes awarded to the top five recruiters. As mentioned earlier the Grand Prizes are certificates from five, different vendors with each certificate valued at \$500.00. There are additional rules for the contest on the National Website, so take a look at it; it's not difficult, and if you sign up a winning number of members you get a \$500.00 certificate!

Another aspect of TCA National's efforts to recruit new and perhaps younger members has arisen coming out of our very successful Social Media program. It is an opportunity for Divisions and Chapters to directly contact people living in the jurisdiction of their Division and invite them to attend train shows and other public events. The goal is obvious: bring new members into TCA and the Southern Division. The idea is to have a Membership Coordinator responsible for making those contacts. National has received thousands of inquiries with contact information included. The contact information includes the person's name, email address, city and state. The National Business Office emails a membership package to the interested party. Each Division then receives contact information on the interested parties residing within their jurisdiction. The SD Membership Coordinator will have the ability to develop a list of the people who then could be invited to our train shows and other public events. All such people could be given an orange bag which would contain material on TCA National such as a membership brochure, a museum brochure, library information, and other relevant information on the benefits of TCA membership. The SD could add our own information to the orange bag, such as a membership application and also consider placing a gift of some sort in the bag. The bag itself could serve as a receptacle for purchases by the visitor at a show. In addition, the orange bag would identify that person as someone who might be a prospective member and to whom table holders and other members could make an effort to introduce themselves and invite the visitor to membership in TCA and Southern Division.

At this time, we are looking for a person or persons to serve as Membership Coordinator(s). If you are interested, please let me know.

In the meantime...

**"Keep Trainin"**

*Jay*



**Make Trax to Jax!**  
**JACKSONVILLE MEET STORY**  
**November 23, 2019**

Join us at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S., Jacksonville 32224. The location has very easy access from I-295 (the east side of the loop). [See map, next page.](#)

We will be utilizing the Activity Building which has a separate entry in the rear of the facility with its own dedicated parking lots. It is fully handicapped accessible. As in past years, we will have several, operating layouts.

**Meet Hours:** 9-10A for TCA members only and 10A-3P to the general public

**Admission:** \$5.00/person with free admission to children 12 and under

**Freebie Table:** We will continue our Jacksonville tradition of a FREEBIE table. We all have a story of how somebody gave us something free when we were first starting out to get us on our way. Bring items that are kitbashing candidates - those old cars missing trucks, toys for the kids, that HO caboose that you do not even recall where you got it, items ugly enough to not need weathering, or simply something you just do not have need to keep. It always amazes me to see how happy folks are that someone is still willing to share the hobby and expect nothing in return. PLEASE do not bring old toy train magazines or recent catalogs as no one takes them.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** The BOD plans to meet on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium. Any member is invited, but please contact Steve Johnson or Jay Zschau in advance if you plan to attend.

**Hotel:** The Morocco Shrine Auditorium has an offer with the Holiday Inn Jacksonville E 295 Baymeadows Rd. at 11083 Nursery Fields Dr., Jacksonville 32256, phone: **(904) 854-8000**. Tell the reservationist to use rate code **IP818**. This code gives you a rate cheaper than the Holiday Inn website or even the web searches. You cannot use the code for an online reservation. You must phone the hotel directly. There are many other hotels and options in the area.

**Food:** Coffee, drinks and snacks will be offered for sale by the Shriners from 10:30A-2:00P. All proceeds go to the charities they support.

**Also on site:** There will be a large Craft Fair in the front half of the building the same day as our train meet. It is a place for someone to spend some time while you slowly peruse every table without feeling time pressure.

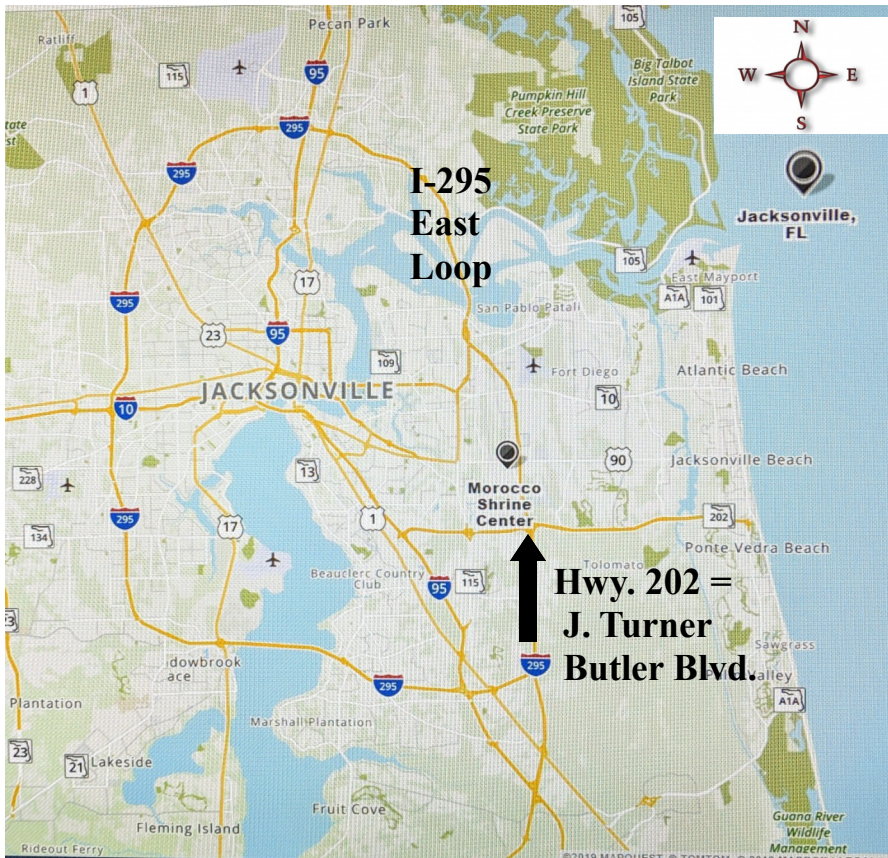
**Tables:** 8 feet, \$20 for TCA SD members and \$30 for TCA non-SD members. Do the math! If you plan to rent more than one table, join the division and get the newsletters and benefits for exactly the same you'd pay if you rented the table without joining.

**Table Holders:** Early set up currently is scheduled for Friday the 22nd from 3-7P and 7-9A on the day of the meet. No early birds, please, as we are limited to the hours stated in the contract. If anyone needs electrical power, it will be available (no extra charge); but note this on your Registration Form. I try to accommodate everyone's wishes, but be advised that the earlier you reserve your space the higher your desires will be on my priority list. Remember: all helpers must either be family members or a TCA member in good standing.

**Directions:** From I-295 East Beltway heading south, take the Beach Boulevard exit and turn right (west) and make a quick left turn onto St. Johns Bluff Road South. From I-295 East Beltway heading north, take the Town Center Parkway / Univ of North Florida exit, turn left (west) and a quick right onto St. Johns Bluff Road heading north (you can't go south). The Morocco Shrine Auditorium has a very large sign and is a very prominent structure on the west side of St. Johns Bluff Road. **(See map on next page.)**

**Meet Host:** Chuck Bryner, 606 Chivas Court, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 272-7060 before 9:00 PM please as our house gets up at 4:30 AM for work. Email: [bryner@comcast.net](mailto:bryner@comcast.net)





**2020 TCA National Convention Chairmen**

**Kneeling, L-R: Steve Molnar; Larry Shugart; Chuck Bryner (replaced by Mike Setzer)**

**Standing, L-R: Brad Woodward; Bill Trappen; Mike Mills; Fred Gorbell; Lloyd Lippert; Steve Johnson**

**They'll be at the Jax Meet; so stop by, say hi, and offer your services at the convention.**

**L-R: Clark & Ilene Vegazo; Bill & Rosemary Trappen; Steve & Linda Johnson; Kathleen Scianna & her father John**



**2019**

**Albuquerque Convention and Tour Photos**

**(courtesy of Bill Trappen and Clark Vegazo)**

**(more photos on p. 22)**





## 2020 JOINT TCA & DEPARTMENT 56 COLLECTORS CONVENTION SOUVENIR WATER TOWER - **UPDATE!**



As you read in the Summer issue of *The Layout*, the Convention Committee is offering, in addition to convention cars, a souvenir item that will have crossover appeal to both train collectors and D56 collectors - a Department 56 Souvenir Water Tower with the Disney Duck logo. Please see the Summer issue of the newsletter or the SD website for the interesting back-story on this one-of-a-kind item with the duck logo.

So that you don't miss out on this unique souvenir, place your order today using the Order Form attached to or included with this newsletter. You may order as many as you wish. Payments **CAN NOW** be made on the SD website via PayPal **and** credit cards. The SD recently received certification to make the website "secure" so that payments made via the website are not compromised. The new website address is: <https://tcasoutherndivision.org>. You won't want to miss this deal!

### 2020 Convention T-Shirts



See the lovely lady in the photo, modeling the 2020 Convention t-shirt? That's Rosemary Trappen, and she encourages you to place your order for one (or more) of these high-quality shirts! Available sizes are M/L/XL @ \$15 each, 2XL @ \$18 each, and 3XL @ \$20 each. This is an easy process - just buy a shirt or place your order: 1) at our Convention table at upcoming SD meets (or York October 2019 or York April 2020) via check or money order; or 2) through our secure website (see above). You may only pick up these shirts at an SD meet or York meet - no direct shipping will be available. See the order form attached to or included with this newsletter.

### WANTED - "CAST OFF" O GAUGE AND O-27 GAUGE TRAIN CARS

In preparation for the 2020 TCA National Convention in Jacksonville, we are hard at work planning and developing the many details necessary to make this a great memory for all.

As you're aware, the SD is co-hosting this convention with the Department 56 Collectors Club. One of their traditions is to have a beautiful centerpiece on every table at the Saturday night banquet.

The North Florida Village Collectors Club (our co-sponsoring organization) is designing and creating these centerpieces and has asked us to donate "cast off" O gauge and O-27 gauge train cars that they can incorporate into the overall arrangement. These can be low-end cars from starter sets or nicer cars that you may have duplicates of. We do not need the boxes; but if you have them, that is ok, too. The cars can be from any era or any manufacturer.

Please look over your inventory and see what "extra" cars you can spare for this purpose. The cars should be in clean, in good or better condition, and be complete with all of the wheels and couplers.

One lucky person at each table will be awarded the centerpiece as a "door prize" to take home, so your donated cars will not be returned to you.

We will have empty bins set up at the following shows: Jacksonville on November 23; Fort Pierce on January 25; and Pinellas Park (Tampa Bay area) on February 22 where you may bring your cars and deposit them.

If you are in the Gainesville area, please call Richard Walker at 352-871-4973, and make arrangements to drop them at his house.

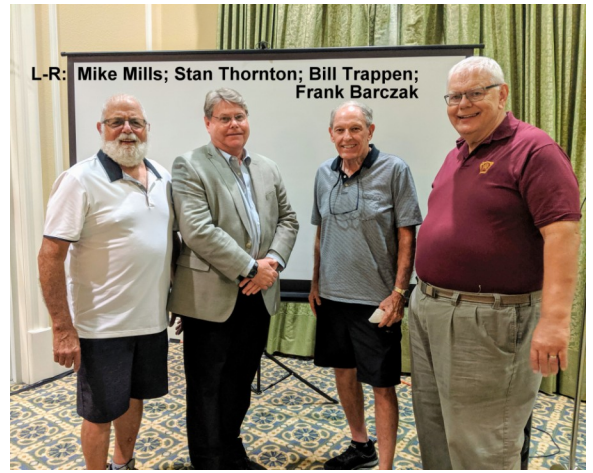
If you are in the Jacksonville area, please call Larry Shughart at 352-285-1250, and make arrangements to drop them at his house.  
(submitted by Larry Shughart)



Orlando-Lake Nona  
 "Trifecta" Photos -  
 1) "Show & Tell"



part of featured speaker Stan Thornton's presentation on the Orlando Airport's new Intermodal Terminal and high-speed rail system



L-R: Mike Mills; Stan Thornton; Bill Trappen; Frank Barczak



gathering at the Friday evening Show & Tell and watching Stan Thornton's presentation



Richard Tashjian

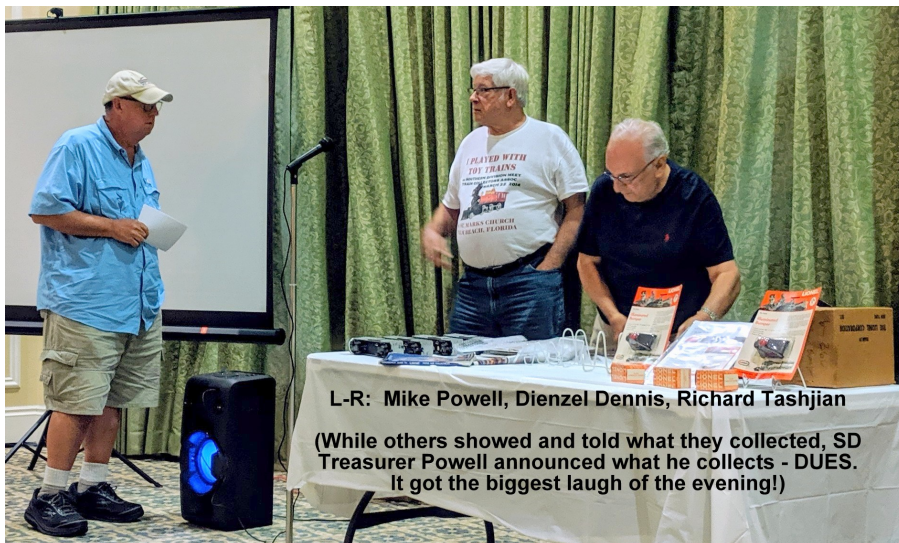


L-R: Mike Mills, Marianne Napolitano, and Bill Trappen displaying the 2020 Convention T-shirt



Mark Stephens

Dienzel Dennis displaying an airplane part made by the Lionel Corporation



L-R: Mike Powell, Dienzel Dennis, Richard Tashjian  
 (While others showed and told what they collected, SD Treasurer Powell announced what he collects - DUES. It got the biggest laugh of the evening!)



## 2) The Show

**It takes a village!**

**TCA-Southern Division DAILY HERALD**

LAKELAND, FL - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
 TCA-SOUTHERN DIVISION WISH TO  
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 Sheila Abrams  
 Tracy Truhler  
 Barbara Nitta  
 Judy Tashjian  
 Louise Woodward  
 Mary Arava  
 Bill & Rosemary Trappes  
 Lana Cozzaris

AND TO ALL OUR ATTENDEES  
 THANK YOU ALL  
 SEE YOU NEXT YEAR



our lovely and highly efficient registration ladies, L-R, Judy Tashjian and Barbara Mills



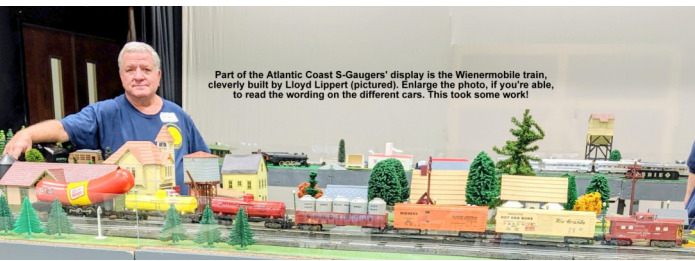
L-R: Louise Woodward and Lana Connors had the fun job of distributing Scavenger Hunt forms and awarding prizes for completed forms. This is always a hit at SD meets!



VP Jay Zschau presented Evans Kavallines the Table Holder prize.



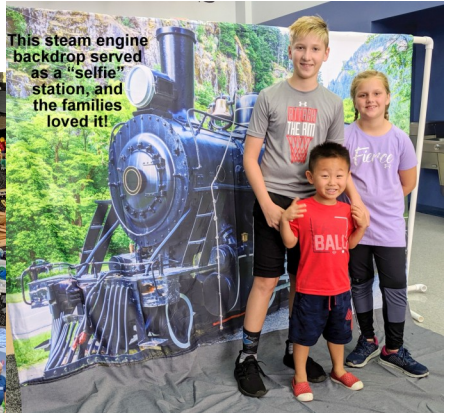
The Atlantic Coast S-Gaugers always set up a fun and interesting display.



Part of the Atlantic Coast S-Gaugers' display is the Wiernobile train, cleverly built by Lloyd Lippert (pictured). Enlarge the photo, if you're able, to read the wording on the different cars. This took some work!



It didn't take long for the little ones to take advantage of the plethora of trains and toys!



This steam engine backdrop served as a "selfie" station, and the families loved it!



This confirms what we already knew - your SD Secretary is just a big kid at heart!



At the end of the show, all children who hadn't received a door prize were invited to visit the prize table and select one. It didn't take long for a crowd to gather!



She had her hands full!



OK, so is your newsletter editor!





**The following Southern Division members received plaques,  
each dated September 21, 2019,  
and we congratulate them for their dedication to the  
Train Collectors Association and the Southern Division.**

“Be it known that in recognition of his unselfish devotion and inspired efforts in promoting the collection and preservation of TINPLATE TRAINS, The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association has this day bestowed upon **Charles “Charlie” Anyan** the title of “**TINPLATE TYCOON**” being the highest honorarium which the division can confer upon one of its members.”

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is proud to present the **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** to **Jay Zschau** in recognition of continuing valuable service in the interest of the Toy Train Collecting Hobby, the Southern Division, and TCA National.”

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is proud to present the **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD** to **Mike Mills** in appreciation for outstanding service to the Southern Division of the TCA.”

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is proud to present the **SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD** to **Bill Trappen** in recognition of special service to promote the hobby of Toy Train collecting, not only within the TCA but also to the general public.”

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is proud to present the **BEST DISPLAYED SENIOR DIVISION AWARD** to **Bill Porter** in appreciation of your many displays and service to the TCA and the Southern Division.”

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association presents to **Brennan “Jake” Jacob** in recognition of over 2 decades serving the Southern Division as: Co-Editor of SD Newsletter from 1996 to 2002; Developer of SD’s Website in 2005; SD Webmaster from 2006-2019.” (presented in absentia)

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is proud to present the **GOOD FELLOWSHIP AWARD** to **Augie Staebler** in recognition of his friendly assistance to fellow [members].” (presented in absentia)

“The Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association is proud to present the **PRESIDENT’S AWARD** to **Barry Laderer** (Non-Member) awarded to an individual who is not a member of the Train Collectors Association but goes above and beyond to assist members.” (presented in absentia)

**Charlie Anyan** received a TCA Membership 50-year certificate and pin.

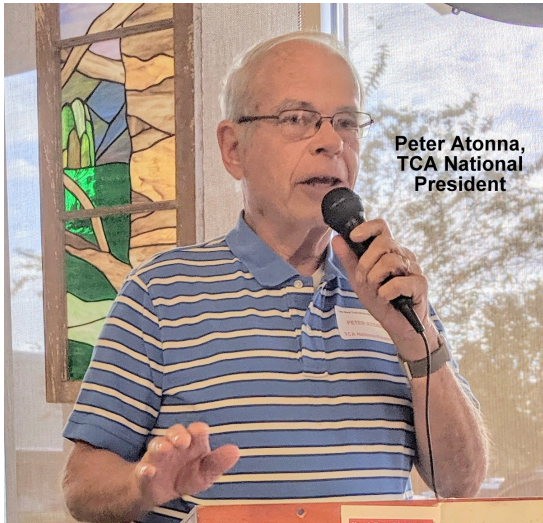
**Evans Kavallines** received a TCA Membership 50-year certificate and pin.



**Special thanks  
go to  
Sweet Mama's  
for their  
hospitality in  
opening their  
restaurant  
after hours for  
us and  
providing us a  
delicious  
buffet!**







Peter Atonna,  
TCA National  
President

At the invitation of SD Vice President Jay Zschau, TCA National President Peter Atonna flew to Orlando from his home in Arizona to attend our show and banquet and present awards.

Bob Schall shared his interesting experiences as a long-time engineer on the Railroad at Disney World's Magic Kingdom.



Bob Schall,  
Railroad Engineer  
at Disney World's  
Magic Kingdom



Barry Laderer was presented the President's Award by Jay Zschau.

(taken at Zitnik Trains) All the guys wanted to be in the photo. L-R: Mike Powell; Mark Stephens; Barry Laderer; Jay Zschau; Dave Zitnik; Charlie Anyan



Augie, although you didn't attend the Awards Banquet, you were with us in spirit!







Jay was presented the SD's Distinguished Service Award by Peter.



Mike Mills received the Outstanding Service Award.



Bill Trappen received the Special Service Award, presented by Peter.



Peter and Jay presented Charlie a TCA 50-year Membership Certificate.



Evans receives a TCA 50-year Membership Certificate from Peter.



**TINPLATE TYCOON Award Winners Through the Years**

*Chester Holley	#1	1972
*John Cressman	#2	1974
*Stanley Parker	#3	1975
*Ben Dick	#4	1977
*Geoffrey H. Binneveld, MD	#5	1980
*"Scotty" Askenas	#6	1982
*Stewart Robinson	#7	1983
*Robert Bartlett, MD	#8	1984
Bill Trappen	#9	1985
Henry C. Myers	#10	1987
Ernie Howering	#11	1989
Robert Ford, DMD	#12	1990
*Robert "Ed" Lawrence	#13	1993
John Schleicher	#14	1994
*Denton Hines	#15	1996
Evan C. Earle, Sr.	#16	1999
*Nelson Williams	#17	2003
*Bill Mursch	#18	2004
Dick Guenette	#19	2008
*Steven L. Harris	#20	2011
Irwin Abelson	#21	2013
Charlie Anyan	#22	2019

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L-R: Charlie, Peter Atonna, John Schleicher  
Charlie was presented the Tinplate Tycoon Award.

**SD Tinplate Tycoon Award winners who were able to attend the Awards Banquet**

**L-R: Bill Trappen; Dick Guenette; Charlie Anyan; John Schleicher; and Evan Earle**



L-R: Jay Zschau (peaking over flag), Charlie Anyan, Ilene & Clark Vegazo  
Charlie donated this flag to the Vegazos who have a "museum" on their property.  
This flag flew at the TCA National Business Office during his 2016-2017 presidency.

**It seems the Vegazos found a spot for the flag in their "museum"!**





## The Southern Division Salutes “Jake” Jacob

As reported elsewhere in this issue, Brennan “Jake” Jacob received an award in absentia at the awards dinner after the Lake Nona (Orlando) Meet on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. His award was in recognition of over two decades of service to the Southern Division. As you know, “Jake” retired in February of this year having served as the very first webmaster of the Southern Division website. This ended a long career of service to the Division.



Jake had been co-editor of this newsletter from 1996 until 2002. In 2005 he began constructing the SD Website and when completed in 2006, he became our first webmaster. For many years he also was the “unofficial” SD meet photographer.



Jake & Naomi at  
Clark & Ilene Vegazo's Open House,  
November 2008

Jake and his wife Naomi moved to Florida when he was transferred by IBM from the Chicago area to Boca Raton in the late 1960s. Jake joined the TCA and the Southern Division in 1988. He and Naomi were fixtures at SD meets and related events as the accompanying photo shows. Jake usually could be seen taking photos, and Naomi often helped out at the registration desk.

In 2011 they bought a second home in Forest City, North Carolina, near their children and grandchildren. They continued to commute back and forth between North Carolina and Florida but still attended almost all of the SD meets until finally selling their Boca Raton home in 2016. Sadly, Naomi passed in December 2017.

But Jake currently is doing well and is surrounded by his family which now includes a great-granddaughter!

He was surprised and very grateful for the award when I called to let him know about it and congratulate him. He said he is considering a trip to Florida to coincide with the Southern Division Jacksonville meet. If you see him there, please congratulate him on the award and thank him for his long period of service to the Division.

(submitted by Bill Trappen)



## TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes May 31, 2019

President Steve Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Mr. Johnson called roll with the following in attendance: Mr. Johnson; Vice President Jay Zschau; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; Past President Charlie Anyan; Webmaster Bill Porter; and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan.

### 2020 Convention Planning Update:

1. “Special D56 Project Report”: Mr. Trappen updated the Board on the joint convention between the TCA SD and the North Florida Village Collectors Club (NFVCC), Jacksonville 6/21-28/20: 1) orders will be taken at the Albuquerque Convention in June 2019 regarding the Jacksonville convention’s Souvenir Water Tower to be sold; 2) an order form also will be included in the Summer 2019 SD newsletter; 3) permission was received from Department 56 (D56) and The Walt Disney Company; 4) a minimum 300 units will be ordered and although no price has yet been set, Mike Mills was told that D56 cost will be approximately \$55 and the SD is hoping to sell them for \$65 (Mr. Johnson reported that TCA National’s Convention Chairman Bob Keller estimates that 50 water towers will be “giveaways”); 5) payment will not be required until delivery next year; 6) Mr. Trappen reported on details for a “special” souvenir to be presented to select individuals; 7) orders will be taken at the D56 Convention in Cincinnati, June 19-23, 2019, and (Mr. Johnson advised that he will attend.); 8) undetermined as yet if water towers will be sent directly to buyers or to the SD (Mr. Mills would be the point person); 9) Mr. Mills emailed his contact at D56 and asked if they could expedite their cost estimate, and the reply was that it will be “very soon” as these water towers are being manufactured overseas. 9) Mr. Johnson reported that although D56 has no national organization, as does the TCA, they belong to a national coalition of clubs and plan to include the water tower order form with their newsletters. 10) Mr. Trappen reported that TCA HQ News also will include an order form.

2. Report on other promotional items to be sold (Mr. Johnson): 1) polo, denim and t-shirts containing the convention logo; 2) no patches; 3) D56 may sell pins; 4) may have some “giveaway” items such as refrigerator magnets, etc.; 5) Kids Club pins would be a TCA National expense; 6) asking for suggestions for other items to sell (visors, baseball caps, travel mugs) – perhaps a USB drive that will look like a locomotive (Mr. Johnson drafted a letter to CSX and feels the SD will receive a favorable response.). Mr. Johnson is hoping to have items to sell at the Albuquerque convention, and cost for shirts currently is on Mr. Johnson’s credit card.

3. Report on taking payments by credit card for promotional items and on SD website (Messrs. Johnson, Zschau, Trappen and Porter): 1) Square is the largest company (percentage charged, but no transaction cost), and a “reader” is purchased which will go to Cincinnati, Albuquerque and York. 2) PayPal is an option; 3) discussion re taking payments via the SD website; 4) separate bank account (Wells Fargo suggested; “someone” must visit a branch to initiate paperwork) must be opened and maintained by the treasurer (convention?); 5) to accept payments via SD website, an SSL certification must be obtained to allow a legal encryption change to https (secure site) – cost involved to install; 6) a PayPal button and a credit card button must be included to SD website; 7) once internet payment is accepted, the SD must transfer money to the proper bank account; 8) Mr. Trappen would be the overall manager of the fulfillment process, with assistance from Mr. Mills; 9) research photocopying checks to deposit into account.

Action Item: Messrs. Johnson, Trappen, Porter, and Marianne Napolitano (convention treasurer), are to research initiating the SD’s ability to accept credit card and PayPal payments on the SD’s website, as well as how the SD’s tax exemption applies to the sale of items.

Mr. Johnson advised that the Jacksonville Convention tour package is nearing completion.

Referral from National TCA – FL Chapter of the Rural Letter Carriers Association (RLCA) - Steve Johnson and Jay Zschau): Mr. Johnson received an email from TCA National, the subject of which is that the FL RLCA saw on the TCA National’s Facebook page that TCA was raffling a Mail Car certified to have been run in the TCA Museum. The group is interested in purchasing a 3-4 of these cars, if available, to hold its own raffle, the proceeds of which are to

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## TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes, May 31, 2019 (cont'd.)

be used toward assistance to families and children of rural letter carriers. After discussion, Mr. Johnson advised that he will make contact with them. Mr. Johnson advised that although the location of the inquirer actually is located in the Cotton Belt Division, TCA National asked him to reach out.

Report on TCA President's call for Divisions to appoint a "Membership Czar" – Jay Zschau: TCA President Rupert Campbell and Incoming President Peter Atonna have agreed to begin a membership campaign by appointing a "Membership Czar" in each Division. These persons will report to Russ McFall and Mr. Zschau (TCA National) for development of new members for TCA. An SD member has been contacted in connection with the selection of this position, and more information will be forthcoming. TCA National's Social Media program success has far exceeded anyone's expectation and provided referrals to TCA who will then direct them to the appropriate division. The division coordinator will then send them information and invite them to potential shows. Ms. Napolitano agreed to set up groups to make calls to these inquirers. A discussion followed regarding the SD's Facebook Page and Facebook Group (initiated several years ago by Linda Harris), and it was decided that since the group is no longer active, it should be closed or merged with the page. Linda Johnson is the SD Facebook Administrator, with Mr. Porter as Assistant Administrator, and "someone" will follow-up on this. Mrs. Anyan explained the benefits (per information from Katie Anyan, TCA National Social Media Administrator) of creating an "event" on a Facebook page. Mr. Porter will contact Ms. Anyan for instructions.

Mrs. Anyan reminded the Board that the Summer issue of the newsletter remains incomplete, awaiting two or three submissions (one of these being a finalized Souvenir Water Tower Order Form with payment options). She asked if the board wishes to consider delaying the printing and distribution of the newsletter by a week, and asking Jeff Mayer, former Editor, to take responsibility for the newsletter and attachments/inserts in her absence (vacation June 13-29, inclusive). The board asked Mrs. Anyan to contact Mr. Mayer and copy them.

### Other Business:

1. Mr. Johnson reported that he is in possession of TCA 50-year Certificates and Lapel Pins and asked if any of the following members are known to them:

Elliott Smith – Mr. Dennis responded that he recently presented Mr. Smith's awards, and an article and photos will be in the Summer newsletter.

George Blair (St. Cloud), inactive SD Member – Mr. Trappen will contact.

Evans Kavalines (Orlando area), active SD Member – Mr. Trappen will contact.

Warren Portman (St. Augustine), inactive SD member; Mr. Johnson will contact.

Edward Jones (Leesburg), inactive SD member; Mr. Trappen will contact.

Charlie Anyan – award to be presented in Orlando in September

2. Orlando Show: Mr. Trappen provided an overview of the guest speaker prior to the Show & Tell regarding the new, high-speed (125 mph) train. Jake Jacob, former SD Webmaster, is invited and will receive an award for his many years of service to the SD. Mr. Zschau advised that he invited Mr. Atonna to attend.

3. The need for a monthly conference call for updates on the Jacksonville Convention and other business was discussed; the board agreed that it will be beneficial. Mr. Johnson will schedule dates and times and email the BOD.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made and seconded, and Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Dienzel Dennis  
SD Secretary



## TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes August 26, 2019

President Steve Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll, with the following in attendance: Mr. Johnson; Vice President Jay Zschau; Mr. Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; Past Presidents Charlie Anyan and Brad Woodward; Webmaster Bill Porter; Orlando/Lake Nona Meet Host Mike Mills; TCA 2020 Convention Treasurer Marianne Napolitano; and *The Layout Editor* Mary Anyan.

Approval of the May 31, 2019, teleconference call minutes were unanimously approved by the BOD.

### Officer, Committee, and Other Reports:

Board Meeting Schedule - Steve Johnson: It was decided that in addition to teleconference BOD Meetings, face-to-face meetings also will be held prior to each train show. Mr. Johnson reserved a room on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium. Mr. Mills advised that a room is reserved for 3 p.m. on September 20 for a BOD Meeting at the official meet hotel, the Holiday Inn Express.

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report - Mike Powell: 1) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report previously was emailed to all board members. 2) The \$525 deposit check for Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center was cashed. 3) Mr. Powell will email a corrected 1Q as well as the 2Q reports to Mrs. Anyan for inclusion in the Fall newsletter. 4) Re the 2020 Convention checking account balance report ... future reports should come from Ms. Napolitano. 5) Largo Meet income (\$1570) and expenses (\$2017.55) = \$447.55 loss.

Membership Summary Report (SD - Dienzel) / (Jay – National) - Mr. Dennis reported that as of this date, the roll contains 915 entries: 425 Active; 419 Inactive; 1 Honorary; and 70 Deceased.

Mr. Zschau reported: 1) TCA National's initial "WIN BIG" program has ended. Mr. Powell won a free, one-year membership; and Mr. Zschau is a Heritage member, so he received a train car. The program currently is being restructured and will offer a \$500 gift certificate to each of the top five recruiters, to be used at a dealer's. Department 56 collectors who joined TCA must register on the "WIN BIG" official form. 2) Marketing Committee stats regarding TCA's Social Media program reveal that it is going very well. As of August 15, the outreach has targeted 37,428 potential members. The names and contact information are disseminated to the appropriate division for follow up. However, TCA demographics reveal that of 21,000 current members, 1500 are 50 years of age or younger, which means that two-thirds of our membership are 60 and over. Members who've opted for a trial membership are counted in the total.

### Meet Reports:

Orlando 9/21/19 (Awards Banquet) - Mike Mills / Bill Trappen: Mr. Mills reported 1) a cost increase for the venue (Lake Nona Middle School) for 2019 as a stipend for workers increased (as did the number of workers); 2) 90 tables are available and will be set up immediately after school lunch has ended. 3) He currently has reservations for 58 (paid) tables plus BOD (no charge) tables but expects that to increase in the next couple of weeks. 4) Show & Tell attendees and Banquet reservations = 25 for each event. The SD committed to a \$600 minimum for the banquet location. 5) Advertising for the meet is widespread. 6) Several displays will be offered at the meet; e.g., O gauge / Jacksonville S gaugers / a small N gauge / the SD oval track, etc. As was detailed in the Summer issue of the newsletter, two special guests will attend the meet and/or the Show & Tell. 7) Set up will be Friday beginning at 4 p.m. 8) Vendors will have an auxiliary parking lot so that ample parking will be available for guests. Mr. Powell asked that Mr. Johnson designate a second person (Mr. Zschau) to be able to log into the school system site in order to make decisions, if necessary.

Jacksonville (11/23/19) - Steve Johnson (reporting for Meet Host Chuck Bryner): 1) Only a few table reservations have been received as of this date; however, it's still early. 2) Flyers have been disseminated. 3) Hobby World, a former partner with the SD, closed last year. 4) Mr. Johnson will contact Channel 4 as in previous years, and the show will gain extra exposure. (*The Layout Editor's* note: the Jacksonville Meet Story will appear in the Fall 2019 newsletter, as well as the Flyer and Table Registration Form.)

Fort Pierce (1/25/20) - Brad Woodward (reporting for Meet Host Al Galli): Meet show hours will be amended to reflect an earlier opening and closing (2 p.m.) due to prohibitive costs by the City of Fort Pierce who owns the Fenn Center. Mr. Powell reported that a contract is not yet in place nor a down payment sent. It was decided that due to Mr. Johnson's travel schedule, Mr. Zschau can sign necessary documents. Mr. Woodward reported he will check. (Update: Mr. Woodward emailed the board August 27, 2019 with an update.) (*The Layout Editor's* note: the Fort Pierce Meet Story will appear in the Winter 2020 newsletter, as well as the Flyer and Table Registration Form.)

Pinellas Park (Tampa Bay Area) (2/22/20) - Charlie Anyan: 1) Guy Ateniese is taking over as Meet Host, and Mr. Anyan has been working with him. 2) The venue is the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center. 3) The rental cost for this venue is less than half of what the Minnreg charged and includes set up and tear down. 4) Parking is ample, and load in/load out should run smoothly. 5) A three-story tower with scrolling, electric signage advertises upcoming events at the venue and is located at the intersection of two, widely-traveled streets near the venue; so our show will receive much exposure. Mr. Powell reported that a contact is in place, a \$500 deposit check was sent, and the rental fee is \$750. (*The Layout Editor's* note: the Pinellas Park Meet Story will appear in the Winter 2020 newsletter, as well as the Flyer and Table Registration Form.)

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The Layout (upcoming deadlines, printing/ mailing changes) - Mary Anyan: 1) Deadline for items for the Fall newsletter is September 1 (distribution on/around October 1); however, in order to include items from all Orlando events, Mrs. Anyan seeks BOD approval to delay finalization of that newsletter and target the second week in October for distribution. The board unanimously approved. 2) Per SD BOD prior approval, future TCA SD newsletter printing and distribution to the post office will solely be handled by Barbara at Minuteman Press in St. Petersburg in order to remove Jim Spangler, Jay Zschau, and Charlie and Mary Anyan from the equation. Barbara will continue to directly email all invoices to Mr. Powell.

TCA 2019 Convention, Albuquerque Post-Convention Report - Jay Zschau / Steve Johnson / Bill Trappen: 1) Mr. Zschau reported on a wonderful convention. However, funding for the TCA's Social Media project was not on the agenda, so he raised the subject; and \$6000 were allocated to the administrator (Katie Anyan), who works closely with Russ Keil, Tammy Hersh and Amy Fry. 2) Issues related to membership and marketing and TCA National's website were discussed, with the general consensus being that the site is not user friendly. John DeSantis advised of the need to update the website and authorized necessary funding (up to \$200,000) toward this endeavor; and this will be further discussed by the Executive Committee during the October 2019 York show. It then will be proposed to the TCA BOD.

TCA SD Website Report (discussion re email addresses on the site as well as site modifications to accept credit card payments) - Bill Porter / Steve Johnson: Mr. Porter reported that: 1) The website is running smoothly and is now a "secure" site (certificate that insures data is protected). 2) He incorporates train photos submitted from members throughout the site. 3) He created a "What's New" tab. A discussion ensued involving the pros and cons of accepting credit card payments and PayPal payments on the website. The decision was made to strictly use PayPal and accept no credit card payments. 4) A consensus was reached to retain BOD members', etc., names, phone numbers and email addresses on the website and in *The Layout*.

2020 Convention Planning Update - Steve Johnson: Report on Cincinnati D56 Gathering and Albuquerque TCA Convention, June 2019. 1) Mr. Johnson reported that Albuquerque was a great convention. D56 registrations taken in Cincinnati will have trial memberships which will run from January 1-June 30, but the cost is included in their registration fee. 2) Russ Keil is hoping to get the 2020 Convention website "live" within the next month. Mr. Porter suggested posting Registration Forms on the website for TCA and non-TCA members.

D56 Water Tower Project - Bill Trappen: 1) Mr. Trappen reported that the Water Tower order form will be included in the SD's website and also in upcoming National publications. 2) D56 still does not have a final sale price for the water towers, but they cost approximately \$27.50 each to make. A discussion followed regarding the SD charging a \$55 selling price, as previously discussed. 3) The water towers will be shipped from Indiana directly to Jacksonville for those who wish to pick them up at the convention. Others who want them shipped to their home will pay an extra shipping fee. 4) A large number of orders for the water tower is still needed, and the order form again will be included in the next newsletter. The D56 ad for the towers should be distributed shortly. 5) Mr. Mills reported that he has 15 tower orders (9 checks) in his possession and will deposit those into the convention's Wells Fargo account. 6) Mr. Trappen suggested that we extend the order deadline past October 31. 7) Mr. Trappen reported that convention cars are selling well.

Report on Advertising and Other Promotional Items to be Sold - Steve Johnson: 1) Sale items (t-shirts (M/L/XL/2XL), polo shirts, denim shirts, baseball caps); the D56ers like "pins," so a quote is needed. Mr. Trappen suggested that the sale items be advertised on the SD website, for pickup only at the Orlando, York October 2019, Jacksonville, Fort Pierce, Pinellas Park, York April 2020 shows, and the convention – no direct mailing to buyers. 2) Mr. Powell pointed out that the cost of promotional items is not included in the budget previously emailed. He further asked about the projected number of convention attendees, and Mr. Johnson responded that Bob Keller (TCA Convention Chair) projects 375, to include D56ers. Mr. Powell also asked Mr. Johnson about the number of tour hosts projected and asked if they are in place. Mr. Johnson responded that tour director Larry Shugart is handling this.

Current 2020 Convention Budget - Steve Johnson / Marianne Napolitano: 1) Mr. Johnson reported that the majority of revenue is handled by TCA National. 2) The VIP Welcome Party and Silent Auction are SD events; however, the revenue will be collected by National. Payment for Silent Auction purchases can be made with a credit card machine in place. 3) The VIP Welcome Party social will be Tuesday evening at Steve and Linda Johnson's home, paid by the SD. If tents are necessary in case of inclement weather, the SD pays. If busses need to be rented for transportation, National pays for them. 4) The North Florida Village Collectors Club will run raffles, 50/50, etc., silent and live auctions. As the D56 collectors are not a 501c3 nonprofit, all proceeds will be donated to Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville. 5) Ms. Napolitano reported that her convention projection is (approximately) a \$6000 profit for the SD.

Report on TCA President's Call for Divisions to appoint a "Membership Czar" - Jay Zschau: 2018-2019 TCA President Rupert Campbell felt the need to take advantage of the Social Media campaign. As previously reported, the campaign reached 37,000+, and 6,000 leads were parceled to appropriate divisions with a request to appoint a "Membership Czar" from each division. The Marketing Committee also contacted several, interested people and invited them to upcoming events. National is sending membership packages. Mr. Zschau reported that he contacted an SD member to serve as our "Membership Czar" and currently is waiting for a response.

The board then went into Executive Session; and Mr. Porter, Mr. Mills, Ms. Napolitano, and Mrs. Anyan left the call.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Dienzel Dennis, SD Secretary



TCA Southern Division  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Holiday Inn, Lake Nona, FL, September 20, 2019

Vice President Jay Zschau called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following in attendance: Mr. Zschau; Mr. Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; Past Presidents Brad Woodward and Charlie Anyan; 2020 TCA/D56 Convention Treasurer Marianne Napolitano; and *The Layout Editor* Mary Anyan. Orlando Meet Host Mike Mills briefly attended.

Orlando Meet and Security Report: Mr. Mills reported that plans for all three events this weekend are progressing on schedule. He advised that the Lake Nona Middle School Resource Officer will provide on-site security during the meet, and Mr. Powell advised that he will add this as a line item in the budget. Mr. Mills reminded the board of the information contained in the Summer issue of *The Layout*: Friday night Show & Tell; Saturday meet; and Saturday evening Awards Banquet. He provided parking instructions and location for all those participating in the show in order to allow visitors enough parking spaces in front of the school. He reiterated that advertising for this show has been widespread. Mr. Mills then left the meeting to return to show responsibilities.

Each of the minutes of the following Board of Directors meeting and conference calls were unanimously approved: Largo Board of Directors, 4/26/19; Conference Call, May 31, 2019; and Conference Call, August 26, 2019.

Officer's and Committee Reports:

Vice President's Report – Jay Zschau: 1) Mr. Zschau reported that TCA National President Peter Atonna will attend the Lake Nona show and also attend the Awards Banquet to present awards. 2) An SD members' meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on show day. 3) The Southern Division (SD) continues its search for a Membership Coordinator or Coordinators to contact and follow up on leads provided by TCA National's Social Media campaign. 4) TCA National is working to upgrade its website. Mr. Powell advised that Greenberg books are available for \$80 to SD members.

Secretary's Report – Dienzel Dennis: 1) Mr. Dennis reported that since becoming the SD Secretary 12 years ago, the division currently keeps 911 members in its database: 427 Active; 1 Honorary (Paul Connor); 409 Inactive; and 74 Deceased. He mentioned that Mr. Trappen had advised that the SD's membership will increase during the Lake Nona meet as a few folks will join. 2) Mr. Dennis mentioned that he feels a sympathy card should be sent to the spouse or family of any member who passes. 3) Future minutes of board meetings will be taken by Mrs. Anyan and be published under Mr. Dennis's name. 4) Mr. Dennis reported that he and Ilene Vegazo (wife of SD member Clark Vegazo) recently visited the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS) in Daytona Beach to participate in a Collectors Show hosted by MOAS. They represented the SD, the TCA, and the Model Railroading hobby in general. The board gave approval for Mr. Dennis to revisit and discuss pricing, configuration, and other details for the possibility of MOAS as a future SD meet venue.

Communications Officer's Report – Bill Trappen: 1) In addition to printing and distributing flyers to six, area train shows, he has been assisting Mr. Mills with the Lake Nona show. 2) He worked with SD Webmaster Bill Porter regarding 2020 Convention Water Tower and T-shirt sale items and the method of payment via the website, which currently is PayPal and credit cards. 3) Water Towers will be sold for \$55 per piece for pickup at the convention. If the item is to be shipped to an address in the continental United States, an additional \$14 will be added to the \$55. He asked that the Water Towers be highly promoted. 4) The next issue of the Village D-Lights magazine (serving Department 56 village enthusiasts) should contain an ad for the Water Towers. 5) Deadline for ordering a Water Tower may be extended. 6) The National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC), The Umbrella Organization for Department 56 Village Clubs and Collectors, contains a link on their website (<http://ncc56.com/UpcomingEvents.shtml>) to register for the 2020 Convention. 7) He posted a paid, color ad for the 2020 Convention Water Towers in the September issue of National HQ News and paid listings in the events column for the Jax meet in the December issue of Classic Toy Trains and Model Railroader magazines.

National TCA Report – Charlie Anyan: Mr. Anyan reported that the previous requirements of the Endowment Fund (60 years of age plus a TCA member for 20 years) have been modified to remove the "TCA member for 20 years." Mr. Zschau

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advised that this will require a By-Laws change. Mr. Zschau further advised that \$12,000 have thus far been collected for the Endowment Fund. Detailed information may be found on the TCA's website.

The Layout Report – Mary Anyan: Mrs. Anyan reminded the board that it previously was agreed by the board that the Fall newsletter printing and distribution will be delayed until the post-Lake Nona meet to allow for photos, etc. to be included. The new deadline for articles, photos, etc. is September 25.

Kids Club Report – Brad Woodward: 1) Mr. Woodward reported that updated Scavenger Hunt forms were created by TCA National and will be available at the Lake Nona show. 2) He further advised that he is generating a new idea for children who attend the Fort Pierce show in January. 3) He advised that TCA National has two clubs: Kids Club (ages 12 and under); Teens Club (ages 13-17); and a new category titled "Junior Member" (additional information may be found on TCA National's website).

York Train Meet in October – Jay Zschau: Mr. Zschau encouraged members to serve at the convention registration and convention memorabilia sales table.

### Meet Reports:

Jacksonville, 11/23/19: Mr. Powell advised that the deposit has been paid and a contract has been signed. Mr. Trappen announced that he plans to place a Jax Table Registration Form on every table holder's table at the Orlando meet.

Fort Pierce, 1/25/20 – Brad Woodward: Mr. Woodward gave the contract to Mr. Powell for review.

Pinellas Park (Tampa Bay Area) – Charlie Anyan: The deposit has been paid and the contract has been signed.

### Old Business

Recruiting New Members / Membership Coordinator – Jay Zschau: Mr. Zschau reminded the board that it should be the SD's goal to recruit new members for the TCA and our Division if we wish to perpetuate the hobby. A designated Membership Coordinator is not yet in place.

Reminders Concerning the Lake Nona Show and Other Shows – Bill Trappen: 1) Helpers who sell trains at SD shows must be TCA members unless previously approved by a BOD member or the Meet Host. 2) The predominance of items for sale at each train show should be train and/or train-related items. 3) All members are encouraged to bring flyers of upcoming SD shows to non-SD meets. 4) Officers and BOD members should make it a point to take copies of SD flyers to GSE, Regal Railways, and other meets.

New Business – Charlie Anyan / Mike Powell: Mr. Anyan requested and received permission from the board to eblast *The Layout* to National TCA and its Board of Directors. He further stated that during his TCA presidency, the TCA flag which flew during this time was presented to him at the National Business Office at a ceremony upon completion of his term. He requested and received permission from the board to present this flag to SD Member Clark Vegazo at the Awards Banquet, as the Vegazos have a "museum" on their property. This will be accomplished immediately after TCA President Atonna's speech. Mr. Powell advised the board that the Eastern Division will reduce the number of days of the York shows to two, beginning with the April 2020 meet. (<https://www.easterntca.com/index.htm>)

The board then went into Executive Session at 4:43 p.m., and Ms. Napolitano and Mrs. Anyan left the meeting.

Mr. Zschau adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Dienzel Dennis  
SD Secretary



***YOU ARE INVITED***  
**to Clark and Ilene Vegazos' 12th Annual Open House and Classic Car Display**  
***Friday, November 1, 5-9 p.m.***

This is always a blast, with delicious food, totally cool classic cars, an awesome train room, and a live band.  
***AND ~ a new attraction is getting free ice cream out of a restored 1965 Ford, Good Humor truck!***

For additional info, contact the Vegazos at  
 386-740-1293.

Address: 2225 West Dale Circle  
 Deland, FL 32720



Check this out! Zitnik Trains in Pinellas Park (Tampa Bay Area) has been working with a group of folks in producing "Charlie the Engineer" videos, and feedback has been positive. If you enjoyed the Ghostbusters movies, you'll probably like these. To view the latest episode, click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcIb8g1vA2M> (Charlie the Engineer (The Train Store Ghost Ep-2)). If you enjoy these adventures, please consider clicking the **SUBSCRIBE** button. You will not get flooded with emails. However, this does help Doug, the Producer/Director. (There also is a link on the Zitnik Trains Facebook page.)

Zitnik Trains again is sponsoring a People's Choice Diorama competition at The Artistry of Model Railroads Operating Layouts Show on November 9-10 at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center. If you would like to enter a diorama, R.S.V.P. to Gale at Zitnik Trains. The size limitation this year has been increased to offer more flexibility, but please keep the size to no more than 3'x3'. The winning Diorama creator will receive a prize.

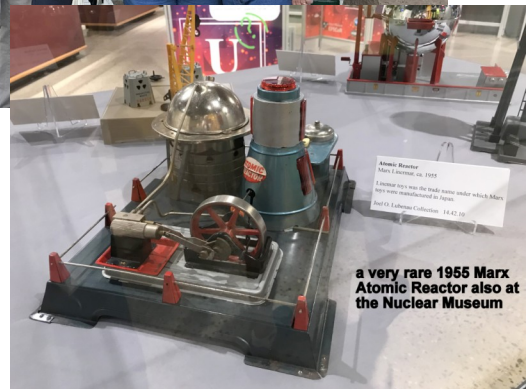
***More 2019 Albuquerque Convention and Tour Photos***



Lionel and Kusan Atomic & Military-themed trains at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque. The trains were all from the collection of a TCA Member in Albuquerque.



Bill & Rosemary Trappen and Linda & John Nixon at the top station of the Sandia Peak Mountain Tramway



a very rare 1955 Marx Atomic Reactor also at the Nuclear Museum



## Upcoming 2019-2020 Florida Train Meets/Shows

**Oct. 5:** 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com); [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com) (**Golden Spike**))

**Oct. 17-19:** TCA Eastern Division, **York, PA**

**Nov. 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**)

**Nov. 3:** Zitnik Trains Fall Parking Lot Swap Meet (9A-1P), 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 727-201-9668

**Nov. 9-10:** The Artistry of Model Railroads, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (sponsored by Zitnik Trains, above)

**Nov. 23:** Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd., **Jacksonville** 32224 (**Southern Division - Meet Story in this issue**)

**Nov. 23:** Hillsborough County Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 33528; all shows 9A-2P, contact Joe Schramm, [joe@regalrailways.com](mailto:joe@regalrailways.com); [www.regalrailways.com](http://www.regalrailways.com), 727-441-2159 (**Regal Railways**)

**Dec. 7:** Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Dec. 7:** Melbourne Train & Toy Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P, 321-805-1963; [schultzspacecoasttrains.com](http://schultzspacecoasttrains.com) (**Shultz Space Coast Trains**)

**Dec. 21-22:** Tampa Model Railroad Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US 301, **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, above)

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**Jan. 4:** Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Jan. 11-12:** Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

**Jan. 18:** Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 33601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Jan. 25:** **Fort Pierce (Southern Division)** (Meet Story in Winter 2020 issue of newsletter)

**Feb. 1-2:** The Villages Model Train Show, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 (9A-4P Saturday, 10A-3P Sunday); contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, [sammathis@bellsouth.net](mailto:sammathis@bellsouth.net) or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079, [cbyrd@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cbyrd@cfl.rr.com))

**Feb. 15:** The Columbia Club of Osceola County, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 33474 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Feb. 22:** **Pinellas Park (Southern Division)** (Meet Story in Winter 2020 issue of newsletter)

Send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Jeff Mayer, [icjmayer@gmail.com](mailto:icjmayer@gmail.com) or call 321-297-0501.

**Promotion and Attendance at Train Meets:** In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we print a schedule of upcoming shows on our Southern Division website ([www.tcasoutherndivision.org](http://www.tcasoutherndivision.org)) as well as in each quarter's *The Layout*. Another way these meets are promoted is by having flyers about upcoming shows available at other train shows, 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](mailto:jayz@penningtonlaw.com) or phone 727-784-8490). 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 insure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help!



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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 South-east Florida. Al Galli, 772-219-7653, 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.sawyerriviera@att.net

"Wanted by Alaska Railroad Collector, Lionel Alaska #9117 TCA" marked black covered copper from 1978. Comes with no box. Any condition accepted except completely destroyed. Don, 772-281-2316. Thank you.

For Sale: Lionel 5-car Work Train Set #2281W from 1957 which includes a #2243 Santa Fe F3 AB Diesel, #6464-150 Missouri Pacific box car, #3361 Operating Log Car w/logs & bin, #3562-75 Orange Operating barrel car with barrels & bin, #6560 Crane Car with red cab and #6119 DL&W work caboose. The set is in excellent or better condition. The diesel runs well and the horn still works as there is absolutely no battery damage. There is a slight cut on one end of the Santa Fe decal on the powered unit. All cars have metal trucks and couplers with pull down tabs. The operating cars still have their sliding shoes and work well. The crane car "cable" needs to be restrung. Photos available by email on request. Price: \$250 plus shipping from the Orlando area. I also have the O gauge track that came with it but that will only add weight when shipping. To save on shipping you can pick up at my home or at the Jacksonville meet in November. Bill Trappen (contact info on page 2)

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