



*“Make Trax to Jax” . . . June 21-28, 2020!*

**The TCA 66th Convention / D56 Collectors 2020 Gathering in Jacksonville quickly is steaming down the track!  
Be sure to register for the Convention, Hotel, and Tours on the TCA Website: [www.tcaconvention.org](http://www.tcaconvention.org).  
You also may register via the SD’s website: <https://tcasoutherndivision.org>.**



Meet Host Al Galli

Fort  
Pierce  
Meet  
  
(left  
and  
below)



Pinellas Park Meet  
(above and right)



Frank Kistner



Guy Ateniese,  
Meet Co-Host

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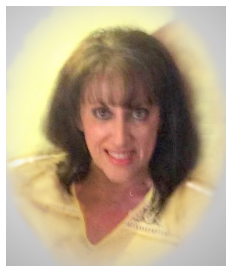
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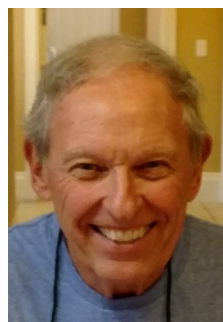
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**Address Changes**

Please inform **Dienzel Dennis** of all address changes.  
Do not send them 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 Webmaster Bill Porter.

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

**Thank you to those 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**

I hope your holidays were safe, merry and bright; but how did 2019 fly by so quickly?

The Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park shows were outstanding, and kudos go to meet hosts Al Galli, Guy Ateniese and Charlie Anyan for their tireless efforts. The new venue in Pinellas Park was beautiful, and we hope to have many more meets there. Pinellas Park was the last SD meet before the convention - can you believe it?

In slightly less than three months, our long-awaited and long-planned-for convention/gathering will be upon us. Convention and hotel registrations have sky-rocketed. Countless volunteer hours have been expended thus far, but we still need volunteers for a multitude of tasks. Members and members' families ~ this is **your** division. I and the entire Southern Division Board of Directors are reaching out to you to step up and let us know you're interested in making this the best convention yet. There is something for everyone to do. The Registration link is fully operational, so check out national's website, register for the convention, and make your reservations for the hotel and any tours in which you're interested. You may want to do this soon, as some of the tours are nearing capacity.

The last chance to purchase convention items before the big event will be in York, April 24 & 25. We're still looking for folks to sit at our convention tables to promote the event, sell shirts, caps, etc. Of course, you may purchase these items at the convention. If you're interested in helping, please advise any board member.

As mentioned in the Winter 2020 issue of *The Layout*, but worth repeating, our SD VP Jay Zschau is running for Vice President of TCA National. Election ballots (on line and paper) are out, so I encourage you to cast your vote for Jay. Again, please consider voting on line if you're able.



Above are photos of our fine-quality convention polo and denim shirts . . . the polo is short-sleeved and silky, and the denim is long-sleeved.

As always, I'm 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

**If you have one (or several) memorable convention experiences, please consider writing an article to be included in the Summer issue of *The Layout*. Include photos if you can, and get them to Mary by July 5.**

### The Scavenger Hunt

**If you've been to the SD's train meets, you've probably seen families with small children going from table to table, paper and pen in hand, searching for particular items. This is the always-popular Scavenger Hunt. The Editor was curious about the origin of this activity, located one of the creators, and here's the scoop:**

"Stop! Don't Touch That!" Exclamations heard at train shows across the world. Or maybe it was the "look." You remember the *look* your mom gave you when you were about to do something naughty. You carried the memory of that *look* into your twenties or thirties until one day you realized you were giving the *look* to your kids. As a kid, bombarded with a cacophony of sights and sounds at a typical train meet, the words, "STOP!", "NO!", "DON'T TOUCH!" or the dreaded *look* can be too much to bear. Trains are supposed to be fun!

And fun was the first stated goal of the Southern Division team that gathered over a BBQ feast to plan the first Venice, Florida, meet in 2012. It was a priority of the team to have families experience the joy of toy trains. We also realized, for many children

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## Vice President's Report

by  
Jay Zschau

The Southern Division continues to produce outstanding train meets. Our shows in Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park were successes. Fort Pierce Meet Host Al Galli and Pinellas Park Meet Co-hosts Guy Ateniese and Charlie Anyan provided outstanding results from an enjoyment point of view (check out the photos in this issue) as well as from attendance and financial points of view. On September 26 we will have the Lake Nona (Orlando area) Middle School meet again hosted by Mike Mills. Chuck Bryner again will host the November 21 Jacksonville meet at the Morocco Shrine Center.

Special thanks go to our five meet hosts and all of the people who make these shows successful. The meets are an integral component in the recruitment of new members for TCA and our division. I encourage all of our members to attend as many shows as you can and bring family and friends so that they, too, can enjoy the meet and also experience the camaraderie and fellowship of our organization and this wonderful hobby.

We encourage every new member to join the meet host committees to help make these events even better. Volunteers are always needed to handle the registration desks, run the train races, help with the scavenger hunts for the kids, assist at the membership table to distribute and store division promotional materials, help with set up and sign up at the display table, and so many other important and needed tasks. I encourage you to make this *your* division and contact your local meet host and get involved. If you're not in a position to help with the operations of the meet, consider taking a table or two - or more. The cost of tables to SD members is only \$20 per table. This is another way to meet fellow enthusiasts, exchange ideas and stories regarding your collections, and downsize or upgrade your collection. If you are unable to do any of the above volunteering, then attend and reconnect with your friends - and make new ones. In addition, attend the social events that are associated with some of the meets. These events are either free or require only a nominal fee. In that regard, there will be a special event at the Orlando meet at Sweet Mama's Restaurant. For those who attended the awards banquet there last year, you remember how accommodating the staff was to us, what a nice variety of offerings we were treated to from the buffet dinner, and how it was just a really fun evening. The awards banquet this year will be in Jacksonville in November, and we're sure that will prove to be an enjoyable event.

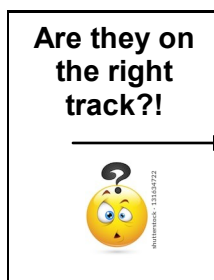
With the successes we enjoyed with our train meets last year and the first two in 2020, it would be exciting if we could locate interested individuals who will be willing to host (or co-host) meets in Fort Myers, the Brevard-Dade area, and perhaps Tallahassee. If anyone is interested, please let Steve or me know, and we will be more than happy to work with you to get your meet going.

We're off to a wonderful 2020, and we're all looking forward to our convention in Jacksonville June 21 - 28. There are a large number of interesting and exciting tours available, although they are filling up fast. Volunteers still are needed for tour hosts. (If you agree to host, you must register and pay for the tour or tours in advance; once you actually host, you will be reimbursed post convention.) The Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront is an excellent venue, but make sure you get your reservation in ASAP. We still are in need of volunteers for other areas of the convention, so . . .

*"Make Trax to Jax!"* and . . .

*"Keep Trainin'!"*

Jay



## The Scavenger Hunt (cont'd.)

in the community, it may be the very first time they saw the breadth and depth of toy train collecting. Borrowing an idea from the National Parks' programs, we decided to create a Scavenger Hunt. Every child that came in received a flyer with pictures of various train items such as a red caboose, a steam engine, a signal, a hopper car. If the child located all of the items at the meet, the flyer was checked and a prize from a grab bag was awarded. The child could also take the flyer home and color it.

The Scavenger Hunt serves both the children (and many parents) and the table holders. It gives the table holder a chance to connect with the children. The experienced collector has a chance to explain what a hopper car does, or the difference between a steam and diesel engine. Perhaps it gives the seasoned aficionado reminders of their first experiences seeing those trains. The children are no longer feared "sticky fingers" but rather burgeoning collectors. The children love finding the treasures among the rows and rows of colorful and curious items. And parents remarked that it took away some of the "Don't Touch" stress.

The best thing about the Scavenger Hunt is how easy it is to implement. A simple version puts the basic trains cars on the flyer. Add a box of toys from the Dollar Store, and ~ voila! With advanced planning, table holders can feature special items to challenge older children such as finding a shay engine, a pre-war wind up, or a standard gauge passenger car. The possibilities are endless, and so is the fun!  
(Respectfully submitted by Laura Michelini)

**There you have it! Thank you, Laura, for writing the article and being part of the team that created this activity.**

**If you wish to include a Scavenger Hunt at your meets,  
contact TCA National for a copy of the form which can be duplicated.**

## SD's Drag Race

**So now that you've got the 4-1-1 on the Scavenger Hunt back story, we just know you're curious about the Drag Race origin!**

Take a look at the photo on the right. Charlie is having so much fun operating the SD's drag race with this child. It's a big hit at SD shows; and after reading its history, you might even consider building one of your own. So we contacted the man from our division who built it, Tim Evert (photo below).



As Tim recalled, "In 2013, I was recovering from back surgery. When I started to feel better, I needed a project so I just thought up this drag strip - no blueprints. I'd work about four hours building it and then take four days to recover! But it was good therapy. For the floor, I used particle board which you can get free from dumpster diving. The frame is 1' x 2' boards, and the sides are 5/8" plywood. It's 2' wide, outside edge to outside edge. Now the length is a very scientific calculation. I went to the venue where the drag race was going to be set up for an



upcoming show, looked at the space where I wanted it to go, eyeballed it and thought it was about 39'. (No tape measures were harmed in this calculation!) So I made the length in four 8' sections and one 7' section. I used two Lionel tracks and one American Flyer track, but you can use whatever you want and make it any length and width you want. It fit great in the venue. But in hindsight, I wish I would've made the sections shorter, like 6 1/2 - 7' because it would've been more "haul-around" friendly. The shorter sections would've fit better in a minivan or similar vehicle. The drag race has no legs to make it lighter and easier to transport. You'll need a transformer with one handle. Of course, you'll need to modify track length to accommodate whatever length you build. We mainly use Marx engines, modified to only go forward. S gauge engines don't seem to be competitive enough. A "cushion" of some sort is needed at the end, or the kids will run it full speed right off the end of the track and into the wood!"

The photo at right is of Tim's son Michael back in 2013.

**Thank you, Tim, for your creativity and sense of humor!**



**Photo Left:** Michael Evert was at the controls of our Train Drag Strip throughout the day. This is a real 1/48 scale length 1/4 mile race track, and those trains were really, shall we say, doing the locomotion at the finish line! (We calculated 300+ scale MPH top speeds!) Of course the slow down lane was a little short for these intense speeds and the slow down was helped by a pillow at the end; in other words, they stopped with a dull thud! This only added to the fun of it all!

## 2020 TCA and DEPARTMENT 56 COLLECTORS JOINT CONVENTION / GATHERING SOUVENIR WATER TOWER



As you read in previous issues 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 logo designed by Walt Disney. Refer to the Summer 2019 issue of the newsletter (also found on 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 may be made on the SD website via PayPal **and** credit cards. The SD website is "secure," so payments made via the website are not compromised. The website is: <https://tcasoutherndivision.org>. **You won't want to miss this deal!**

### 2020 Convention T-Shirts

Rosemary Trappen (R) continues to encourage you to place your order for one (or more) of these high-quality shirts! Available sizes are listed on the order form. This is an easy process - just buy a shirt or place your order: 1) at our Convention table in York April 24-25 via check, money order or credit card; or 2) through our secure website (see above). You only may pick up these shirts at the York meet or during the Convention - no direct shipping will be available. Polo and denim shirts also are available (see p. 3). The order form is attached to or inserted in this newsletter.



### **STILL NEEDED** "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: 1) clean; 2) in good or better condition; and 3) 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 have had bins set up at the Jacksonville, Fort Pierce, and Pinellas Park shows but we still need more. If you have any to donate, please contact Richard Walker or me to make arrangements to get them to us.

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

If you're in the Jacksonville area, please call Larry Shughart at 352-285-1250, and make arrangements to drop them at his house.

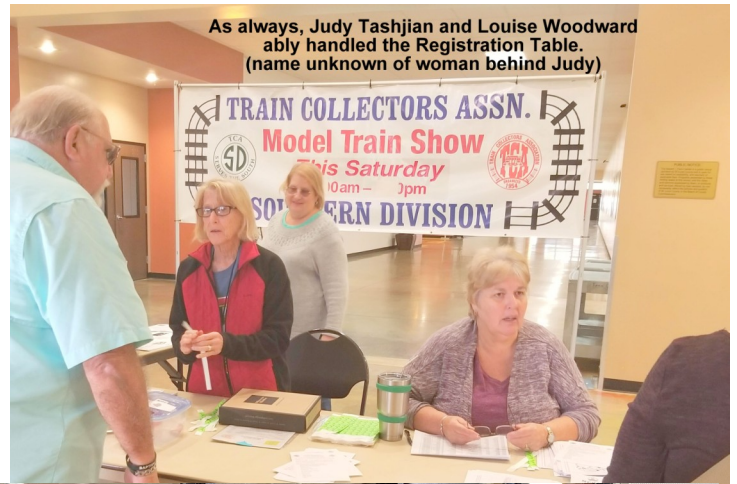
(submitted by Larry Shughart)

# Fort Pierce

(photos compliments of Jay Zschau and Brad Woodward)



Bill Trappen (L) received valuable info from Bill Porter!



As always, Judy Tashjian and Louise Woodward ably handled the Registration Table. (name unknown of woman behind Judy)



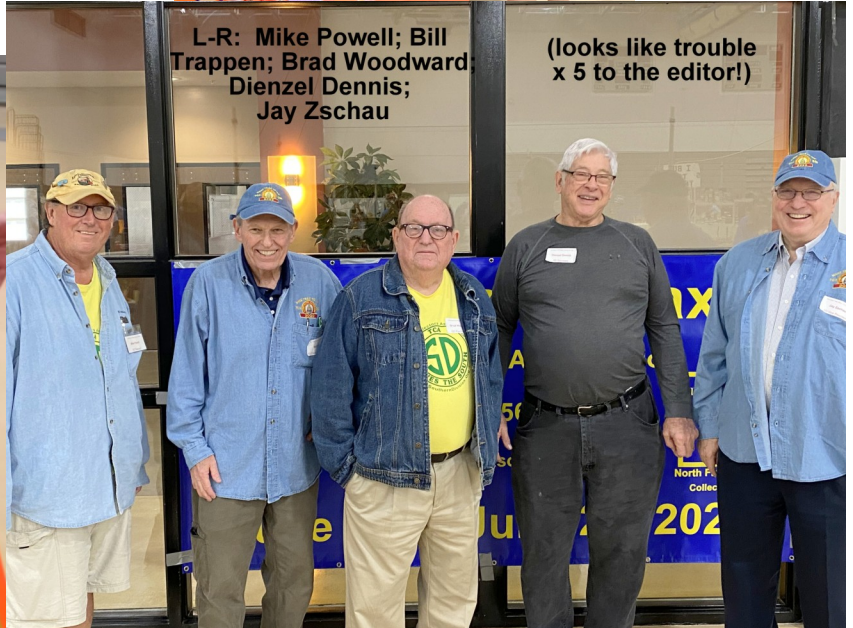
Jay with a happy door prize winner

Richard Tashjian with potential buyers



L-R: Mike Powell; Bill Trappen; Brad Woodward; Dienzel Dennis; Jay Zschau

(looks like trouble x 5 to the editor!)



Pinellas Park Train Meet Report  
by  
Charlie Anyan (Meet Co-Host)

*Wow, what a show!* We had a full house of tables plus the most attendance of any Tampa Bay area show in the last several years. The new venue was beautiful. A big help may have been the illuminated LED sign atop a 30-foot tower near the venue and located at the intersection of two busy thoroughfares. Another LED sign down the street also announced our show. Meet Co-Host Guy Ateniese did a wonderful job for his first time, and he said he plans to do it again next year (*whew!*).

As always, the drag race was a huge hit with the kids (and some adults, too). Its attention-drawing sign was highly visible up on the stage, and no one minded climbing a few stairs to get to race those engines. Thanks go to Bill Miller from Zitnik Trains who worked double duty, running the drag strip and the Repair Clinic. A TV that ran railroad videos all day also was on the stage, and Steve Johnson handled that in addition to calling hourly door prizes.

The kids play area was the second biggest hit. It was set up in the lobby and drew kids to it like a magnet. There were tons of toys, from wooden tracks and trains, to magnetic trains, to Legos. Imagination and creativity were boundless.

Some of the features that helped make this a successful show were: every child received a toy car upon entering; every child who completed the always-popular Scavenger Hunt got to select another toy; door prizes were awarded every hour to adults and children; a steam engine selfie photo op set up in the lobby next to the kids play area (thanks to Mike and Barbara Mills); six operating layouts and various displays; Guy who ran Test Track and checked out trains for people wanting verification of operation (including two of mine); Operation Lifesaver (a non-profit organization committed to preventing collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway rail-grade crossings) who had a booth showing TV videos; and its representative Don Levine handed out railroad caps and railroad safety items to kids; street signs placed at strategic places (thanks to Guy); and advertising (thanks to Guy, Bill Trappen, Zitnik Trains, and others).

Table holders reported to me that sales were terrific; at least, they appeared happy when they left the show. The majority of table holders said they are looking forward to selling at next year's show.

The City of Pinellas Park administrative staff and workers were more than accommodating to us from the very beginning and were a pleasure to work with, and we look forward to working with them next year.

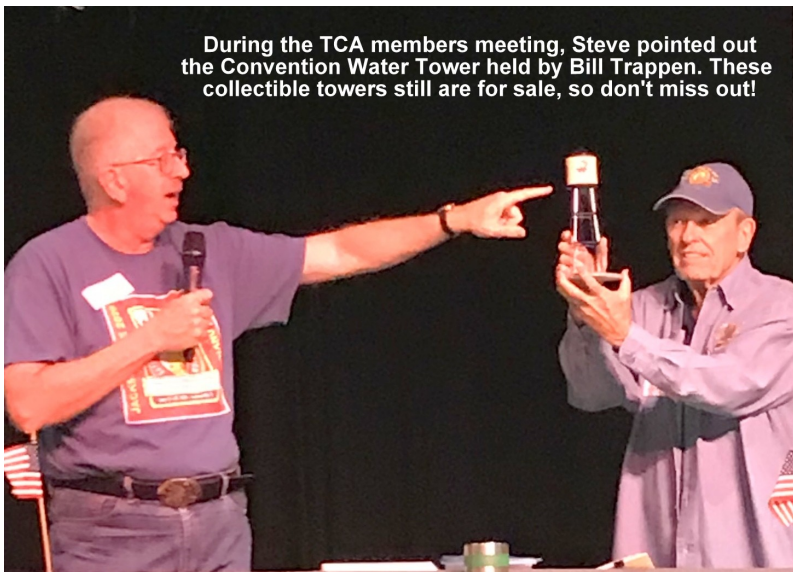
Many people deserve credit for making this show a success, and thanks go the following: the Southern Division Board of Directors (these guys keep the division running, as well as transporting office tubs, signs, banners, prizes, etc. from show to show); Guy Ateniese (Meet Co-Host); Ellen Ateniese and Tina Newhouse (Registration); Jim Spangler (Registration and "Bouncer"); Mike Mills (who schleps items from show to show); and Dave and Gale Zitnik (for all of the support they provide throughout the year as well as hosting the Friday night open house at their store). "It takes a village."

## Pinellas Park Photos

(compliments of Rosemary Trappen and *The Layout* Editor)



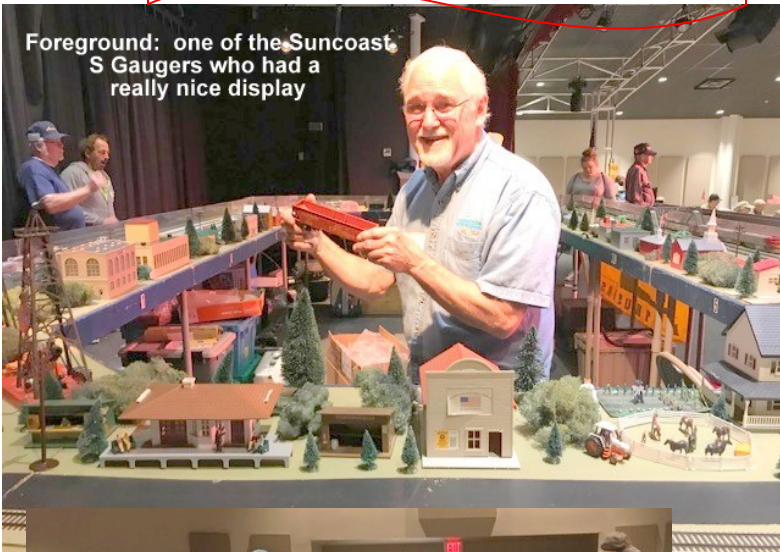




During the TCA members meeting, Steve pointed out the Convention Water Tower held by Bill Trappen. These collectible towers still are for sale, so don't miss out!



more **Pinellas Park Photos**



Foreground: one of the Suncoast S Gaugers who had a really nice display



Foreground: Gary Fischel (L, in yellow SD shirt) and Mike Mills (R)

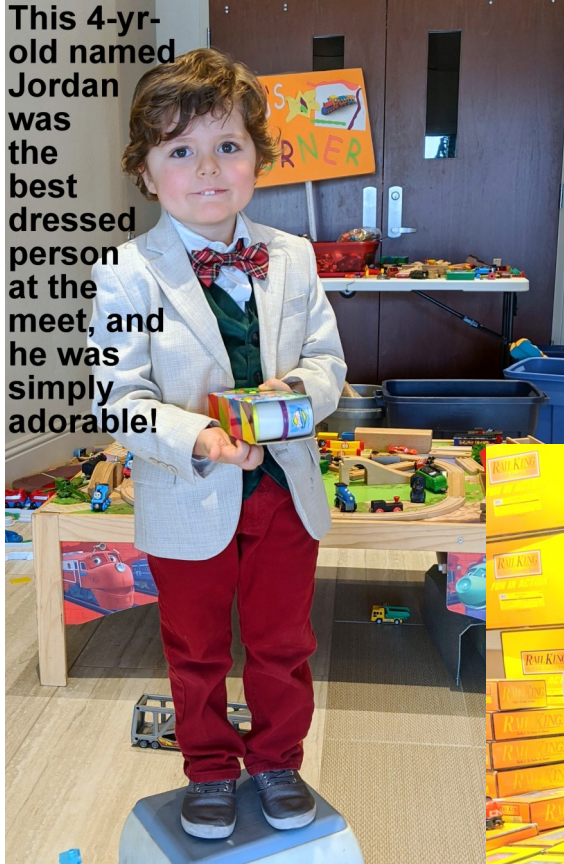


John and Linda Mixon



Wes Coscia

This 4-yr-old named Jordan was the best dressed person at the meet, and he was simply adorable!



and more  
**Pinellas Park  
Photos**

Sandy Richter - she and husband Ed were table holders at the meet.



Left:  
table holder  
Gary Noel  
and family



Left and right:  
Happy  
Scavenger Hunt  
prize winners



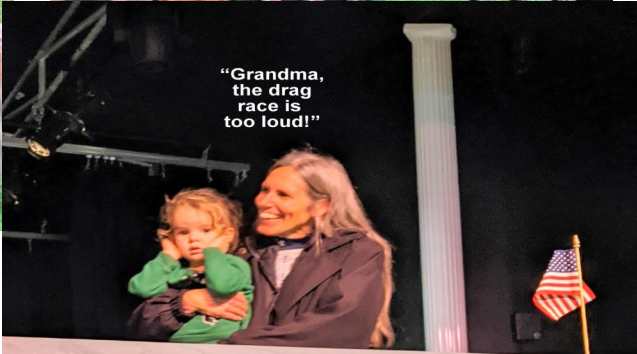
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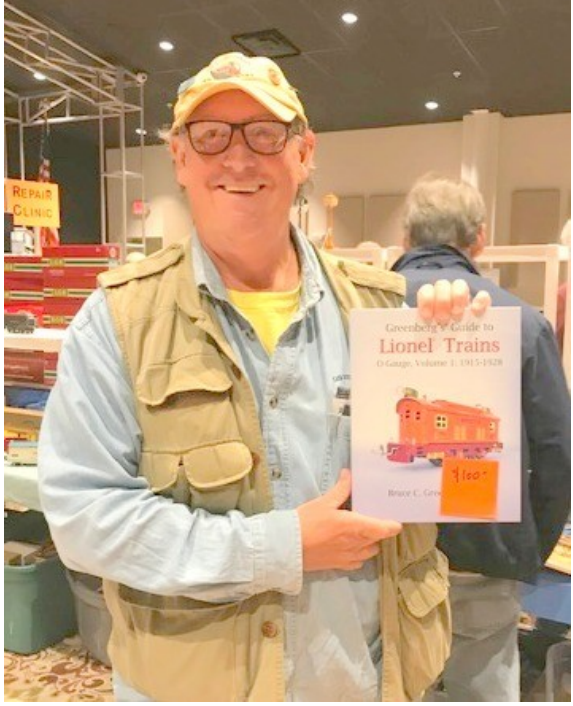


This little  
guy  
beat  
the  
train  
to the  
end!



"Grandma,  
the drag  
race is  
too loud!"

Mike Powell displays a "Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains" book.



**Fort Pierce Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**The Havert L. Fenn Center, Fort Pierce, FL**  
**January 24, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jay Zschau 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; and Past President Brad Woodward. Fort Pierce Meet Host Al Galli briefly attended to provide an update on the meet.

The minutes from the Jacksonville BOD meeting previously were submitted and unanimously approved.

Mr. Dennis reported that the SD currently has 349 paid members with 92 members from last year not yet paid in 2020. The database reflects 1 Honorary, 408 Inactive and 70 Deceased members.

Mr. Powell distributed reports and discussed the SD's 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report as well as the 2020 Budget (amended). A copy of the 4Q report will be included in the Spring Issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Trappen informed the board of the many ways he advertises for our club and meets: flyers distributed at statewide meets and hobby stores; *Classic Toy Trains* and *O Gauge* magazines; the OGR Forum; TTML; Lionel Fast Track; Super O Groups; Model Train Journal; craigslist®, etc.

Mr. Trappen reported on the progress of TCA's National Convention. Orders still are being taken for water towers as well as hats, tee-shirts, and other items. O and O-27 gauge cast-off cars for banquet table centerpieces still are needed, and a donation bin will be available at tomorrow's show. An emphasis was made on the need for more volunteers to help in all areas of the convention.

Mr. Galli reported on the status of tomorrow's meet and advised that 104 tables are assigned. It was decided that Mr. Galli and Mr. Woodward will pursue the possibility of renting the rear of the Fenn Center in 2021 to another collector group. An update will be presented at the Pinellas Park BOD meeting on February 21. As previously reported, the Tampa Bay area show will be held in a new (to the SD) venue on February 22. All tables have been sold, and Co-Meet Host Guy Ateniese has a wait list. On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, an open house will be held at Zitnik's Train Store.

Mr. Trappen reported for Mike Mills that all paperwork has not yet been completed for the Orlando area meet on September 26. Plans still are being formulated for either a Friday night or late Saturday afternoon event.

The Jacksonville meet will be held November 21 at the Morocco Shrine Center. The SD's annual banquet will be held in Jacksonville in November.

After further discussions, housekeeping items, and suggestions for future consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dienzel Dennis  
Secretary

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**Pinellas Park Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**The Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, Pinellas Park, FL**  
**February 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Johnson at 3:12 p.m., who also called roll with the following in attendance: Mr. Johnson; Vice President Jay Zschau (via telephone); Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; Past President Charlie Anyan; and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan. Guy Ateniese, Pinellas Park Meet Co-Host, and Mike Mills, Orlando Meet Host, briefly attended to provide status reports.

The Fort Pierce BOD January 24, 2020, Meeting Minutes previously were submitted and unanimously approved.

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## Pinellas Park Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2020 (cont'd.)

### Officers and Committee Reports

Secretary's Report: Mr. Powell presented for Dienzel Dennis that the SD roster reflects approximately 380 active members. Several 2019 active members still have not renewed for 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Powell reviewed the Fort Pierce financial results and reported that less advertising was done for this meet than in previous years, yet the SD made money despite low attendance.

Communications Officer's Report: 1) Mr. Trappen reported on the following non-convention related advertising he has handled since the Fort Pierce BOD meeting. For the Pinellas Park meet, they include: OGR Forum; RailServe.com; Model Train Forum; Toy Train Mailing List; Lionel FasTrack Group; Lionel Super O Group; craigslist® (Tampa Bay and Sarasota); Facebook (TCA National, SD, SD members' private FB pages); TCA SD website; TCA e-blast; flyers on the information table at The Villages Train Show; *Tampa Bay Times* ad (Charlie Anyan); flyers distributed to local businesses (Guy Ateniese); e-mail to 2019 Largo attendees (Mary Anyan); flyers distributed at train shows, flyers displayed in store, and listing in biweekly e-mails (Zitnik Trains). 2) Advertising at The Villages for the Orlando September 26, 2020, meet included flyers on the information table and walking around, talking with, and giving save-the-date cards to table holders. Mr. Mills also copied this method for the Orlando meet when he attended the February 8 Jacksonville show. 3) Mr. Trappen advised that ad rates in *Classic Toy Trains* and *Model Railroader* magazines were increased by \$10/ad by Kalmbach Publishing Co. The "How Did You Learn About This Show?" portion of the SD's Door Prize Coupon reflects very few to no one indicating they attend a meet after seeing an ad in either magazine. Further action was tabled on this subject until after Mr. Trappen reviews the door prize surveys from the last few meets and reports his findings.

The Layout Report: Mrs. Anyan advised that items for the Spring issue are due to her not later than March 1.

2020 National Convention: Mr. Johnson advised: 1) Larry Shugart, Tour Director, authored an ad to be included in upcoming D56 magazines. 2) As of this date, 162 are registered and 800+ rooms are reserved for the convention. 3) Anita Sanford from the D56 North Florida Village Collectors e-mailed her club members and all NCC56 club presidents to remind them to make reservations at the hotel, register for the convention and tours, order water towers, and advise them that it is not a requirement to be a TCA member to purchase water towers. 4) Tour registrations are going well; the two Navy base tours are sold out, and both have a wait list. 5) A Convention Planning Committee meeting and update will be held in Jacksonville on March 21. TCA President Peter Atonna and TCA Convention Chairman Bob Keller are scheduled to attend.

Mr. Trappen showed the board the first one of our Convention Cars to be produced and delivered: a Navy Convention Car which will be sold for \$80 each. He further advised that a convention table was set up at The Villages train show, handled by Larry Shugart, Steve Baxendale, and he and Rosemary Trappen.

### Meet Reports

Pinellas Park 2/22/20: Mr. Ateniese reported that all tables are sold for tomorrow's meet and advised that table holders who already have loaded in are very pleased with the new venue. The City of Pinellas Park provided 40 copies of an "Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement," requested that each table holder sign the form, and those forms later will be collected by a city representative. After discussion by the board, a motion was made and seconded.

**MOTION: Steve Johnson will sign the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of all table holders since the City of Pinellas Park previously was provided a copy of the TCA Liability Insurance Certificate.**

The motion unanimously passed.

Orlando 9/26/20: Mr. Mills reported that as of this date, the contract has not yet been signed nor has payment been made for the Lake Nona Middle School venue. To date, there is no indication of a venue price increase, and Mr. Mills advised that he will visit the school's website to research this and contact Mr. Johnson. He further reported that Sweet Mama's restaurant again has offered to provide a buffet for SD members and a guest; however, there may be a price increase. A Show & Tell activity was discussed, to be held in conjunction with the buffet, and these events most likely will be held on Saturday evening after the meet. Plans will be finalized in the very near future. After discussion of buffet cost, a motion was made and seconded.

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**MOTION: Charge \$10 per person for the buffet, and the Southern Division will subsidize the remainder.** The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Powell reported that he is unable to attend the Orlando meet; therefore, all financial issues requiring his attention need to be addressed not later than August 31, 2020 or wait until after the York meet.

Jacksonville 11/21/20: Mr. Johnson reported for Meet Host Chuck Bryner that sale of the Morocco Shrine Center has not been finalized, and the center will book events through the end of 2020; thus, the SD meet is scheduled for November 21. An SD Awards Banquet will be held after this show with details to follow in a future quarterly newsletter.

Fort Pierce January 2021: Mr. Johnson reported for Meet Host Al Galli who is researching the possibility of running the SD meet concurrently with a coin show in the hope of generating more visitors. Mr. Johnson will contact Mr. Galli to confirm a January date.

### Old Business

Recruiting new members: Mr. Zschau suggested sending a letter to TCA members who have applied to become SD members, welcoming them to the division and advising them of upcoming shows. A letter has been drafted. In addition, he suggests sending another letter to TCA members living in Florida who are not SD members to encourage them to join the SD.

From the Jacksonville 2019 BOD Meeting, Treasurer's Report – table holders who register for tables but fail to pay in advance and fail to notify the meet host of cancellation: This topic was revisited by the board, and much discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded.

**MOTION: A committee will be formed consisting of Vice President Jay Zschau, Treasurer Mike Powell, and Past President Charlie Anyan to formulate a Southern Division by-law to address the issue of table holders who register for a table(s), pay in advance for a table(s), do not pay in advance for a table(s), and do not cancel their table(s) within a prescribed amount of time prior to a meet.** The motion unanimously passed.

O and O-27 gauge cast-off cars at Pinellas Park meet - set up a bin: Mrs. Anyan advised this has been done.

### New Business

SD policy for members with disabilities: Mr. Zschau offered to check with other divisions regarding this. A motion was made and seconded.

**MOTION: Table this topic until further research is completed and then revisit.** The motion unanimously passed.

Board teleconference schedule: Mr. Johnson will email the board various dates and times for monthly calls, and members will need to select first and second choices.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary Anyan for  
Dienzel Dennis, Secretary



Left and above: Pinellas Park

## Upcoming 2020 Florida Train Meets/Shows

**Apr. 4:** 71st Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (Charles W. Miller, 703-536-2954, [rshows@aol.com](mailto:rshows@aol.com); [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com)) (**Golden Spike**)

**Apr. 4:** Train Show, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 *and* Train Show Open House, 12355 62nd Street North, Suite A, **Largo** 33773 (9A-3P at both venues) <http://www.suncoastmrrc.com>) (**Suncoast Model Railroad Club**)

**Apr. 4:** Florida Planes, Trains & Cars Hobby Show/Swap Meet, Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte** 33948 (9A-5P) (Hosted by **K&K Hobby Shop**, [kandktrainsllc@gmail.com](mailto:kandktrainsllc@gmail.com))

**Apr. 18:** U.S. Army National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (Joe Schramm, 727-441-2159; 9A-2P (EARLY BIRD \$7.00 reservation 8-9A), [joe@regalrailways.com](mailto:joe@regalrailways.com), [www.regalrailways.com](http://www.regalrailways.com)) (**Regal Railways**)

**Apr. 24-25:** TCA Eastern Division, **York, PA**

**May 23:** Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 33601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Jun. 6:** Melbourne Train & Toy Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P (contact 321-805-1963; [schultzspacecoasttrains@aol.com](mailto:schultzspacecoasttrains@aol.com)) (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

**Jun. 6-7:** Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US 301, **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, above)

**Jun. 27:** Model Train & Toy Swap Meet, Christ Lutheran Church LCMC, 3451 30th Ave. N., **St. Petersburg** 33713 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Jun. 27:** 29th Annual Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale, North Florida Fairgrounds, 441 E. Paul Russell Rd., **Tallahassee** 32301, 9A-4P (Andy Zimmerman, 850-524-4399) (**Big Bend Model Railroad Association**)

**Jul. 11:** 72nd Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

**Aug. 15-16:** The Villages Model Train Show, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162

**Aug. 29:** Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Sep. 5:** Melbourne Train & Toy Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**, above)

**Sep. 12:** Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 33601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**Sep. 26:** Lake Nona Middle School, **Lake Nona (Southern Division)** (Meet Story in the Summer issue of *The Layout*)

**Nov. 21:** Morocco Shrine Center, **Jacksonville (Southern Division)** (Meet Story in the Fall issue of *The Layout*)

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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The deadline for articles, photos, etc.  
for the next issue of *The Layout* is  
June 1, 2020. Thank you.

Save the date: Saturday, September 26,  
2020, for the 3rd Annual SD Central Florida  
Train Show in Orlando. We'll again have a  
Show & Tell get together. Watch for complete  
details in the next issue of  
*The Layout* and/or on our website.

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