

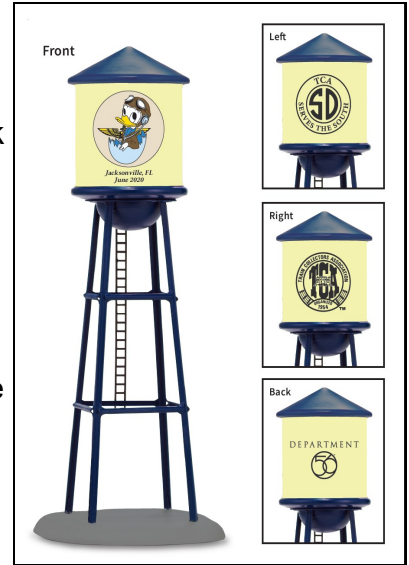


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As you are aware, the 2020 Convention/Gathering, sadly, is canceled. But here's an exciting *Convention Water Tower Update*: As these sought-after towers now will not represent a souvenir from a convention that you actually attended, they still will have considerable collectible value with the Disney Duck logo designed by Walt Disney himself (detailed in previous newsletters). Plus, they surely will be a conversation piece by commemorating an event that didn't actually take place - the first-ever TCA Convention that was canceled. The tower is made of porcelain and metal, is 10½" tall, and the base is approximately 5" by 4." **You won't want to miss out on acquiring one of these very unique and collectible souvenirs for an event that didn't happen! The supply is limited, but you may order as many as you wish via the TCA website or order form attached to or included with this newsletter. As a **bonus**, if you order a Water Tower plus other souvenir items, shipping costs only will be calculated for the Water Tower; the rest of the items "**ride for free!**"**



Vice President's Corner by Jay Zschau

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last column as Vice-President of the Southern Division. As you may know, I was elected National Vice President of TCA. Under TCA by-laws, once a person becomes a national officer they cannot continue as a division officer. While writing this article, I've had an opportunity to reflect on the last several years of working with a group of wonderful people. It has been a special privilege and honor to serve with our officers, directors and members in shaping and implementing SD policy. Al Micheleni will be completing my term as VP and will take office July 1, 2020. Al's no stranger to the SD; he's a great guy, very knowledgeable about SD's rules and regulations, and easily approachable. I am confident that the Vice President's office will be in very capable and competent hands. I plan to remain active in SD and look forward to seeing you at our social events and train meets. I hope you'll feel free to share your thoughts, ideas and comments as to how we, at the national level, can improve TCA and how we can better serve the needs of all of our members. Most of all I thank you for all of your support and encouragement during my term of office; and, above all ...

"Keep Trainin"! Jay

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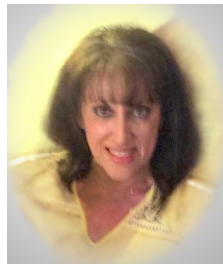
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[Train Collector's Association-Southern Division](#).
Send FB submissions to Webmaster Bill Porter.

Check out the TCA's Social Media Pages!
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Instagram: @TrainCollectors Association; and
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(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 that all of you and your family members are all safe and healthy. The cancellation of the joint TCA Convention and D56 Gathering to be held in Jacksonville in late June was a major disappointment to all those who have been working for several years planning and organizing what promised to be a unique and fun event. MY most sincere thanks and regards go out to all who served on the 2020 Convention Committee and those that had been and were planning to help. The silver lining for those of us on the committee is the many friendships we made or enhanced with fellow TCA members and with the many D56 collectors involved. As of the date I'm writing this, the TCA is negotiating with the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront to hold the TCA's 2025 National Convention there. That's a long time from now, but the SD Board of Directors has voted to support TCA efforts and will begin to look for volunteers to help with planning in the next year or two.

As noted earlier, please support TCA and the Southern Division by purchasing a Water Tower and/or our cool Convention shirts, hats, pins, etc.

You can see on page 4 in this newsletter that plans are in process for the September 26, 2020, SD Train Meet at Lake Nona Middle School in the Orlando area. In these uncertain times, we still hope to be able to go forward with that show but are awaiting confirmation from the Orange County School System. Please watch the SD website for any new developments.

I also to give my sincere thanks to Jay Zschau who has ably served as VP of the SD during my tenure as President. Jay has become a good friend, and I appreciate his tireless efforts on our behalf. Of course, Jay will continue to support TCA in his new role as National VP. Unfortunately, that role requires him to step down as SD VP. Filling the SD VP role for the remainder of the year is Al Michelini. I got to know Al when he helped out with the SD's Venice, FL, meets a few years ago and look forward to working with him again!

As the summer months are much quieter than anticipated, I look forward to time to work in my train room and would love to hear about your plans. As always, I'm always open to input with fresh ideas or even constructive criticism; so feel free to email, call, or stop and chat with me at one of our upcoming meets.

Happy Collecting!

Steve



Vice President's (Interim) Message

by

Al Michelini

A few weeks ago I was asked to serve as interim vice president during the last six months of Jay Zschau's term of SD VP until our next election. Jay's successful bid for TCA National Office Vice President certainly is bittersweet. He has been a great resource and leader in the Southern Division; and while we will miss him on the SD board of directors, we know he's just a phone call away if we wish to seek his guidance. The division's loss is National's gain, and I sincerely wish him good luck in steering the organization during these turbulent and challenging times. We look forward to seeing him at Florida train meets.

Jay will be a tough act to follow, but in the next few months I will work with the BOD to sort out the confusion and overcome the obstacles that the corona virus has created. I will do my best to offer creative and financially responsible solutions to future division challenges. Further, I believe that this is a time to focus on assisting our members in our common activity of buying, selling, trading, collecting and operating trains during this unique time. As some members may be unable to attend meets due to restrictions on attendance, travel or health, I will explore ways to include them in trading activities utilizing alternative means. If meets are prohibited, I will explore virtual meets to enable our members to socialize and exchange ideas with each other through the free video platforms many of us have been using for work and family connections this spring (Zoom, MS Teams, etc.). My primary focus will be to keep our division relevant and viable to the members.

I look forward to hearing from members on how we, as a group, can be of service to each other. Please stay safe and engaged this summer. I am honored to have been asked to serve and am eager to start.

Orlando / Lake Nona Train Meet and Event Details
September 26, 2020

At the time this newsletter went to press, this is the status of the Orlando meet: We are proceeding with the "hope" that the meet will be a "go" at the Lake Nona Middle School as originally planned. However, we are unable to get a commitment from the school at this time and are researching other venues in the Orlando area at which to hold the meet on September 26th. So, please save that date and **frequently check the SD website or call Mike Mills for the most up-to-date information**. Table holder checks for reservations are not cashed until post meet; thus, members who send in checks to reserve tables will not be charged for tables if the meet does not take place.

On Saturday the 26th, the third annual Lake Nona Train Meet/Show will open to members at 9 a.m., to the public at 10 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. A Members' Business Meeting is scheduled to be held at the venue at 9:30 a.m. (A BOD meeting is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Friday the 25th, time TBD. Contact Mike Mills or Al Michelini if you wish to attend.)

After the train show on Saturday, plan to attend an early evening Dinner Party starting at 5 p.m. at Sweet Mama's Restaurant (same place as last year, 10743 Narcoossee Rd., Suite A23, Orlando 32832, phone: 407-282-7737), during which we will enjoy socializing and good food and hold a "Show & Tell" Party. Bring a train-related item to share with the group. Due to price increases by Sweet Mama's, attendees are being charged \$16 per person. Please **R.S.V.P. on the Table & Event Registration Form**.

In case you're wondering about an awards ceremony, it was decided several months ago by the board of directors that the annual awards presentation would be held in Jacksonville in November. However, since the convention was canceled, the presentation is on hold.

Venue: Lake Nona Middle School, 13700 Narcoossee Rd., Orlando 32832. Lake Nona is just 12 minutes southeast of the Orlando International Airport, with easy access from both State Rt. 528 (The Beach Line) and State Rt. 417 (The Greenway). The school has high visibility along Narcoossee Road with easy access to the premises. Ample parking for table holders will be well marked at the rear of the cafeteria, which will allow more parking spaces in the front for the large crowds that are expected. Again, we'll be setting up in the spacious cafeteria with its easy load-in/load-out access.

Table Holders & Layout Set Up: Friday, 4:00-6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 7:00-9:00 a.m. Table holders - remember to bring starter sets, kids' items, and first-time-buyer items which will appeal to the young families in the area.

Tables: 8' Tables \$20 for TCA SD members and \$30 for TCA non-SD members. Please send in your Table and Event Registration Form with payment by **September 12** to assure your spot.

Meet Host: Mike Mills, cell 612-382-0325, email: Flyermike1949@gmail.com, co-host Bill Trappen (If anyone is interesting in assisting us or if you have any questions, please contact either of us.)

Show Activities: Layouts and displays, hourly door prizes for kids and adults, a Kids' play area, the always popular Scavenger Hunt for families, and Drag Races for kids!

Food: Refreshments will be tied to community organizations to include The Central Florida Children's Home, Lake Nona Middle School, and a Scout Troop. There will be food for all tastes including a vendor serving New York Style Hot Dogs. The groups will act as food runners so that table holders can keep selling!

Lodging: The official meet hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express, 10115 William Carey Dr., Orlando 32832 (corner of William Carey Drive and Narcoossee Rd.), 1.5 miles north of Lake Nona Middle School. The room rate will be \$99/night, **guaranteed until September 6**, so make your reservation early as the rate could increase after the 6th. Call 407-207-7001 and **mention the TCA/SD Train Show**. There are two, nearby Marriott properties, and all of the major hotel brands can be found on the North side of the Airport.

Even during this time of uncertainty, we are hoping for your support so that we can continue our train meets in Central Florida.

Mike and Bill

Other 2020 Convention Souvenir Merchandise

T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Baseball Caps, Pins and Refrigerator Magnets

In addition to the shirts and ball caps we advertised in previous issues of *The Layout*, we're also now offering other souvenir merchandise for you to purchase, which you normally would have bought at the convention. Unlike the previous offering of the shirts and caps which you were required to pick up at a train meet or at the now-canceled convention, you can have them shipped to your home for a modest cost. And as mentioned in the Water Tower information on the cover page, when you buy a Water Tower the other souvenir items "ride for free"!

If you're wondering why the long-sleeved denim shirts previously offered aren't on this order form, it's because the inventory of those shirts is so low that we decided that we didn't have enough space to advertise them on the website or in this newsletter. We're sold out of sizes Medium and XL. As of this writing we have 4 left in Large at \$29 each, 7 left in 2XL at \$34 each, and 3 left in 3XL at \$34 each; but they could be gone by the time you receive this newsletter. If you want one or more in the remaining sizes, please email Steve Johnson (contact info on p. 2) before ordering.

T-shirts: Rosemary Trappen (R) continues to encourage you to place your order for one (or more) of these high-quality t-shirts! Available writing the inventory in size



sizes and prices are listed on the order form, but be advised that at this Medium is very low; so don't delay in ordering!

Polo Shirts: Steve Johnson is our model for the silky, short-sleeved polo shirts. As of this writing we have an ample supply of all sizes, Medium through 3XL.



As of this writing we have

Baseball Caps: These handsome, one-size-fits-all caps still are available at \$15 each.



Souvenir Pins: \$5 each or 3 for \$10



(1 3/4" x 1 3/4")

Refrigerator Magnets: \$3 each, but order quickly as we're also running low on these.



(4" x 4")

How To Buy These Souvenirs: Please carefully read the following instructions.

If you are picking up your souvenirs locally in Jacksonville, **OR**, if you also are buying a water tower for local pick up or shipment to your home then you can complete your order on our secure website or by mailing your check along with the order form attached to or included with this newsletter.

However, if you are **NOT** picking up your souvenirs locally in Jacksonville, **OR**, if you are **NOT** also buying a water tower then you will need to receive a shipping cost quote from us before you can complete your order. If you have internet access, the easiest and fastest way to do that is by emailing the Southern Division webmaster, listing what you wish to buy, including sizes for shirts, and someone will quickly respond to you with an invoice showing the shipping cost and your total cost. Then you can complete your order either securely online or by mailing in the order form included with this issue along with your check. If you don't have internet access, call 305-335-1752 and we will call you back with the amount to add for shipping. Then you can complete your order by mail using the order form included with this issue along with your check.

Thank you!



TCA's Heritage Program
by
Charlie Anyan

L-R: Jay, Dave and Charlie

The TCA recently initiated the Heritage Program which requires that a TCA member 60 years of age or older may donate \$1000 or more and will not have to pay TCA dues for the rest of his/her life. Originally, the program required that one be a TCA member for at least 20 years. Fellow TCA SD member Dave Zitnik questioned, "If someone wants to give TCA \$1000, who cares how long they've been a member as long as they're 60 or older?" Jay Zschau and I thought that was a valid question, so Jay and I pushed to delete that requirement during National Executive Board meetings and at the 2018 convention. After about two years, the 20-year requirement was deleted by a majority vote of national TCA members. In the photo, Dave presents Jay and me his check to TCA for \$1000. He is the first person to donate to the fund. No more TCA dues for him!



Modifications to TCA's Heritage Program
by
Jay Zschau

As all can see from the photo above of Dave Zitnik presenting his check for \$1,000, that brought his membership to a new level - "Silver Heritage Member." It now is possible to become a Heritage Program member without the 20-consecutive year membership requirement. In addition, there are now 3 new levels of membership - Silver, Gold and Platinum. Under the newly-adopted rules, the following plans will apply to new members:

FOR SILVER MEMBERSHIP – 60 years of age and older with a \$1,000 contribution, \$500 going into the dues reserve fund and \$500 going into the Endowment Fund

FOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP – 60 years of age and older with a \$2,500 contribution, \$500 going into the dues reserve fund and \$2,000 going into the Endowment Fund

FOR PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP – 60 years of age and older with a \$5,000 contribution, \$500 going into the dues reserve fund and \$4,500 going into the Endowment Fund

The rationale behind this plan is to afford those who wish to make larger gifts to the Endowment Fund to do so as a part of their Heritage membership. Our hope is that this plan will result in larger contributions to the Endowment Fund, which will enable us to secure the future of the TCA Museum and Library. New members to the program will receive membership cards, and the color of the card will reflect their contribution level. Also, there are plans to have special events at conventions and York meets for the Gold and Platinum level members.

Please keep the Endowment Fund in mind during the annual appeal and opportunities to give when you are making contributions to the TCA. The Endowment Fund is our place to ensure the continuation of our Museum and our Library, as well as all other historical and educational activities.

In the meantime as always, **"Keep Trainin"!** Jay

Back by popular demand ...

Q: If an electric train is heading north, which way would the steam be coming out?

A: There wouldn't be any. It's an electric train.

Q: Why did the train have bubble gum?

A: Because it wanted to go Choo Choo.

Q: When does a rabbit go exactly as fast as a train?

A: When it's on the train.

Q: What do you give a train driver for Christmas?

A: Platform shoes!

**Ticket inspectors. You've got to hand it to them
I've always liked one-liners. That's why I'm a fan of monorails.**

A fired newspaper editor took an ex-press train out of town.



You're Welcome!

**Minutes – TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
May 11, 2020**

A Board of Directors Conference Call was held on May 11, 2020, beginning at 3:34 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Johnson.

Board of Directors Participants: President Steve Johnson; Vice President Jay Zschau; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; Past President Charlie Anyan

A quorum was present.

Guests: Marianne Napolitano, Convention Treasurer; and Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor

Minutes from the March 31, 2020, BOD Conference Call previously were approved and published in the Spring issue of *The Layout*.

Steve Johnson provided current information regarding the 2020 Convention status. At 3:40 PM EDT, the Board of Directors went into Executive Session to discuss convention updates in detail. At 3:45 PM EDT, the Board of Directors came out of Executive Session.

Bill Trappen reported that the D56 Water Towers were received in Florida on April 30. Many have been mailed, and the Southern Division continues to receive orders. As of May 11, 53 towers remain available for sale. At 3:57 PM EDT, the Board of Directors went into Executive Session to further discuss the water towers. At 4:04 PM EDT, the Board of Directors came out of Executive Session.

Marianne Napolitano provided a brief status of the Convention Financial Report. At 4:07 PM EDT the Board of Directors went into Executive Session to further discuss convention financial issues as related to the Southern Division. At 4:13 PM EDT, the Board of Directors came out of Executive Session.

Steve Johnson officially congratulated Jay Zschau on becoming the TCA's next Vice President, whose term will begin July 1, 2020. Jay Zschau reported that: 1) Jim Williams, TCA's Parliamentarian for the past 20 years, is retiring effective July 1, 2020. Mary Scout will be the new parliamentarian whose term will begin July 1, 2020. 2) Jay will remain on the TCA's Endowment Committee and Marketing Committee and welcomes the opportunity to speak with any Southern Division members who desire to participate on either or both committees.

Dienzel Dennis reported that the current Southern Division member roster reflects 412 Active, 1 Honorary, 437 Inactive and 81 Deceased.

Mike Powell discussed the Southern Division 2020 1st Quarter Financial Report, previously emailed to the Board of Directors. A copy of the report will be included with the Summer issue of *The Layout*.

Bill Trappen reported that Florida state regulations regarding social distancing and prohibition of gathering of more than 10 people at a time due to COVID-19 necessitated the cancellation of previously scheduled train meets. It is recommended that anyone considering attending a show first contact the meet host directly to get the most up-to-date information.

Mary Anyan reported that items for the Summer issue of *The Layout* are due to her not later than June 1 for distribution on/around July 1; however, she asked if the Board of Directors wishes to consider delaying distribution until mid-July or early-August in order to provide the most up-to-date information regarding the Orlando (September 26) meet. The board decided to revisit this at the next teleconference, scheduled for June 1.

Bill Trappen reported that Orlando (September 26) Meet Host Mike Mills will be in touch with representatives from Lake Nona Middle School (venue) and Sweet Mama's Restaurant (meal and Show & Tell). The latest updates will be posted on the division website as well as in the Summer issue of *The Layout*.

Steve Johnson reported that the November 21 Jacksonville meet remains scheduled at the Morocco Shrine Center.

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Minutes – TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Teleconference, May 11, 2020 (cont'd.)

Steve Johnson reported that, at present, the Fenn Center is not executing new contracts but advised that they are holding the SD's requested date. The status regarding the January 2021 meet is that members are encouraged to visit the division website and also check *The Layout* for updated information.

Jay Zschau reported on the division's recruitment of new members and stated the TCA is in the hands of divisions and chapters with regard to recruitment. In the near future, a letter of invitation will be sent to Florida TCA members who are not Southern Division members, listing the benefits and encouraging them to join.

Steve Johnson advised that his second term as Southern Division President ends December 31, 2020. In addition, according to TCA By-Laws, Jay Zschau's position as Southern Division Vice President ends July 1, 2020, when he assumes office as National Vice President. At 4:38 PM EDT, the Board of Directors went into Executive Session to discuss potential candidates for these offices. At 4:51 PM EDT, the Board of Directors came out of Executive Session. Steve Johnson reported that he will appoint a Nominating Committee to address the upcoming vacancies.

Motion by Jay Zschau: I move to appoint Al Michelini to serve as Southern Division Vice President from July 1, 2020, until the next Southern Division Board of Directors election, scheduled for November 2020. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Dienzel Dennis, Secretary

**Minutes – TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
June 1, 2020**

A Board of Directors Conference Call was held on June 1, 2020, beginning at 3:30 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Johnson.

Board of Directors Participants: President Steve Johnson; Vice President Jay Zschau; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; Past President Charlie Anyan

A quorum was present.

Guests: Al Michelini, Interim Vice President appointee (beginning July 1, 2020); Bill Porter, SD Webmaster; Mike Mills, Lake Nona Meet Host; and Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor

Minutes of the May 11, 2020, BOD Conference Call previously were approved and will be published in the summer issue of *The Layout*.

Steve Johnson provided current information regarding the 2020 Convention and reiterated that the convention officially is canceled. In discussion among TCA officials and Jacksonville Hyatt representatives, it was agreed that the TCA will hold the 2025 convention at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront.

Motion by Dienzel Dennis: I move to commit the Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association to host the 2025 National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Motion unanimously passed.

A limited amount of convention merchandise remains, and details will be included on the SD website as well as in the summer issue of the newsletter.

Bill Trappen reported that D56 Water Tower orders continue to be received. To date, 171 towers have been sold and 115 have been shipped.

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Minutes – TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Teleconference, June 1, 2020 (cont'd.)

Steve Johnson previously emailed the BOD a convention financial report as of May 29, 2020, and further elaborated and took questions regarding its contents.

Jay Zschau advised that it has been his honor and pleasure to serve as vice president on the SD BOD and work with many wonderful people. He assured the board that he will continue to attend Florida meets and assist as needed. He asked to be contacted if anyone wishes to share ideas regarding TCA National.

Dienzel Dennis reported that the current Southern Division membership roster remains unchanged in the past month: 412 Active, 1 Honorary, 437 Inactive and 81 Deceased.

Mike Powell reported a current balance of \$14,605.41 in the SD checking account.

Bill Trappen reported that in reviewing completed train meet “Door Prize Coupon/How Did You Hear About Us?” forms from two previous shows, SD ads in *Classic Toy Trains* and *Model Railroader* magazines which cost the division \$90 total for both ads, each meet, it was revealed those advertising sources do not significantly contribute to attendance. Mr. Trappen recommended discontinuing advertising in both magazines. The board concurred.

Bill Porter reported that he continues to post on the SD Facebook page as well the SD website. He proposed the idea of creating and implementing generalized email addresses for SD BOD officers as he has done regarding the webmaster; e.g., SDTCASWebmaster@gmail.com, in order to insure privacy of an individual’s personal email. A discussion of the pros and cons followed, and Mr. Porter advised that he will create emails for those interested and email a set of instructions.

Mary Anyan reported that the first draft of the summer newsletter previously was emailed to the BOD, and articles are due to her ASAP.

Mike Mills reported that he has been communicating with his contact at Lake Nona Middle School regarding the scheduled September 26, 2020, train meet. His contact advised that at this time, it is unknown if the meet can/will be held at that venue. Mr. Mills further advised that he has been researching other venues. In addition, he has been in contact with the owner of Sweet Mama’s Restaurant regarding a post-meet buffet and show & tell. The owner advises that at this time, it is uncertain if social distancing requirements will limit the number of attendees.

Steve Johnson reported that the November 21, 2020, Jacksonville meet remains scheduled at the Morocco Shrine Center; and it is unknown what, if any, social distancing requirements will be in effect.

Steve Johnson reported that, at present, the Fenn Center is not executing new contracts but advised that they are holding the SD’s requested date of January 23, 2021.

Jay Zschau reported that SD recruitment letters to current TCA non-SD members in Florida are ready to be copied and mailed.

Steve Johnson reported that he appointed Bill Trappen to serve as chairman of the SD Nominating Committee to recruit members for upcoming vacancies, as an election is scheduled for November 2020. Mr. Trappen will recruit others to serve on that committee.

Mike Powell prepared and previously emailed to the board a suggested guide for SD train meets during the COVID-19 pandemic, which the board will review and discuss at a later date.

Mary Anyan prepared and previously emailed to the board ideas for increasing SD revenue and also website updates, which the board will review and discuss at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Dienzel Dennis, Secretary

Augie Staebler sent this tidbit and photo: "This is from a 1940 Sears & Roebuck Catalog. At the bottom left is a Marx mechanical set for 98 cents, or you could splurge and get a Lionel set with whistle for \$10.98. Just thought this might be a funny for these times." (Thanks, Augie, for your many contributions to *The Layout* and for making us laugh!)

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Dear Reader: You probably have children, grandchildren, or perhaps even great-grandchildren. If you do, have you given them a membership in the TCA Kids Club (ages 12 and under) or TCA Teen Club (ages 13-18)? If you have, thank you. If you haven't, please consider it. A membership in either club will cost you ... nothing. That's right, **free!** Check out TCA National's websites: <http://nttmuseum.org/kids/kidscontent/index.shtml> (Kids) or <http://nttmuseum.org/kids/teenscontent/index.shtml> (Teens) for additional information.

Every TCA member should be eager and excited to pass on the camaraderie associated with, joy of collecting and love of model trains to the younger generation and their friends. Hopefully, those youngsters eventually will become full-fledged TCA members. There are so many opportunities to share this great hobby ~ let's take advantage of every one of them!

Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor

The Southern Division Board of Directors extends its sincerest condolences to Jeff Mayer, former newsletter editor, on the recent passing of his mother.

Upcoming 2020 Florida Train Meets/Shows

Check first with the meet/show host for the latest updates.

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

Aug. 15-16: The Villages Model Train Show, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Vilages** 32162, 9A-4P Sat., 10A-3P Sun.; contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, sammathis@bellsouth.net, or Cecil Byrd, 352-693-4079, cbyrd@cfl.rr.com (**The Villages**)

Aug. 29: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 9A-1P, joe@regalrailways.com, www.regalrailways.com (**Regal Railways**)

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

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 this issue!)**

Oct. 3: Florida Train Show, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, contact Charles Miller, 703-536-2954, rshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com (**Golden Spike**)

Nov. 8: **Zitnik Trains** Fall Parking Lot Swap Meet & Open House, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-1P) 727-201-9668

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

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

Dec. 19-20: Tampa Model Railroad Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. 301, **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, above)

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Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Mary Anyan, MaryAnyan.MIA1@gmail.com.

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) 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 **Bill Trappen** (email bill9678@aol.com, or phone 407-365-7860). Bill will get flyers to you to take to the meets and leave out for others. If possible, please give Bill at least 10 days' notice to insure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help.

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

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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 Southeast Florida. Al Galli, 772-219-7653, algalli@embarqmail.com.

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Wanted to buy: Marklin (German) H0 gauge locomotives, passenger and freight train cars and accessories. Especially interested in pre-1970s items. Have many items for sale and trade as well. Contact me at kurt.amstutz@gmail.com / (407) 462-5670 for more information. If you are a Marklin collector please explore my Wiki project - a free Marklin (and other manufacturer) database and collection management web application - <https://www.ModelRailroadCollector.wiki>.

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