



Pictured above in front of the Souvenir Water Tower are the Souvenir Convention Cars that have been delivered for the 2020 TCA Convention the SD was planning to host in Jacksonville this past June. The cars are sold out, but a few Department 56 Water Towers with the Disney Duck logo remain. You can order the water tower and other Convention Souvenir Merchandise on the SD website, or complete the order form enclosed in this newsletter and mail it with your check for payment. (See p. 4.)

******* ATTENTION: 2021 PINELLAS PARK MEET DATE CHANGE *******

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE OUTDOOR TCA SD MEET IN ZITNIK'S TRAIN STORE PARKING LOT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021, DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE PARKING ON SATURDAY AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. RAIN DATE WILL BE MARCH 14TH.

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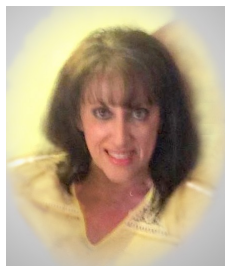
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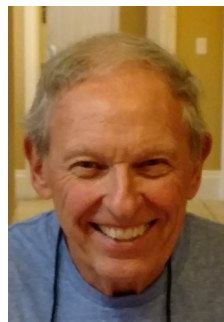
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Please inform **Dienzel Dennis** of all address changes.
Do not send them to the editor of *The Layout*
as that will only delay processing. Thank you.

Check out the Southern Division Website:
www.tcasoutherndivision.org 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 Collectors Association Toy Train Discussion;
Instagram: @TrainCollectors Association; and
Twitter: @TCAnational
(Invite your contacts to "Like" and "Follow" them!)

**Please consider electronically receiving your copy of
The Layout. It's a great 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 loved ones have remained safe and healthy during this unprecedented and frustrating time.

The health and safety of our members and guests is always the top priority. Yet it is another disappointment that the September 26 meet at Lake Nona Middle School was cancelled as is the November 21 Jacksonville meet. We certainly hope to be able to go forward with the Fort Pierce show on January 23, but please check the website, the Winter issue of *The Layout*, or call Meet Host Al Galli for the most up-to-date information. On a positive note, the board voted to hold an old-fashioned, outdoor swap meet on March 6*, with a rain date of March 13*. Because we couldn't get a February or March reservation at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center (where the February 2020 meet was held), SD Member Dave Zitnik and wife Gale offered the parking lot of their store in Pinellas Park. Many of you know that Dave holds parking lot swap meets a couple of times during the year which are fun and well attended. And - there will be no table holder fee or attendance fee!

The TCA continues to negotiate with the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront to hold its 2025 National Convention at that location. While five years seem like a long way out, it will be here before we know it. In the next year or two, the SD Board of Directors will begin asking for volunteers to help with planning. We still have a few 2020 convention water towers plus other merchandise for sale. See what's available on p. 4 in this newsletter.

During the summer months, I've had time to work in my train room and would enjoy hearing how you've spent your quarantined time. I know that Charlie and Mary Anyan rented an RV for a month and visited family in several states, eventually ending up in Montana.

It's been my honor and privilege to serve as the Southern Division President for the past four years (hard to believe), and my term will end December 31. During this tenure, I've met and become friends with many wonderful folks. But it's time to vote, so please take the opportunity to do so. A ballot is enclosed or attached, and this time you may electronically vote by emailing your ballot to Mary Anyan. Hopefully, this option will elicit more responses. Of course, you may still mail a paper ballot to Charlie Anyan. Remember: this is your division, so make your voice heard!

Happy Collecting!
Steve

***Editor's Note: Please see the announcement on the front page regarding the change in date for the 2021 Pinellas Park outdoor meet.**



Interim Vice President's Message

by

Al Michelini

The cancellation of York and most of the other train shows that we regularly attend due to the Corona virus has presented each of us with a challenge. How do we keep up both our collecting and our train related friendships without being able to gather as we always have in the past? For me, the internet has been the answer. When it comes to buying, I find myself spending more time looking in obscure places for items that have been posted online. Besides Craigslist and eBay, there are many new online market places where trains are being listed. It is worth the effort to search out these websites for bargains and attic finds, and it is fun too. Also, more auction houses have been improving their internet sales platforms because of limitations of in-person attendance. They are more willing to help bidders and arrange shipping to almost anywhere. On the selling side, eBay is a good venue, but direct TCA contacts are also possible and much better. I have sold items to members all over the country and had great phone conversations with them. New train friendships can be created during these difficult times.

Another great free resource for us to use is Zoom (or Skype). You have probably been on one of these calls with family during this pandemic. However, have you used it to connect with train buddies? You can show each other what you have found, or some new layout project, or whatever. It may be safer to stay at home now, but you certainly don't have to be alone. I have been "Zooming" with people all over the world about trains and other things. The calls can easily last 45 minutes as time tends to fly by. In October, why not Zoom with your York friends that you only see there because they live all over the US? They will enjoy it as much as you do. Have fun and stay safe!

Update on 2020 Convention Souvenir Merchandise

(Water Towers, T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Denim Shirts, Baseball Caps, Pins and Refrigerator Magnets)

Please see the [Order Form included in or attached to this newsletter](#).

If you wish to again see photos of the merchandise, visit the website or review previous issues of *The Layout*.

Only a few Water Towers remain, so act fast!

Remember ~ when you buy a Water Tower, the other souvenir items “ride for free”!

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

If you are buying a Water Tower or picking up your souvenirs locally in Jacksonville, then you can complete your order on our secure website using PayPal or your credit or debit card or by mailing your check along with the filled-out order form attached to or included with this newsletter.

However, if you are **NOT** buying a water tower or picking up your souvenirs locally in Jacksonville, then you will need to request and 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 at SDTCAwebmaster@gmail.com, listing what you wish to buy, including quantities and sizes of shirts; and someone will quickly respond to you with an invoice showing the items to be ordered, 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 or text Steve Johnson at 305-335-1752 or SJohnson@fljdcpa.com, and someone will call you back with the amount to add for shipping. Then you can complete your order by mail using the order form included in this issue along with your check. *Thank you.*

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### TCA National Vice President's Comments

by

Jay Zschau



Our division's leadership was kind enough to allow me to make a few comments in this newsletter. During the past seven months in this era of COVID-19, we oftentimes get the feeling that everything is going downhill. The 2020 Convention was cancelled, train meets and events were cancelled, and get-togethers are limited and may continue to be for some time to come. While we conduct “virtual” meetings via Zoom, Skype, etc., the face-to-face camaraderie of being together physically is absent. However, it is very important to realize that most of the aspects of the TCA are functioning as normal. The National Business Office and the National Toy Train Library are open, providing essential member services and assisting with member research every weekday. The Museum is open on a limited basis so the public can visit and enjoy the history and entertainment model trains can bring. The national publications are being distributed on schedule, the convention cars are available for order and, in fact, being delivered on time, the collector insurance is still operational, and many other aspects of the TCA are functioning as usual. There is more to TCA!

On the bright side of train meets and events, several divisions in Pennsylvania recently held an outdoor event near Lancaster; and it was an overwhelming success! Some of the Pennsylvania divisions are planning to replicate that outdoor event in the Spring of 2021 and, if possible, to expand it. The Southern Division also is planning an outdoor parking lot event next March, and the indoor events are still being studied to see how we can continue them while keeping the health and safety of everyone the top priority.

The bottom line is that the TCA is still here, as strong as ever, with plans to bring back the fellowship, train events, and train meets bigger and better than ever. So let's all keep our chin up and enjoy the many things we have planned for the future and a better time. And, above all . . .

*Keep Trainin' Jay*

**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes**  
**August 26, 2020**

A Board of Directors teleconference call was held August 26, 2020, beginning at 3:30 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Johnson.

Board of Directors Participants: President Steve Johnson; Interim Vice President Al Michelini; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past President Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present.

Guests: Jay Zschau, TCA National Vice President; Bill Porter, SD Webmaster; Marianne Napolitano, SD Convention Treasurer; Dave Zitnik, SD Member; and Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor

Jay Zschau reported regarding TCA National: 1) The “WIN BIG” Program initiative is in its second year, and the deadline has been extended to September 30, 2020. Although the website currently lists gift certificates as top prizes, Visa gift cards are now being offered in place of the certificates; Mr. Zschau encouraged all to recruit new members; 2) As the York October 2020 show was cancelled, the regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting will be held by video or teleconference call not later than December 31, 2020; 3) Many train shows around the country have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020; 4) The 2021 convention plans in Irvine, CA, continue to move forward; 5) The 2025 proposed Jacksonville convention details are still in negotiations between TCA and Hyatt representatives; and 6) Mike Powell asked Mr. Zschau the status of recruitment letters to TCA Florida members not currently SD members. Mr. Zschau replied that the letters are printed and ready for mailing and asked for a volunteer to complete the task.

Steve Johnson provided information regarding the 2020 Convention. The SD has sold a few more convention items since the June 1 teleconference, and an updated order form will be included in the Fall newsletter. Mr. Johnson and Marianne Napolitano provided the most up-to-date convention financial status.

Mike Powell reported that the SD’s 2020 2Q Treasurer’s Report will be included with the Fall issue of the newsletter.

Bill Trappen reported that: 1) Additional D56 Water Towers have been sold and are still being offered via the SD’s website and Facebook page; 2) Dave Zitnik offered to display and sell the water towers in his store, and the board accepted. Details will be finalized in the near future as Steve Johnson will ship a box of four (4) towers to Zitnik Trains; and 3) It was suggested to list the water towers for sale on eBay which Mr. Trappen will do. In addition, two more convention cars were delivered to members since June 1; and there is only one remaining to be produced and delivered.

Bill Trappen reported that: 1) With the cancellation of all central Florida local train shows, he has been unable to distribute flyers and table registration forms for SD; 2) He prepared and submitted a list of SD meets for the September issue of TCA National Headquarters News; 3) For the summer newsletter, he prepared a mailing label file with approximately 200 members who request hard-copy newsletter distribution and emailed the file to the printer; and 4) He e-blasted the newsletter to approximately 200 SD members. Regarding getting the word out about the cancellation of the Orlando-Lake Nona meet: 1) He e-blasted an announcement to 350 SD members as well as to 30 Orlando area train collectors which included some who are not SD members; 2) He posted announcements on the OGR Forum and the TTML; and 3) He made phone calls to several members he personally knows who do not have email or do not regularly check it.

Bill Porter reported: 1) The SD website is running smoothly. Bill Trappen sent convention cars photos which are on the website; however, Mr. Porter again requests that members submit photos of their trains, layouts, etc. to populate the site. 2) The SD Facebook page is working properly. 3) The logistics and financial cost of creating a “Members Only” link to the SD website was discussed, and Mr. Porter and Steve Johnson will continue to research this possibility.

Mary Anyan reported that items for the fall issue of *The Layout* are due to her by September 1.

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**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes, August 26, 2020 (cont'd.)**

September 26, 2020, Lake Nona Meet: Bill Trappen advised that he and Mike Mills will begin research on a 2021 meet.

November 21, 2020, Jacksonville Meet: Steve Johnson reported that it officially is cancelled.

January 23, 2021, Fort Pierce Meet: Steve Johnson reported that, at present, the meet is still a “go.” As reported in the summer newsletter, the Fenn Center is not executing new contracts but is holding the January 23 date for the SD. Barring cancellation, the Meet Story will appear in the winter issue of *The Layout*. The Board advises members to frequently check the SD website for updates or contact Meet Host Al Galli: 772-219-7653 or [algalli@embarqmail.com](mailto:algalli@embarqmail.com).

Pinellas Park Meet 2021: The SD was unable to reserve a February or March 2021 Saturday at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center as they were already booked. Al Michelini suggested the SD hold an outdoor meet, Dave Zitnik offered his store parking lot, the board discussed logistics, and agreed to Saturday, March 6, 2021, with a rain date of Saturday, March 13. The Meet Story will appear in the winter issue of *The Layout*.

As reported in the June 1, 2020, BOD Teleconference Minutes, Steve Johnson appointed Bill Trappen to serve as chairman of the SD Nominating Committee. The appointment was rescinded during the current teleconference, and Mr. Johnson appointed Charlie Anyan to serve as chairman. As the term for the current Southern Division Board of Directors ends December 31, 2020, a vote must be conducted to elect officers to serve January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. The ballot is included in this issue, and instructions are on the ballot. The board encourages the members to vote.

The next SD board meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020, and the board discussed using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Skype as a platform. Steve Johnson volunteered to research.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anyan  
*The Layout* Editor

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Upcoming 2020 / 2021 Florida Train Meets/Shows

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

~~**Oct. 3:** Florida Train Show, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland ***CANCELLED***~~

~~**Oct. 3:** NMRA Sunshine Region 2020 Convention, Train Show/Swap Meet, Plant City ***CANCELLED***~~

Oct. 17-18, 24-25: Florida Railroad Museum, Pumpkin Patch Express, Parrish http://www.frm.org/Months_events.php

Oct. 24: Train Show/Swap Meet, Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30th Ave. N., St. Petersburg 33713, 9A-2P, Adults \$5.00/children 12 & under free; Early Bird reservation \$7.00, 8-9A, Vendors and Model Train Layout; Lunch available joe@regalrailways.com; www.regalrailways.com (Regal Railways)

Nov. 7: Train Show/Swap Meet, First Christian Church of Ocala, 1908 S.E. Ft. King St., Ocala 34471, Contact Bob, 352-694-6381 or 352-208-5284 (Silver Springs Lions Club)

Nov. 8: Fall Parking Lot Swap Meet & Open House, 5193 73rd Ave. N., Pinellas Park 33781 (9A-1P) Set up begins at 7A. 727-201-9668 (Zitnik Trains)

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Upcoming 2020 / 2021 Florida Train Meets/Shows (cont'd.)

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

Nov. 14-15: The Artistry of Model Railroads and Regal Railways Present Model Trains Show/Sale, The Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, Sat. 10A-4P, Sun. 1-4P

Nov. 21: Morocco Shrine Center, **Jacksonville (Southern Division)** - *****CANCELLED*****

Nov. 21: Model Train Swap Meet & Flea Market, **Boca Raton**, email sfrm.org@gmail.com for additional information (**South Florida Railway Museum**)

Nov. 28: Train Show/Swap Meet, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21: Florida Railroad Museum, North Pole Express, <http://www.frm.org/Months/events.php> **Parrish**

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

Dec. 12: Train Show/Swap Meet, **Dover** 33781, 9A-2P (**Regal Railways**, above)

Dec. 19-20: Tampa Model Railroad Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, **Tampa** - *****CANCELLED*****

Jan. 2, 2021: Train Show/Swap Meet, Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

Jan. 16: Train Show/Swap Meet, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

Jan. 16-17: Model Train Show for Collectors and Hobbyists, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Hwy., **Stuart** 34996 contact Gary Hawken 772-692-9017, garyhawken@att.net (**Martin County Model Railroad Club**)

Jan. 23: Train Show, The Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., **Fort Pierce** 34982, 9A-2P (**Southern Division**) Meet Story in the Winter 2021 issue

Feb. 13: Train Show/Swap Meet, Columbian Club Of Osceola, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 34744 (**Regal Railways**, above)

Feb. 27-28: RealRail's 43rd Annual Train Show, Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd., **Palmetto** 34221, Sat. 10A-4P, Sun. 10A-3P; contact David Fontaine, 941-685-2221 or david_f_34205@yahoo.com. (**RealRail**)

Mar. 7 (SUNDAY) (rain date Mar. 14): Parking Lot Train Show/Swap Meet, Zitnik Trains, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-2P) (**Southern Division**) Meet Story in the Winter 2021 issue (**See announcement on the front page regarding the change in day and date for this show.**)

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 list a schedule of upcoming shows on our Southern Division website as well as in each quarter's *The Layout*. We also promote these meets with 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** (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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The deadline for articles, photos, etc.
for the next issue of *The Layout* is
December 1, 2020. Thank you.

**Did you read the
announcement on
the front page
regarding the
change in date for
the 2021 Pinellas
Park outdoor meet?**

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For Sale: Williams #803 and #804: New York Central 80-ft. Painted and Plated 6-car Passenger Sets. Mint/Never Run. Original New packaging. \$375 each. Shipping and Insurance included! Stuart Horn 860-543-9060 stujhorn@gmail.com, 7345 Marbella Echo Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33446

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

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

American Flyer Trains by A. C. Gilbert. Buy, sell, repairs done. Diesel bushings redone. Single motor, \$25; Double motor, \$40 (includes general servicing and parts). Write or call Chris Lucibello: 2483 Pinellas Point Dr. S., St. Petersburg 33712; 727-867-3465, email: karen.lucibello@verizon.net.

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 jeff.sawyeriviera@att.net

I am always looking to buy pre-war, post-war and modern era O gauge trains as well as G gauge and Marklin trains. I am in Hobe Sound in Southeast Florida. Al Galli, 772-219-7653, algalli@embarqmail.com.

TCA Skytop Observation Car + TCA A & B Shells. **All mint.** Asking \$200 for all. Vince Coffman, 407-678-7448

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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