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for the term January 1, 2021 -
December 31, 2022 ~
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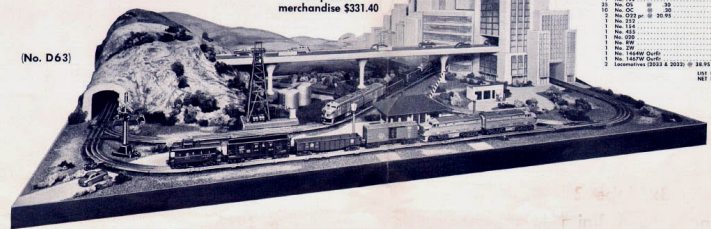
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Another interesting tidbit from Augie Staebler: “This is a Lionel D 63 Factory Display Layout from 1952. From what I’ve heard this is one of the hardest display layouts to find today. It was a common practice for stores to sell their display layouts just before Christmas to clear them out for the season. At right is an ad from a December 22, 1952, Tampa Tribune classified ad to sell the layout for half price. I’m sure they were selling a D 63 as the ad refers to the moving autos and I can also remember seeing that display as a child. Even back then that was quite a bargain, being sold at \$150.00, considering all that was included....”

Thanks, Augie!

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The January 23, 2021, Fort Pierce meet is canceled. The SD BOD is committed to the health and safety of its members and guests. We appreciate your understanding and patience - we all are in this together, and we will get through it.

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and also our Facebook page: [Train Collector's Association - Southern Division](#).
Send FB submissions to Webmaster Bill Porter.

Address, Phone and/or Email Changes
Please inform Dienzel Dennis ASAP of any **address, phone and/or email changes**. If there's important division information and we need to get it to you, we must have your current info on file. Thank you.

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 relatives and friends to "Like" and "Follow" them.)

From *The Layout* Editor: As the Southern Division's President and Vice President are newly elected, there was a time crunch between them writing articles for this newsletter - and getting this issue to printing and distribution on schedule. So, we changed the format and did a Q&A with them. The questions: 1) Tell us about yourself and your family (native Floridian? spouse? children? grandchildren? great-grandchildren? Have any of them been or currently are interested in your model train hobby? 2) At what age did you become interested in model trains, and what were the circumstances surrounding it? 3) How did you first hear about TCA, and when did you join TCA? 4) What manufacturer(s) and gauge(s) do you collect? 5) When did you join the Southern Division? 6) Have you made lifelong friends due to your interest in model trains? 7) What is your vision for the SD over the next two years? I think you'll enjoy getting to know the two, new leaders of your Southern Division - I sure did!

Mike Setzer: I was born in 1951 in Gastonia, North Carolina. Dallas, NC, is where I call home because Dallas did not have a hospital when I was born. As a matter of fact, Dallas still does not have a hospital today. My family moved to South Florida when I was 7 years old. They loved South Florida and I hated it. I made it clear to everybody when I turned 18, I was leaving South Florida and moving back to North Carolina. Today I am the only one of my family living in South Florida, and they have all moved back. I am married to my wonderful wife Arlene and we have 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl - Michael, John, Brian, Wendy and Matthew. We also have two grandchildren - Autumn and Nathan. Most of you know Wendy and Matthew. Wendy attends as many train shows as possible to help me out and enjoys meeting and talking with all of you. Matthew runs our train store in Bristol, Virginia. Matthew is certified for repairing Lionel and MTH trains. I received my first train set for Christmas in 1953. The set was a Marx and contained a Santa Fe A & B diesel and 4 cars. I love that train set. I cannot tell you how many hours of fun and pleasure it has brought me. Today it stands proudly in my train room with some of the rarest LGB trains ever made. Living in South Florida, space became a premium. I had to give up on O scale and switch to HO. I have collected both ever since. Arlene was 8-months pregnant with Wendy when I saw an LGB train set running in a hobby shop window. All the train did was run. It never fell off the track, the transformer did not overheat and stop the train from running, all it did was run. I was hooked! We bought our first LGB train set that November. We put it under the Christmas tree for Wendy's first Christmas. By Wendy's second Christmas, the little train and circle of track now covered the entire living room. Instead of just one engine we now had 5 trains running at one time, and many switch tracks and buildings were under the Christmas tree. The Great American Train Show hosted a model train show in South Florida in the mid 80s. Some of the model train clubs were looking for new members. They told me about TCA and the train shows they hosted both locally and the show at York. This looked like a good way to buy and sell model trains along with meeting other people with the same interest I had. This has been one of the best things I have ever been part of. I joined TCA in 1989 and have been very satisfied with both the Southern Division and the National Club since then. When Arlene and I are traveling, we look and see if TCA has a meet scheduled in the city we are visiting or if the meet is along the route we are traveling. I have model trains from Z gauge to a riding railroad. The lion's share of my collection is "G" scale LGBs. We had the former owners of Lehman "LGB" trains at our house - Rolf, Johannes and Wolfgang Richter. They visited with us during the 1995 convention and brought a lot of insight to many of my trains. I have been the president of many clubs going back to high school. My senior year I was the president of the science club; after high school it was the Ford Drag Club. I have chaired 4 National Model Railroad Conventions, three of them for LGB and one for the Garden Railroad Club. In 2021 the Southern Division is going to have many challenges. Until we get the pandemic under control our meets will be different with social distancing, face masks, and other regulations that have been put in place. But together we can make these regulations bearable and safe, for all of us. In early November, we went to a Greenberg train show in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Many people attended the show, and a lot of product was sold. This show proved to me that model railroading is here to stay. I am looking forward to working with the Southern Division Board of Directors and all of you for the next two years.

Mike Mills: As a native son of the Bronx, NY, my migration to Florida was very convoluted. I chose to go west through Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Finally in 2006, my wife Barbara convinced me to load up my American Flyer (AF) trains along with the rest of the household and seek a warmer climate. Fortunately we found our way to the Orlando area. The downside was our family is spread across the U.S.- coast to coast. Barbara and I have a blended family of 5 kids and 5 grandkids (Kayla-6, Miles-8, Blake-5, Cassie-15 and Alex-31). I got into our hobby in 1953 as my dad decided his 4-year-old son needed an electric train. So that holiday season he found an AF set to fill up a third of our apartment's living room. I still have this set (#5312T) and operate it annually. Each year until 1965 my parents added some Plasticville and items such as my mom's creations from coffee cans that were painted silver and turned into water tanks and gas storage tanks just like we would see on our trips to Jersey City to see relatives. As with most of us, the trains were packed away during high school and college. Upon buying my first house (near Akron, Ohio), my mom unceremoniously handed my trains to me. Now being in NE Ohio, I soon learned about train shows and price guides and met some great train guys who guided me in my quest to fill up my train room. As the trains slowly traveled from Ohio to Green Bay to Minneapolis, I was able to collect enough "stuff" to begin to start selling at public local shows. It was finally in MN that Barbara convinced me to join the Lakes & Pines Division of the TCA in 2001. I really kicked myself for not doing this sooner. My collection is primarily Post-war AF, Gilbert items such as erector sets and chemistry sets, Plasticville, a bit of AF HO, AF/Lionel Legacy and two O gauge Lionel items, the SD 50th Anniversary trolley and a Lionel 50's Scout set. Barbara's brothers have asked me to care for their childhood "Scout" set. It was in 2006 when we arrived in Central Florida. Thankfully, Bill Trappen and Arnie Travitsky saw me as "fresh meat" and took me under their wings. Being new to the area, Barbara and I took advantage of how spread out the Southern Division is and enjoyed exploring Florida by attending many SD shows and meetings. Finally after retiring I have been able to host the Orlando Train Meet for the last two years. We need new members!! We need to develop a strategy to create an SD membership drive. I think we need to outreach to schools and community organizations and to expand the Kids Club. We need to continue to cross-pollinate with other modelers and collectors, as we did with the Dept. 56 group, and encourage them to see the "value" of collecting and to create a model railroad legacy.

Thank You to Brad Woodward

As you are aware, after an election the two immediate past presidents of the division remain members of the board of directors. After the most recent election, they would be Steve Johnson and Brad Woodward. For personal reasons, Brad expressed his desire to resign from the board and officially did so, effective December 31, 2020. He asked Charlie Anyan to stay on, and Charlie agreed.

The Southern Division Board of Directors cannot thank Brad and his wife Louise enough for their many years of service to the TCA and the division. Brad was one of the early SD members - he joined in 1971 (2021 will be his 50th anniversary as an SD member) and has helped the division in many capacities. He was involved as president, past president, Kids Club coordinator, and assistant at the Fort Pierce meets. Brad always stepped up with dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in when called upon, wherever he was needed. His involvement with the Scavenger Hunt for families (a highlight at every meet) was a treat, and he enjoyed seeing the children who completed the form excitedly bring it to him select a toy. Of course, he also never missed an opportunity to put on his "ambassador" hat and talk with them about the joys of model train collecting! Louise sat at the front desk many times over the years to welcome meet attendees and handle the check-in procedure. We wish Brad and Louise all the best and look forward to seeing them at future shows.



Did you know that you can take the *e*Train*?

It's the online newsletter of the Train Collectors Association™



From the Fall 2020 newsletter:

As *e*Train* completes its 19th year, it has over a thousand authoritative articles, all available here for learning, research, and just plain fun!

We have continued to be blessed with great authors who bring excellence to the documentation of our hobby.

YOU can contribute, too!

Our next deadline for submissions is December 1st, 2020, but don't wait! You can share your experiences and expertise. It may be something simple and easy, or it may be more intricate. We can help you get it together if you need assistance, so let me know. <http://tcaetrain.org/>

*Carol R. McGinnis, e*Train Editor*

The Southern Division Board of Directors expresses its condolences on the passing of Jim Herron. Jim was an SD member and one-time vice president of the division.

PINELLAS PARK MEET STORY
SUNDAY, March 7, 2021, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(rain date Sunday, March 14)

As you may recall, last year's meet was held in a new-to-the-SD facility, The Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center (PPPAC), and the show was a great success. We had hoped to book the facility for a meet in February, but PPPAC wouldn't book prior to August of 2020 as that was their cutoff for contracts for concerts, long-standing events, etc. We contacted them in early August and were told that the four February and four March 2021 Saturdays already were booked, and our only option was the possibility of a last-minute cancellation. Of course, that wouldn't work as we need time to advertise and give table holders enough notification. Dave Zitnik, owner of Zitnik Trains in Pinellas Park, graciously offered us the parking lot at his store to hold our show; and the SD BOD gratefully accepted. The show originally was to be held on Saturday, March 6 because the Bank of America (BoA) satellite office across the street from Zitnik's parking lot was closed. Their parking lot was to serve as our parking lot for table holders and guests to the show. After the Fall newsletter was printed and distributed, we learned that the BoA satellite office had reopened; so there went our parking spaces. Dave Zitnik offered his parking lot for Sunday, March 7, with a rain date of Sunday, March 14 - and the SD BOD accepted. Which brings us to:

SET UP for table holders will be Sunday the 7th, from 7-9 a.m. Dave will assign table holders to locations in the parking lot according to their arrival time. Any helper (limit one (1) per table holder) must be a family member or a member in good standing of the TCA, unless pre-approved by the meet host or an SD board member.

TABLES and CHAIRS must be provided by table holders. The parking lot can accommodate a maximum of 50, 8-ft. tables, and each table holder may bring no more than two (2), 8-ft.-long tables. You may bring smaller tables if you wish, but note on the table registration form the size(s) of the table(s) you will bring. Weather dependent, consider bringing sunscreen and a portable fan.

ADMISSION is free to table holders and attendees. No electric will be available.

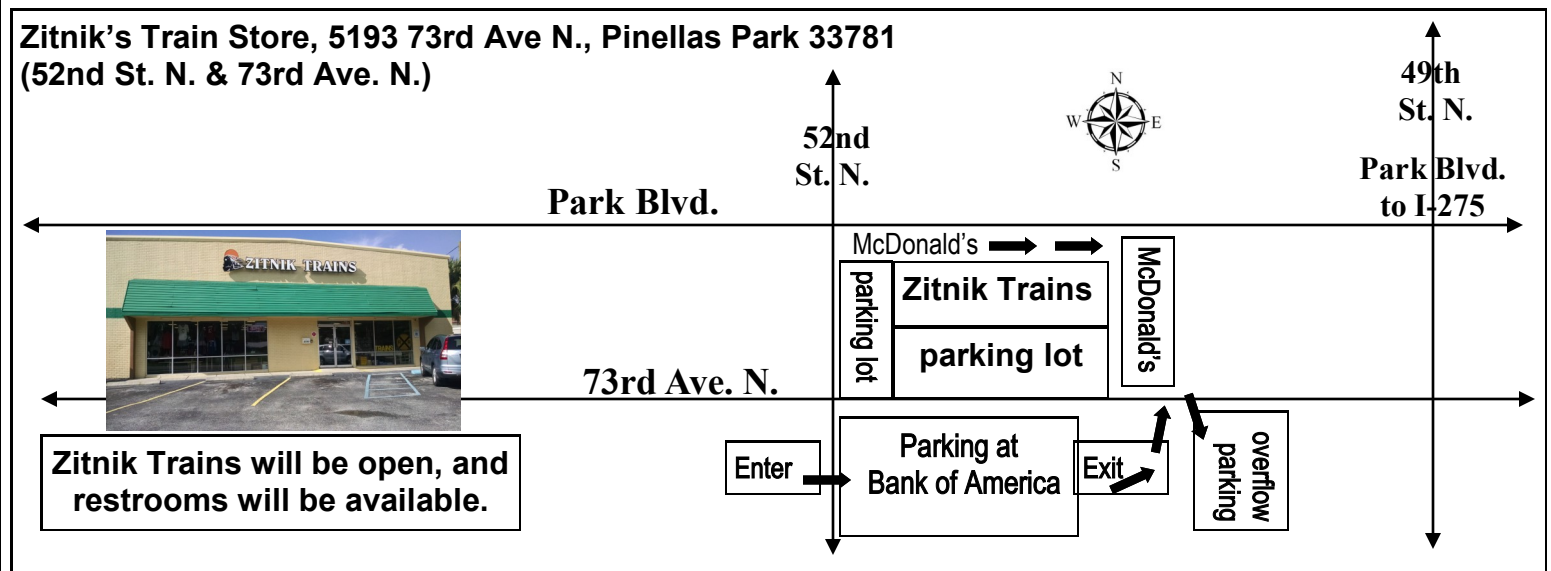
A **FOOD TRUCK** "may" be on site, but many restaurants are nearby.

HOTELS: There are several around the area - it's high season, so book early.

MEET HOST: Guy Ateniese, 727-480-7909, gateniese@tampabay.rr.com

(Despite this being an outdoor show, masks will be required to be worn by all table holders, helpers and meet attendees. Social distancing will be enforced to the best of our ability.)

<u>Nearby Restaurants:</u>	
Cheddar's	Culver's
Firehouse Subs	
McDonald's	PDQ
Pete & Shorty's	
Sonny's	Subway
	Taco Bell



Southern Division Policies for Train Meets During the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Signs will be prominently posted at the entrances/exits to the halls advising of temperature checks, masks and social distancing requirements. Included on these signs will be the statement, "Please do not attend this show if you feel sick or have a fever."
2. Anyone whose temperature reads over 100 degrees will not be allowed to enter the hall.
3. Everyone who enters the hall must wear a mask at all times, except when eating or drinking. Children two years of age and younger will not be required to wear a mask. Masks will be offered for sale at \$1/mask at the check-in table (front desk).
4. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the front desk near the entrance of the hall and also at various locations throughout the hall.
5. Gloves will be provided to and must be worn by the front-desk volunteers who handle money, and front-desk volunteers will maintain proper social distancing.
6. Vendors will decide for themselves if they do or do not wish to wear gloves; however, it is recommended that gloves be worn.
7. 6-foot social distancing marks will be placed on the floor in front of the front desk so that attendees in line to enter can maintain proper social distancing.
8. Vendor and display tables will be placed to enable proper social distancing.
9. One-way arrows will be placed on the floor for traffic flow of aisles, and this will be enforced (like York).
10. During all announcements and door prize drawings, a statement will be made to remind everyone to maintain proper social distancing.
11. If a vendor cancels at the last minute because he/she feels ill, a full refund will be made of money paid for tables.

These policies take effect immediately and will remain in place until restrictions are relaxed by the CDC, local ordinances, and the Southern Division.

2020 Convention Souvenir Merchandise



. . . remains **available!**

There's an *abundant* supply of baseball caps, souvenir pins and refrigerator magnets.

T-shirt, polo shirt and denim shirt supplies were *very* limited when this went to print.

Water Towers were *extremely* limited when this went to print.

Remember ~ 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"!

Refer to the Summer issue of *The Layout* for ordering instructions.

You won't want to miss what may be your last chance for this souvenir water tower for the convention that never happened!





January 2021



Happy New Year from the Southern Division Board of Directors!

We hope that despite the challenges of 2020, you and your loved ones enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, were healthy, and remain so in the new year. The pandemic certainly was an unwelcome occurrence that derailed many planned events, including train shows. The Southern Division was fortunate to have held the January show in Fort Pierce and the February show in Pinellas Park. Sadly, all of the SD's planning for, hours expended, and excitement about hosting the 2020 Jacksonville Convention in June were dashed as this major event had to be canceled. Although the Convention and Orlando and Jacksonville shows were canceled, we had hoped to hold an indoor meet at the Fenn Center in Fort Pierce on January 23. Unfortunately, we had to make the decision to cancel that show due to a predicted upsurge in Covid-19 cases after the holiday season. The health and safety of our members and guests is top priority; and we must abide by CDC guidelines as well as local ordinances.

The good news

We're looking forward to holding an old-fashioned, parking lot/swap meet scheduled for **Sunday**, March 7 (rain date March 14). The flyer and TRF are on the website, and the TRF is with this issue of *The Layout*. Again, if in doubt check with meet host Guy Ateniese for verification.

Planning is ongoing to hold a September meet in the Orlando area as well as a November meet in Jacksonville, dates TBD, so stay tuned.

With this newsletter, you'll find an Application for Southern Division Membership form. You previously may have completed this form, but we're asking that you take a few minutes to update it, and please legibly print! We've noticed that folks have moved, or changed/disconnected phone numbers, or changed email addresses but didn't notify SD Secretary Dienzel Dennis who maintains the member roster. Dienzel's contact info is located on page 2 of this newsletter as well as on the SD website. His home address is found on the insert/attachment.

Also, we discovered that a few SD members who are listed on the SD roster as "Active" because they paid their SD \$10 annual 2020 dues let their TCA membership lapse. The onus is on each member to make sure that before your particular renewal period ends, you are a member in good standing of the TCA. The Southern Division Bylaws, Article III, Section 5 states, in part: **"Any member whose TCA membership has been suspended or terminated is automatically and simultaneously dropped from Southern Division membership."** Therefore, if you pay TCA dues and they are not current, you are not a member in good standing in either the TCA or the SD. It's easy to renew your TCA membership via three options: 1) on line - membership@traincollectors.org; 2) send your payment through the U. S. mail - **Train Collectors Association, P. O. Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579 -0248**; or 3) call **Maria Penry, Membership Coordinator, 717-687-8623 extension 101**.

We wish everyone a healthy and successful 2021 and look forward to seeing you in person, perhaps masked and practicing social distancing, but once again sharing our love of model trains and enjoying the camaraderie which has been so important in our hobby.

**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting Minutes via Zoom
November 20, 2020**

A Board of Directors meeting via Zoom was held November 20, 2020, beginning at 3:30 PM EST. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Johnson.

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

Guests: Jay Zschau, TCA National Vice President; Marianne Napolitano, 2020 Convention Treasurer; Mike Setzer, SD Member; Mike Mills, Orlando Meet Host; and Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor

The September 18, 2020, Teleconference Minutes unanimously were approved.

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TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting Minutes via Zoom, November 20, 2020 (cont'd.)

Steve Johnson reported that 2020 convention merchandise remains available which includes a limited number of the three different shirts and an abundance of caps, pins and magnets. Contact Steve or visit the SD website for ordering information. A discussion followed, and the consensus was to: 1) donate a portion to charity; 2) bring items to meets and offer them for sale; and 3) use items as door prizes at various meets.

Dienzel Dennis reported that the current SD roster reflects 383 Active, 467 Inactive, and 85 Deceased members.

Mike Powell reported: 1) the SD 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report previously was emailed to the board for review. The board discussed slight modifications to the original report.

Motion by Dienzel Dennis: I move to approve the SD 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report, as adjusted. Motion unanimously passed.

2) The SD 2021 Budget previously was emailed to the board for review. The board discussed the proposed budget.

Motion by Dienzel Dennis: I move to approve the SD 2021 Budget. Motion unanimously passed.

3) An SD member not only renewed his SD dues for 2021 but included a generous monetary donation to the division. Steve Johnson stated he will prepare and send a thank-you letter to the member.

Bill Trappen reported on his communications officer responsibilities: 1) With local train shows being canceled he hasn't needed to make more copies of the flyers or table registration forms for the Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park meets; 2) He prepared and submitted ads, due to TCA National on November 23, for the Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park shows to be included in the next issue of TCA Headquarters News; and 3) He has been assisting the SD secretary with keeping the SD member roster current. He reported on the status of convention water towers - a great many have been sold, and a very limited number remain for sale. Zitnik Train Store in Pinellas Park received a limited supply, and half has been sold. Steve Johnson added that the convention banquet water towers offered by TCA National sold out in five days.

Steve Johnson reported on previous SD board discussions regarding the SD's website "piggy-backing" the TCA's website to various links. SD webmaster Bill Porter is a member of national's committee regarding the updates to its website.

Mary Anyan reported: 1) The first draft of the Winter 2021 newsletter and inserts/attachments previously was emailed to the board for review; and 2) Additional items for this newsletter are due to her NLT December 1. Bill Trappen commented that inserts to the newsletter are costly and recommended that meet flyers no longer be included with the newsletter as they are marketing tools for the general public. The board concurred.

Bill Trappen reported that the January 23, 2021, meet in Fort Pierce remains a "go"; however, Al Galli previously had emailed the board that he was notified by his contact at the St. Lucie County Government that everyone must have a temperature check prior to entering the building, and anyone with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be permitted to enter.

Charlie Anyan reported that the March 7, 2021, outdoor meet at Zitnik Train Store is a go, and meet host Guy Ateniese has received several table registration forms. The board discussed the SD Bylaws which require that an SD business meeting must be conducted at least four times per year (Article IV, Section 1). Due to the pandemic and the need for social distancing, plus the limited space at this meet, the board considered the option to waive the business meeting.

Motion by Mike Powell: I move to waive the bylaws requirement for this meet only. Motion unanimously passed.

Bill Trappen advised that Mike Mills remains in touch with his contact at the Lake Nona Middle School regarding a September 2021 meet (date TBD) but also is searching for other venues in the area.

Mike Powell previously emailed the board a "COVID-19 Meet Policy" for review. It was discussed, agreed upon, and will be included in the Winter 2021 newsletter.

Jay Zschau reported that he and Charlie Anyan have been in the process of revising the Southern Division Bylaws (last revision 12/20/10). The proposed changes were submitted to the SD BOD for review, Steve Johnson then forwarded them to the chairman of the TCA National Rules and Regulations Committee, who reviewed them. The Executive Committee must next review them.

Motion by Charles Anyan: I move to approve the proposed, revised Southern Division Bylaws sent to the TCA National Rules and Regulations Committee, subject to minor changes which in the near future may be suggested by the TCA Executive Committee. Motion unanimously passed.

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TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting Minutes via Zoom, November 20, 2020 (cont'd.)

Steve Johnson raised the question of the need for an "Administrative" box to be kept with each meet host so that various members will not have to transport the box from meet to meet. The "Admin" box contains several items required by the volunteers at the meet check-in tables. A discussion followed, with the agreed upon result that the need is valid but is not something to be pursued at this time.

Steve Johnson raised an option for increasing the Southern Division's income; e.g., updating the Southern Division's t-shirts and offering various colors, offering polo and/or button-down shirts, offering v-neck shirts, offering SD baseball caps and/or visors. These would be offered for sale to anyone who wishes to purchase them and could be ordered via the SD's website. The SD also would order pens printed with the SD's name, logo and website, which would be free. The board agreed to pursue this option at a later date, and member suggestions will be welcomed.

Adjournment: 5:30 PM EST

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Anyan
The Layout Editor

Southern Division Bylaws (proposed revisions for member review)

Black font color and strikethroughs (deletions) represent bylaws last approved 12/20/2010. **Red** font color represents the SD BOD's proposed revisions to those bylaws.

A conference call was held 11/23/20 among Wayne Sheriff (Chairman, TCA Rules and Regulations Committee), Jay Zschau, Charles Anyan and Mary Anyan. Changes and clarifications by that committee to the bylaws initially submitted and dated 11/13/20 have been incorporated. **Blue** font color represents changes after the 11/23 conference call.

Note: only proposed **revisions** are included in the following pages, not the entire bylaws which are found on the SD website. Click the "About Us" link, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Southern Division Bylaws."

If any member has objections to the proposed revisions, notify any SD BOD member by email or U.S. mail (no phone calls) not later than **January 11, 2021**. A non-response will be considered tacit approval. If using the U.S. mail, address your envelope to: **SDTCA Bylaws Auditors, 2191 Victory Ave., Largo, FL 33770**. Barring objections from a majority of members who reply, the SD Bylaws, as revised, will take effect upon official approval by the TCA National Executive Committee; and the SD general membership will be notified via the SD website as well as the Spring 2021 issue of *The Layout*.

OFFICIAL BYLAWS

SOUTHERN DIVISION, ~~T.C.A.~~ TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I – NAME, AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

Section 1. This organization shall be known as **the "Southern Division" (herein called SDTCA)** and shall be governed by the ~~Articles of Incorporation and the~~ Bylaws of this organization **subject to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Train Collectors Association, a Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation (herein called TCA).**

Section 2. The Southern Division shall exercise jurisdiction within the boundaries assigned to it by the TCA in all matters not expressly prohibited by the TCA ~~Articles of Incorporation and TCA~~ Bylaws. The boundaries which have been assigned to the ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** by the TCA are those within the state of Florida, with the western boundary being the Apalachicola River. The Apalachicola River is the eastern boundary of the Cotton Belt Division and western boundary of the ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** (as determined by the TCA Boundary Committee **Board of Directors**).

Section 3. In accordance with TCA Bylaws, the ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** has the authority to define and establish Chapters to most effectively serve members within the Division's assigned boundaries. The Division . . . and the TCA.

Section 4. Parliamentary law . . . edition **Newly Revised** shall govern all official meetings of the Division.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Southern Division shall be: 1) to adhere to and support the mission of the TCA by coordinating programs and activities, and to especially serve TCA members residing within the boundaries of the SDTCA; 2) to uphold the ethical standards of the TCA as expressed in the National Bylaws and policies; and 3) to conduct activities in compliance with all requirements and standards applicable to a not-for-profit organization operating under the requirements of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Categories of Southern Division membership:

A. Regular – Any TCA member in good standing may become a Regular member. Regular members must pay annual Division dues and may vote in the ~~annual division election~~ **election of Division officers**. ~~Only Regular members with a residential address within the Southern Division boundaries as definite in ARTICLE I, Section 2, may hold a Division Office.~~ The address used to determine residency will be the address the member has reported to the TCA National Business Office. **If a member reports his/her residence in a state other than Florida, but also maintains a residence in the state of Florida, he/she shall be eligible to hold an SDTCA office, if not holding office in another division.**

B. Honorary – Honorary **Division** membership may be conferred on any Division member or non member by unanimous approval of the **Division** Board of Directors. Honorary membership shall carry all the privileges of regular membership, except that **Division** annual dues shall not be required.

Section 2. Membership in ~~Southern Division~~ **the SDTCA** is open to all applicants for TCA membership ~~providing~~ **provided** they complete all requirements of ARTICLE ~~III~~ **IV** below.

Section 3. TCA members from other areas who take up residence within the ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** shall not be subject to the provisions of ARTICLE ~~III~~ **IV** below ~~except that they~~ **but** must complete a "Personal Information Sheet" and pay annual ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** dues.

Section 4. TCA members residing within ~~Southern Division~~ **the SDTCA** who previously rejected Division affiliation will be allowed to join ~~Southern Division~~ **the SDTCA** provided they have already complied with all of ARTICLE ~~III~~ **IV** below.

Section 5. Any member whose TCA membership has been suspended or terminated is automatically and simultaneously dropped from ~~Southern Division~~ **the SDTCA** membership. Suspended members may apply for Division reinstatement upon expiration of the TCA suspension period **or reinstatement by the TCA. The SDTCA Membership Committee shall process such applications.** Members terminated for non-payment of TCA dues may apply for Division reinstatement upon reinstatement of TCA membership. The Division Secretary shall process such applications.

Section 6. TCA members whose previous ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** membership had been terminated for reason of unpaid annual dues may apply for reinstatement according to the procedures described in ARTICLE ~~V~~ **VI**, Section 3 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – PROCESSING OF APPLICANTS

Section 1. A *bona fide* applicant ~~or one of his/her sponsors~~ shall obtain application forms for membership from the Division Secretary or from the Southern Division Website. Application forms consist of a TCA "Application for Membership" and a ~~Southern Division~~ **an SDTCA** "Personal Information Sheet."

~~Section 2. Two or more regular members must recommend applicants for TCA membership. It is the responsibility of the recommenders to know the applicant well enough to be able to verify the integrity, character and honesty of the applicant. Recommenders' signatures on the TCA application affirm to all other members the good character of the applicant.~~

Section 2. Membership in the SDTCA is open exclusively to TCA members, as TCA membership is set forth in the TCA Bylaws. Members of the SDTCA shall be subject to the disciplinary actions of the TCA Membership Committee, as well as the actions of the SDTCA, as may be hereinafter provided.

Section 3. The Division Secretary shall process applications. ~~The Division shall not process applicants for TCA residing outside the Division area.~~ Processing of applications shall not commence until the applicant has submitted to the Secretary the following:

B. ~~If applicable,~~ **A** properly completed ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** "Personal Information Sheet" and the first year's ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** dues. Division dues paid by applicants after August 1st shall be regarded as payment for the following year.

C. National applicants **within SDTCA boundaries** are encouraged, but not required, to join the Southern Division.

Section 4. After submitting the required forms and fees, applicants for ~~Southern Division~~ **SDTCA** membership should be present, **if possible**, at the **current or** next regularly scheduled official business meeting of the Division. Attendance at a meeting is requested to introduce the applicant to the membership. The Southern Division Secretary, **or his/her designee**, will announce the applicant's name, location of residence and hobby interest.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Southern Division shall, **if meet hosts are in place**, sponsor and conduct at least four (4) official Division meets per year. At a minimum, each meet will consist of a trading session and an official business meeting. ~~Written~~ **Notice** of each meet shall be ~~mailed~~ **announced** to all Division members in good standing at least three (3) weeks prior to said meeting **via the Southern Division Website and/or the Division newsletter.**

Section 2. ~~Registration~~ **Fees** shall be assessed **to TCA non-Southern Division members and the general public** to attend meets. The ~~registration~~ fee should be set at the minimum amount required to recover all meet expenses not otherwise provided for. A ~~registration~~ fee for those members that wish a table space may also be required.

~~A. Members are responsible for the conduct of the applicants or guests that they sponsor.~~

A. Although there is no age limit for persons attending meets, parents shall be responsible for the conduct of their children at all times.

B. Any individual whose personal conduct is such as to disrupt the meet shall be ~~removed from the area~~ **asked to leave the meet area** and will not be permitted to return. **If the person refuses to leave, local law enforcement may be contacted for assistance.**

Southern Division Bylaws (proposed revisions for member review) cont'd.

Section 4. Members offering items for sale must abide by the TCA rules and regulations regarding transactions between members and abide by TCA ~~Description Standard~~ **National Grading Standards** (reference: **TCA By-Laws Rules and Regulations**), and these standards shall be strictly enforced at Division meets. In addition, only train-related items may be offered for sale.

Section 5. **After dues are paid**, applicants for membership may buy, sell or trade at a meet, including participating in auctions, raffles, or similar activities.

Section 7. Other activities such as auctions, programs of special events such as train races, repair clinics, etc., may take place at meetings. ~~In addition, the Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony shall be scheduled at a meet.~~ **The Board of Directors shall decide and announce the date and location of the Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Information will be published on the Southern Division Website, in The Layout newsletter, and announced at train meets.**

Section 8. ~~Meet locations shall be determined by availability of reasonably priced facilities with sufficient meeting room space.~~ The President or his/her designee shall be responsible for scheduling all meets. Meet schedules **for the following calendar year** shall be prepared yearly by the ~~4th~~ **third (3rd)** Quarter Board of Directors meeting. ~~for the following calendar year.~~ Any member wishing to host a meet shall submit a written summary and proposed budget for approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall evaluate each such request for adherence to Southern Division Bylaws. Approval of the meet proposal shall constitute authorization to host the meet as outlined in the approved proposal and to expend funds within the approved budget. ~~(Rev. 2/8/04)~~

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 2. The Board of Directors annually shall set ~~annual~~ **yearly** Division dues for Regular members ~~annually~~. Such fees are independent from TCA dues and are due and payable on or after August 1st for the coming fiscal year. Members who fail to pay such dues by November 30th of the current year shall be considered not in good standing and shall be automatically dropped from the roster on January 1st **of the following year.**

Section 3. Any individual whose membership in ~~Southern Division~~ **the SDTCA** was terminated by reason of unpaid Division dues may be reinstated following payment of such delinquent dues, payment of a late fee, and by application to the Division Treasurer. The Board of Directors **annually** shall set the amount of the late fee annually.

Section 4. Each scheduled meet should be self-supporting. All expenses incurred at meets shall be paid from income derived from ~~the that~~ **meet's table** registration fees, attendance fee, table fees, proceeds from auctions, etc. Meet expensesof the Division. ~~(Rev. 2/8/04)~~

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Southern Division Board of Directors shall have full ~~power~~ **authority** to oversee the business and affairs of this Division except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall: **1) provide competent administrative guidance to protect the interests and welfare of the membership; 2) consider merits of new proposals; 3) concur in recommendations to be offered for membership approval; 4) establish an agenda for quarterly business meetings; and 5) and act as trustees to safeguard funds and property of the Division.**

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

F. The immediate, two (2) past Southern Division Presidents **(If either or both of the immediate, two (2) past Southern Division Presidents resign, decline to accept or are deceased, the position will be filled by one of the previous, past Southern Division Presidents, if they are willing to serve.)** The SD Board of Directors shall appoint the replacement director once a past president agrees to serve.

I. **Ex officio members: Legal Counsel and Technical Director (non voting)**

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet in regular session prior to the Division quarterly business meetings. **This may be accomplished via a face-to-face meeting, a phone conference call, or a teleconference call.**

A. A quorum to conduct business shall consist of not less than **four (4)** members present at Board Meetings.

B. The Division Legal Counsel **and Technical Director** may attend the Board meetings in the status of *ex officio* members.

Section 6. Decisions shall be reached by voice vote. Abstention shall be recorded. The President shall not vote except in cases of deadlock. The Legal Counsel, **Technical Director**, guests or committee members shall not vote. Any matter may be ~~tabled~~ **deferred postponed indefinitely (as stated in "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised")** for future discussion by majority vote. Committee recommendations shall not become effective until approved by a majority of the membership at a regularly scheduled quarterly Division business meeting, **unless extenuating and/or emergency decisions must be reached. In this case, the SDTCA Board of Directors majority vote shall rule.**

Section 7. Reimbursement for expenses incurred by the Board of Directors to travel to and from regularly-scheduled SDTCA meets shall be included in the Treasurer's Annual Budget, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors. In addition, compensation for expenses incurred by the Board of Directors for SDTCA business-related issues and activities, including legal expenses, may be authorized by the Southern Division President, up to a maximum amount per year as set by the Board of Directors, if not covered by TCA National. The SDTCA representative at the national Board of Directors annual meeting shall be reimbursed for expenses not covered by TCA National, up to a maximum amount set annually by the SDTCA Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – DIVISION OFFICERS (previously ARTILE VI)

Section 1. Southern Division shall have the following elected officials: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; and Communications Officer. Term of office shall be two years, commencing during the first regular business meeting ~~of the new fiscal year~~ **January 1 of the upcoming calendar year.** In addition:

- A. The member holding the office of President may not run for a third (3rd), **consecutive** term in that office.
- B. No member shall **concurrently** hold more than one office ~~concurrently~~ **in the SDTCA.**

Section 2. Duties of Elected Officers:

President shall be . . . Board of Directors Meetings. The President ~~may also assume responsibility for obtaining TCA insurance coverage for each Division meet during his/her term of office~~ shall be responsible for assuring that TCA insurance coverage has been obtained for each division meet ~~during his/her term of office~~ and for **assisting in the** planning and scheduling the Division meets for the year following his/her term of office.

B. Vice-President shall be vested . . . Membership Committee. The Vice President ~~is also~~ **may** be responsible for obtaining TCA insurance coverage for each Division meet during his/her term of office and for **assisting in the** planning and scheduling the Division meets for the year following his/her term of office.

C. Secretary, **or his/her designee**, . . . processing applications for membership, **keeping current the SDTCA Member Roster** and maintaining correspondence; and . . . from time to time. **In accordance with established TCA Rules and Regulations, the Secretary also is responsible for submitting copies of Division meeting minutes to the TCA President, the TCA Secretary, the TCA Treasurer, and the National Business Office.**

D. Treasurer shall be responsible . . . Board of Directors. **In accordance with established TCA Rules and Regulations, the Treasurer also is responsible for submitting copies of the Division's annual financial plan to the TCA President, the TCA Treasurer and the National Business Office.**

E. Communications Officer shall be responsible for . . . and external. The Communications Officer ~~would~~ **shall** support the activities of and assist with the Southern Division Website, www.tcasoutherndivision.org, and the Division Newsletter, ~~"The Layout."~~ The Communications Officer ~~would~~ **also shall** be responsible for developing and maintaining close contact between ~~Southern Division~~ **the SDTCA** and model railroading industry ~~manufacturers and~~ organizations as well as industry publications, as determined and directed by the Southern Division Board of Directors. **The Communications Officer also shall serve as backup to the SDTCA Secretary in keeping current the SDTCA Member Roster.**

Section 3. Duties of *ex officio* or non-elected appointees:

A. Legal Counsel must be a licensed attorney in the boundaries of the Southern Division and may be consulted, pro bono, regarding general legal matters related to the SDTCA. He/she shall have no voting privileges unless he/she is a current Southern Division Board of Directors member.

B. Technical Director shall provide guidance and suggestions for the advancement of the SDTCA. He/she shall have no voting privileges unless he/she is a current Southern Division Board of Directors member.

Section 4. Should any officer . . . scheduled election. **If the President resigns or is unable to complete his/her term, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term. The Board of Directors shall appoint a new Vice President to complete the term of the Vice President who has assumed the duties of the President.**

ARTICLE IX – APPOINTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENTS

Section 1. The Division President . . . authorized to practice law within the **boundaries** of the Southern Division.

Section 2. The Board of Directors . . . approved by the ~~membership as provided in ARTICLE V, Section 6-~~ **Southern Division Board of Directors.**

ARTICLE X – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Nominating Committee . . . remainder of the committee, **not to exceed seven (7) total on the committee.** This committee . . . Article VIII. ~~This committee, or its designee(s), shall be responsible for ballot counting as prescribed in the TCA By-Laws, Article VII.~~

Section 3. Each selected nominee must meet the following qualification criteria:

B. Shall be at least eighteen (18) years old and have been a member in good standing in the TCA for at least one **(1)** year prior to nomination, **unless a quorum of the Board of Directors votes to waive this requirement.**

D. Shall indicate intent to attend all regularly scheduled meetings, including Board of Directors sessions, unless prohibited by personal illness or ~~serious domestic problems~~ **acceptable circumstances beyond his/her control.**

ARTICLE XI – STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Section 1. The purpose of the Standards Committee . . . If the item is determined to be restored **a restoration** or a reproduction, the seller . . . permanent record.

Section 2. Members of this committee . . . tactful. **At least one** representatives ~~are~~ **is** required for each meeting . . . perpetual tenure.

ARTICLE XII – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Section 2. The Division Vice President shall serve as chairman ~~person~~ of the committee that will consist of ~~four (4)~~ **at least two (2) additional other members.**

Southern Division Bylaws (proposed revisions for member review) cont'd.

Section 4. Any Division member has the right to directly contact the TCA Membership Committee who will review the grievance and reply to the SDTCA member.

ARTICLE XIII – AWARDS COMMITTEE

Section 1. The purpose of the Awards Committee ~~will be~~ **is** to . . . Ceremony.

ARTICLE XIV – PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The Division shall . . . have an official . . . publication reports, ~~and annual~~ election material, **and SDTCA Bylaws revisions, amendments or expansions,** . . . members.

ARTICLE XV – CHAPTERS

Section 3. Chapters . . . ~~ARTICLE V~~ **VI**, . . . Division Newsletter.

ARTICLE XVI – SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS FOR CAUSE

Section 1. Any member . . . prescribed **and set forth** by the Bylaws **and is included in the TCA [National HQ News.](#)**)

ARTICLE XVII – ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. ~~Division Bylaws shall be amended, revised or expanded only by means of Referendum submitted to the total regular Division membership~~ **the Southern Division Board of Directors.**

~~**Section 2.** Language constituting the amended, revised, or expanded By-law(s) shall be submitted to the entire membership in writing through the division publication, "The Layout". The entire division membership must have the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendment, revision or expansion of the By law(s) via a mailed ballot. The ballots must be mailed to an independent company or individual, with no ties to Southern Division, for tabulation. The results will be mailed to all members of the board of directors and will become effective immediately.~~

Section 2. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Division by a majority of the members of the Division present and voting, if the proposed amendment shall first have been approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of board members in attendance at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors. Before the members of the Division may vote on a proposed amendment to these Bylaws, a notice of intention to amend must be sent to the Division Members by any means or combination of means reasonably intended to reach most of the Division Members as reasonably practical. Such means may include one or more of the following: (1) publication of written notice in a Division publication placed in the United States mail or distributed by electronic means at least thirty (30) days before the Division meeting at which such vote is to take place; (2) distribution of a mailing, other than a Division publication, placed in the United States mail or distributed by electronic means at least thirty (30) days before the Division meeting at which such vote is to take place; or (3) any other electronic means given at least thirty (30) days before the election meeting at which such vote is to take place prior to an SDTCA membership vote. No amendment produced by the Division shall be effective unless approved or ratified by the National Board of Directors of the Train Collectors Association.

ARTICLE XVIII – DISSOLUTION (In this Article, some of the words "Southern Division" have been replaced by **SDTCA**.)

ARTICLE XIX – RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The Southern Division exists by and through the membership of its members in the National TCA. The rights and authority of SDTCA flow from and are dependent on its members who are members in TCA and the continued adherence to TCA policy and standards by SDTCA. Southern Division is part of TCA; nevertheless, such assets are and shall remain committed to program support as determined by SDTCA.

ARTICLE XX – DIRECTOR/OFFICER LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

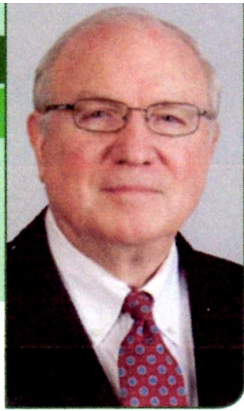
Section 1. Liability. The Directors and Officers of the Division, together with each former Director and Officer, shall not be personally liable to the members, to the Division, or to others for any mistake in judgment or any acts or occurrences of any nature whatsoever occurring in their capacity as Director or Officer of the Division, except for any acts or omissions found by a court of competent jurisdiction to constitute gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

Section 2. Indemnification. The TCA shall indemnify and hold harmless the Southern Division Directors and Officers and each of them from and against all loss, cost, damages or expense including without limitation, attorneys' fees, and costs and expenses of any judgment arising out of their acts as Directors and Officers except if such acts constituted gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

Reminder:

If any member has objections to the proposed revisions, notify any SD BOD member by email or U.S. mail (no phone calls) not later than **January 11, 2021**. A non response will be considered tacit approval. If using the U.S. mail, address your envelope to: **SDTCA Bylaws Auditors, 2191 Victory Ave., Largo, FL 33770.**

Barring objections from a majority of members who reply, the SD Bylaws, as revised, will take effect upon official approval by the TCA National Executive Committee; and the general membership will be notified via the SD website as well as the Spring 2021 issue of *The Layout*.



HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

by Jay Zschau
TCA National Vice President
Endowment Fund
Committee Chairman



As many of you may recall, the Heritage Program, which was established in 2017, has been amended to include two new membership levels: Gold and Platinum. The levels of Heritage Membership are now as follows:

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

The original Heritage Membership level—In this level, \$500 of your \$1000 total payment is invested in the Endowment Fund, designated solely to help support the future needs of TCA.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

A new level of Heritage membership—\$2,000 of your \$2,500 total payment is invested in the Endowment Fund.

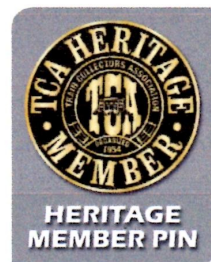
PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP

The highest level of Heritage Membership—\$4,500 of your \$5,000 total payment is invested in the Endowment Fund.

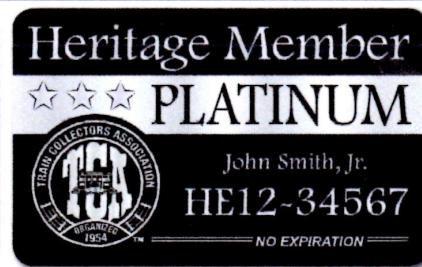
Along with the new levels, special recognition is given to Heritage members in various ways. Members who become Heritage members will be awarded permanent new metal cards (see images below). In addition, Heritage members will receive a handsome new lapel pin that identifies them as a Heritage member.

Please consider joining the Heritage level of membership! It means you will be a life member—owing no further dues regardless of potential future dues increases—and you will be rewarded with a classy membership card and a lapel pin (see pin at right).

If you're already a Heritage Member, please consider upgrading to one of the higher levels. By doing so, you may be assured that you have done a major part to insure the long-term vitality of TCA. If you have any additional questions, contact TCA National Headquarters to speak with Membership Coordinator Maria Penry at membership@traincollectors.org or (717) 687-8623.



★ ★ ★ PRESENTING THE NEW METAL HERITAGE MEMBER CARDS ★ ★ ★



Thank you to Al Michelini

The Southern Division takes this opportunity to thank Al Michelini. When former SD VP Jay Zschau began his term as TCA Vice President on July 1, 2020, Al stepped up and served as the SD Interim Vice President from July 1 - December 31, 2020.

Al has been a longstanding supporter of the TCA and the SD. He and wife Laura divide their time between Florida and Rhode Island. They assisted with the meets that were held in Venice, FL, several years ago. They graciously hosted two, post-mansion tour lunches in the backyard of their beautiful Rhode Island home during the 2018 Convention in Warwick (see *The Layout*, Fall 2018, Volume 52, Number 4). And you can find Al roaming around the York fairgrounds every April and October.

Al will continue to serve as the SD's Technical Director. We look forward to seeing him at future SD shows and York and again thank him for his willingness to serve and contributions to the model railroading hobby.

Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows/Events

Check first with the meet/show host for the latest updates, and/or refer to websites.

Jan. 2, 2021: Train Show/Swap Meet, Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223, 9A-2P, Adults \$5.00/children 12 and under *free*, Early Bird reservation \$7.00, 8-9A, vendors and model train layout; lunch available (joe@regalrailways.com; www.regalrailways.com) (Regal Railways)

~~**Jan. 9-10:** Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., Deland 32724, 10A-6P, contact Charles Miller, 703-536-2954, rrshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com (Golden Spike) **CANCELED**~~

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

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 **CANCELED**~~

Feb. 6-7: The Villages Model Train Show, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 (9A-4P Sat. / 10A-3P Sun.); contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, sammathis1118@gmail.com or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079, cecilbyrdjr@gmail.com

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

Feb. 13: Jacksonville Rail Fair, The Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville 32204 (**Golden Spike**)

Feb. 14: Zitnik Trains Spring Parking Lot Swap Meet & Open House (9A-1P), 5193 73rd Ave., N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 727-201-9668

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. 6: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935; 9A-2P, call 321-805-1963, schultzspace-coasttrains@aol.com) (Schultz Space Coast Trains)

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 this issue**)

Mar 20: Train Show/Swap Meet, Hillsborough County Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 33527 (Regal Railways)

Apr 3: Train Show/Swap Meet, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th Street N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (Regal Railways)

Apr. 10: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**)

May 22: Train Show/Swap Meet, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (Regal Railways)

Jun 5: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (Schultz Space Coast Trains)

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train meets/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 ensure he has time to get the 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
March 1, 2021. Thank you.

SWITCH LIST

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 Fleishman, 772-281-2316.

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

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

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. Contact Jeff Sawyer, 904- 891-7395 or jeff.sawyerrivera@att.net

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