



After waiting on a siding for 19 months, Southern Division Indoor Train Meets are Back on the Main Line!

Save the date ~ September 18, 2021! Remember the fun we had in Lake Nona in September 2019? We held a Friday evening Show & Tell, a Saturday train show, and a Saturday evening awards dinner. TCA's president at that time, Peter Atonna, even attended. We'll be in a new venue this year as you'll learn when you read the Meet Story on pages 4 and 5. In the meantime, here are a few 2019 photos to rekindle the memories and spark your interest for the show that's only 2-1/2 months away!



Post-meet awards dinner at Sweet Mama's



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The November 20 Jacksonville Meet is canceled.

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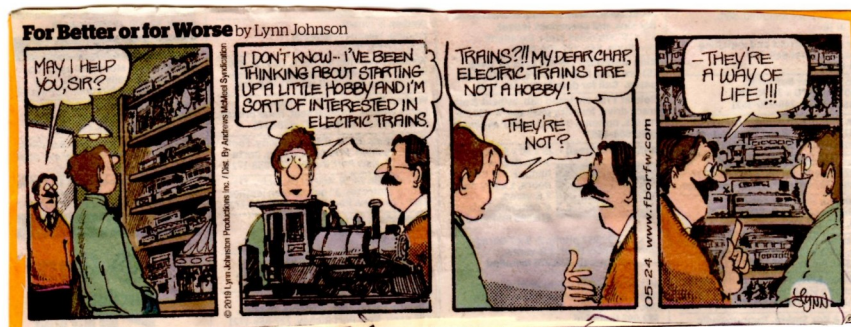
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Submitted by Irv Abelson . . . *As always, thanks, Irv!*



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**President's Perspective
by Mike Setzer**

The Southern Division congratulates the following who were elected to be the top three officers of TCA effective July 1, 2021: Stu Rankin, President; our own Jay Zschau, President Elect; and Kevin Quinn, Vice President.

Now that the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be getting under control, state and local governments are loosening restrictions and people are just itching to go somewhere. What better place to go than a TCA toy train show? After the 2020 national convention in Jacksonville was canceled because of the pandemic, the 2021 convention had to be delayed from June to August. The actual dates are Wednesday, August 18, through Sunday, August 22. Registration began May 24. (tcaconvention.org) For those who have not yet made reservations, time's running short. The convention will be held at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. It's 0.1 miles from the Hollywood Burbank Airport and provides a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. Despite the pandemic and the related logistical issues it has created, the Western Division convention committee members have worked diligently and have done an outstanding job to make the entire event interesting and fun. Several, wonderful tours are planned. I am hoping that every TCA member will make an effort to attend this convention.

Even if you can't attend the national convention, please attend your division's meets. The Southern Division had its first meet of the year outdoors, and it was very successful. The September 18 indoor meet in Lake Nona (Orlando area) is locked in. And Jacksonville folks continue to research a venue for the November 20 Jacksonville meet. As we all know, meets are a great way for members to enjoy camaraderie and find those missing pieces they've been looking to add to their layouts and/or collections.

Stay safe and I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at an upcoming meet.

Mike

**Vice President's Viewpoint
by Mike Mills**

I also add my congratulations to Jay Zschau.

As our president has written, we are slowly getting our lives and also our hobby back to "normal."

As we look forward to our upcoming events, I'd like to address the need for volunteers. Our four, annual train shows are the lifeblood of our organization. They allow us to perpetuate our collecting, share our hobby, and connect with our friends and acquaintances. Volunteerism is essential. The TCA Southern Division wants "YOU." Please contact me if you can help out before, during and after the September 18th Orlando Train Show.

Our territory is very large and we try to have shows in all parts of Florida. Members are asking for shows in "their area" - great idea, but it requires a member to step forward and volunteer to be a "meet host," plus helpers to produce a train show. You can even co-host with another member. As a meet host, I can tell you there are many opportunities for members and volunteers to get involved. Please contact any board member if you're interested in hosting a show or volunteering. Any current or prior meet host or board member will be happy to walk you through the process. I believe volunteering is a great way for new members to benefit and get connected with other SD members. As you read about our upcoming shows, the meet hosts and their contact info will be listed so you can step up and help out as needed.

We're also looking for members to help out with the "Kids Club."

There's an old adage: "80% of the work is done by 20% of the community."

Hope to see you September 18th.

Mike



LAKE NONA (Orlando area) MEET STORY

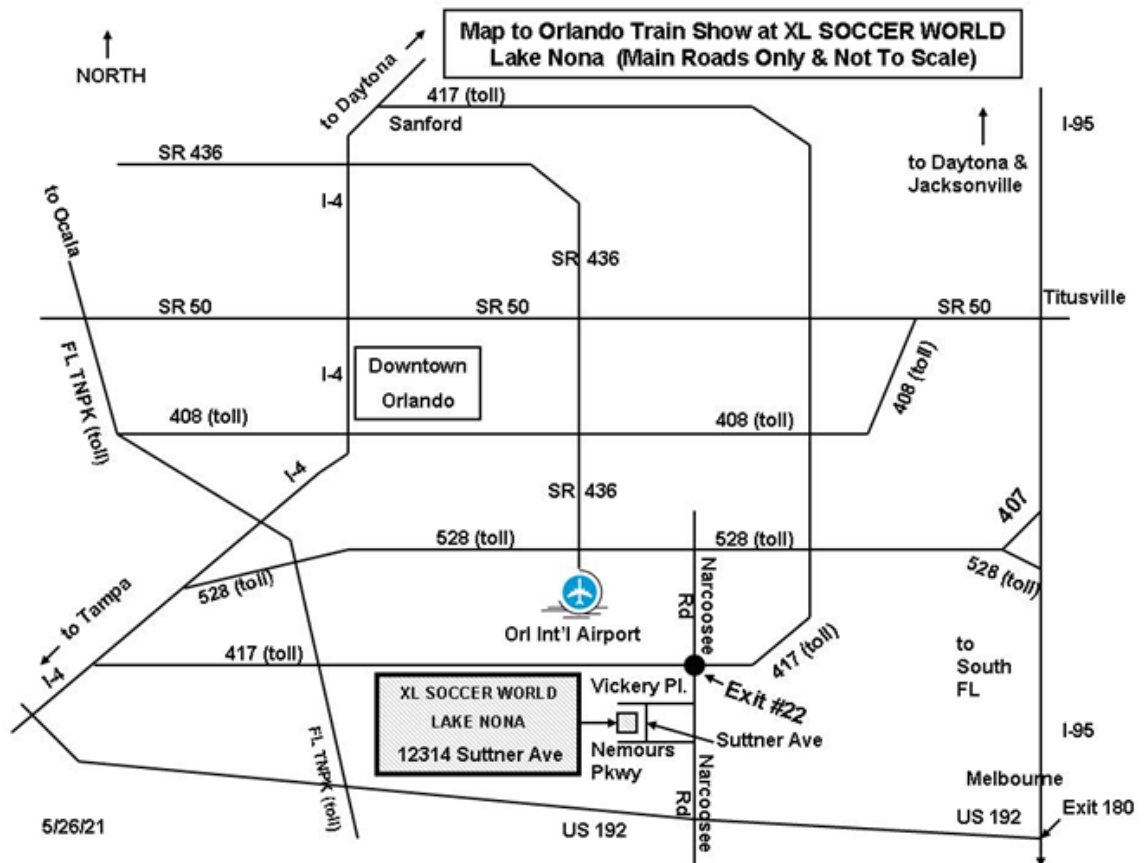
September 18, 2021

After a forced 19-month absence due to the pandemic, TCA Southern Division indoor train meets are resuming! Plus, the first meet will be held in the Lake Nona area of Orlando where we had very successful train meets in 2018 and 2019. But this time the meet will be held in a NEW VENUE, and it really is new! Our SD vice president and meet host, Mike Mills, has secured a large, brand-new, state-of-the-art INDOOR sports facility which will be a perfect venue for our meet. The venue is **XL SOCCER WORLD LAKE NONA, 12314 Suttner Ave., Orlando, FL 32832**, and we will be using one of their two artificial turf soccer fields. There will be plenty of free parking, and everything is ground level so there are no steps which will allow easy access for table holders during unloading and setup, plus everyone else. There will be operating layouts for the enjoyment of all ages of attendees. The facility is located in the Lake Nona area off Narcoossee Road about one mile north of the Lake Nona Middle School. [We had hoped to return to the middle school for this year's show, but the school system could not give us a decision until July regarding whether or not they will allow outside events to resume on school grounds.] The not-to-scale map below shows the location of the soccer facility, along with the main roads and the streets on which to turn when you get close. Be advised that there is another XL Soccer facility in a different part of Orlando, so make sure you are headed to the Lake Nona XL facility.

In addition to the soccer fields, the XL facility has a snack bar with food and beverages available for purchase during the meet. There's a designated dining area. Food trucks in the parking lot also will be available. We are not permitted to take food and beverages, except water, onto the soccer playing field surface; therefore, food and beverage purchases must be consumed in the designated dining area or elsewhere.

Please note that because we will not have access to the soccer field on Friday, there **will be a significant difference in the timetable for this meet** compared to previous SD meets. As a result, there will be **no table holder setup until Saturday morning**. When we do get access to the field early Saturday morning, tables for the show will have to be set up first before table holder unloading, unpacking and set up can begin. We expect that **table holders will be able to start setting up by 8:30 a.m.** (Coffee and donuts will be waiting for you!) **The show will open to TCA members at 10:30 a.m.**, we'll have a brief general membership meeting, and the show will open to the public at 11:00 a.m. **The show will close at 4:00 p.m.** In accordance with our contract, **we must vacate the venue not later than 6:00 p.m.** If you wish to reserve a table(s) for selling trains at this meet, you must pre-register using the table and event registration form (TERF) provided with this newsletter. We must order tables from an outside supplier and will only order enough tables for members who pre-register and pre-pay for tables.

As mentioned, this facility is very large and can accommodate more tables than we have had in the recent past at SD meets. We expect a good response from table holders because of the long period without shows during the pandemic. Mike has arranged for local high school students to set up the tables to earn community service points. In keeping with the spirit of volunteerism that Mike discussed in his Vice President's message on page 3, with so many tables expected to be



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Lake Nona (Orlando area) Meet Story (cont'd.)

set up, and in order to complete that task as efficiently and quickly as possible, we also will need some volunteers to oversee the students during the setup period. Members who volunteer will need to arrive not later than 6:30 Saturday morning and spend as much time as necessary to make sure the tables get set up quickly and correctly. Members who volunteer for this will receive a full \$12.00 refund (during the meet) for the cost of their Friday evening dinner and the show-and-tell event which are described below. If you are interested in volunteering for this task, please indicate this on the TERF.

We also will have access to a large room very close to the soccer field in which early-arriving table holders on Friday may store their boxes overnight. The room will be available for storage from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at which time it will be locked overnight and then unlocked at approximately 8:30 Saturday morning for final unpacking and setup on the field. This option is being made available for the benefit of members with a large number of tables in order to reduce the amount of time they will need to get completely set up in the morning. If you will be renting 3 or more tables and wish to use this option, please indicate this on the TERF.

An SD Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **3 p.m.** on **Friday** in a private room at the soccer facility. All are welcome, but please contact Bill Trappen prior to the meeting if you plan to attend.

But wait! There's more! On Friday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will enjoy a delicious dinner in the Lake Nona Village Walk Community Center, 8524 Insular Lane, Orlando 32827. This is the same building in which we held the show-and-tell events at the last two Lake Nona meets. It's very near Rt. 417 and Lake Nona Blvd. (See map below.) The food will be catered by Giovanni's, a popular Orlando chain of mid-priced Italian restaurants. For a cost of only \$12.00 per person, diners will be offered Chicken Parmesan, Baked Ziti along with Meatballs, Salad, Bread, and a soft drink or bottled water. Additional food and desserts plus beer and wine will be available for purchase at the deli in the same building. **If you wish to join us for dinner, pre-registration and pre-payment are mandatory as we only will order enough food for the number of people who do so.**

But wait #2! There's *still* more! Another, ever-popular Show & Tell will follow the dinner. A table will be set up for any members who wish to bring a unique item or two from their collection to show and talk about with the other members in attendance. Indicate on the TERF if you'll bring one or two items. As a condition of obtaining the meeting room at no charge, the doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for Village Walk residents to attend the Show & Tell.

Lodging: There is no official meet hotel, but the Holiday Inn Express (407-207-7001) is .6 miles north of the soccer facility. Other nearby properties include: Residence Inn by Marriott (407-888-9974); Courtyard by Marriott (407-856-9165); and SpringHill Suites by Marriott (407-313-3012). Plus, all of the major hotel chains can be found on the North side of the airport.

So plan to join us in Orlando for the Friday night dinner, show & tell, and, of course, the main event - the Saturday train meet! The always-a-hit Scavenger Hunt for Families will resume at this meet!

MAP TO DINNER / SHOW-AND-TELL



Bill Trappen and Mike Mills

"Spotlight"

on

Evan Earle



I was born in Gibbstown, New Jersey, a small community in the southeastern part of the state. We got tired of cold weather so in the fall of 1947, my parents, brother, sister, I, plus our dog and cat moved to Florida.

My dad was an electrical contractor, and when I graduated high school I went to work with him. In 1972 I took over the business and worked a total of 52 years, retiring in 2010.

I remember always having trains around and being interested in them because my older

brother had them. But moving from a big farmhouse to a small duplex, the trains didn't make the trip. For Christmas 1948, "Miss Santa" (my aunt) provided me with an American Flyer (AF) Hudson freight set with coal loader. (photo at right) What more could a 9-year-old guy want? I got bit by the AF train bug and it never left me.

When I joined TCA in 1962, Florida was part of the Eastern Division. In 1962 I became an AF Service Station. Didn't set the world on fire but the access to parts was good.

In the early days, we held meetings at members' homes, had picnic lunches, and set up our displays in our garages and driveways. I always found a "goodie." In 1966, a group of local TCA members met at Chester and Margo Holley's home to see about forming our own division. After contacting national to make our wishes known

and get the guidelines, we elected officers; and the Southern Division (SD) was born. We initially had about 25 members, and dues were only \$1 a year. In 1969 we hosted the national convention at the Jack Tar* Harrison Hotel in Clearwater.* The convention committee consisted of Chester Holley as Chairman, Margo Holley (who did most of registration), Fred Clark, Bill Gillen and me. That was pretty impressive for a 3-year-old division, and it sure was a fun show. What a change 55 years make. Many trains, many new friends, and many great memories.

*[Interesting tidbits: 1) The name "Jack Tar" (a slang term for a sailor) was chosen as a result of a naming contest back in the 1940s), and the Clearwater property was part of a nationwide chain of hotels. 2) Baseball legend Tommy John, who stayed there in 1961, described it as "then one of the classiest hotels on Florida's west coast." [credit: Wikipedia]

It seems like I've always had trains, American Flyer S gauge primarily, but it has grown to all AF, O gauge, HO and Standard. I've attended nearly all SD meets, 20-some trips to York, and 5 national conventions, so my collection just kept growing. Many years ago at a local flea market



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Spotlight on Evan Earle (cont'd.)

I bought a railroad lantern for \$3.00. Well, that opened another can of worms – Railroadiana. Most of the lanterns have been sold, but I still have a couple dozen nice ones.

Being named a Tinsplate Tycoon in 1999 was a pleasant surprise. I was always looking to grow the collection but never thought of myself as a Tycoon.

All of my trains are favorites but some are more favorite than others - to name a few: a 1947 smoke-in-tender Northern with green-painted, long-truck Pullman cars; a 1952 uncataloged passenger set; a circus train rescued from the trash; a standard gauge Presidents Special; and an Erector Hudson.

My wife Ruth and I first met in Sunday school at a church we attended and have been married for 62 years. Thanks to a great wife, it's been a great time and still is. We have 3 sons - Evan, Jr., Donald and Terry, 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We're fortunate that they all still live in Florida. Our boys enjoyed the trains when they were young but didn't get hooked like I did. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoy looking at the trains when they visit, but I don't have a layout so there's nothing for them to actually play with.

I've been in TCA for 59 years. Keep searching for trains, make some new friends, and have fun!

Evan

The Southern Division Board of Directors and *The Layout Editor* are grateful to Evan for his willingness to share his interesting history with us.

If you'd like to nominate an SD member to be "spotlighted," please first contact the member to get their approval, then contact *The Layout Editor*: maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com.

Evan received his Tinsplate Tycoon Award at a banquet and awards ceremony. L-R: John Schleicher, Evan and Bill Trappen.



The editor apologizes for the poor quality of the photo; however, the subjects are top shelf and haven't changed a bit! (And this photo was taken 21 years ago.)

Save these 2022 Southern Division train meet dates!

January 22: Fort Pierce, the Fenn Center

February 12: Tampa Bay area, the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center

February 13: Zitnik's Spring Parking Lot Train Show & Swap Meet

In a first, all-female engine crew runs Strasburg Rail Road train

by: [Avery Van Etten](#)

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RONKS, Pa. (WHTM) — On Saturday, Strasburg Rail Road's steam locomotive was manned — or should we say, "womanned" — by an all-female engine crew for the first time ever in honor of International Women's Day.

Andrea Biesecker served as the engineer for the train, while Shelley Hall was the fireman ("or 'fire girl' as we like to call it," says Hall). While this is the first time the two-person engine crew has been comprised of two women, both Biesecker and Hall say it's just another day on the job... but it is pretty neat.

"The reason why I did this was to let girls see that just because normally a man does this job, a woman can do it, too," says Hall.

Hall is known as "the Swiss Army knife of the railroad" because she takes on so many different tasks. She says she enjoys the variety of the position. Biesecker started at Strasburg Rail Road as a machinist and worked her way up to engineer, becoming the first female engineer at the railroad.

Hall and Biesecker also hold many other firsts at Strasburg Rail Road, with first female welder (Hall) and first female machinist (Biesecker) among them.

Biesecker says she could count the number of other women in her position on one hand. "I mean this isn't exactly the typical job that your average woman is striving to do. It's dirty. It's hot in the summer. It's cold in the winter," she says, "but at the same time, it is amazing."

Hall encourages other women interested in the field not to be turned away "just because it isn't girly or it isn't what girls normally do."

"People might say you can't. People might say it's strange. People might say that women aren't cut out for that type of work. And they just don't know what they're talking about," advises Biesecker, "so just prove them all wrong."

"If you're good at what you do, your gender should not matter," says Hall.

To watch the video, go to: <https://www.abc27.com/news/local/lancaster/in-a-first-all-female-engine-crew-runs-strasburg-rail-road-train/?fbclid=IwAR1A1OZDH95IqV2jME8tzVixXwZXCcNI8E2fqkmDdjiN7EjjlZcM6AJpMNE>

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**Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2021**

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held April 7, 2021, beginning at 1:00 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following SD board members participating: President Setzer; Vice President Mike Mills; Secretary Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past Presidents Steve Johnson and Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present.

Invited guests participating: TCA National Vice President Jay Zschau and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan

Mike Setzer provided a 2021 convention update: 1) Registration is scheduled to begin May 17. 2) Convention dates are Wednesday, August 18, through Sunday, August 22. 3) Convention hotel is the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport. The hotel is 0.1 miles from the Hollywood Burbank Airport and provides a complimentary shuttle to/from the airport. 4) Many interesting tours are planned; however, due to state restrictions, only California residents may take the Disneyland tour. 5) When making hotel and flight reservations, carefully check their cancellation policy.

Dienzel Dennis reported that 345 Active, 499 Inactive and 92 Deceased members currently are reflected on the SD roster.

Mike Powell delivered the 2021 First Quarter Treasurer's Report which will be included with the summer issue of *The Layout*.

Bill Trappen reported: 1) He prepared and emailed SD upcoming meet schedules and our free ¼-page ads to the editor for the March and May 2021 issues of TCA's National Headquarters News. 2) For the spring issue of *The Layout*, he emailed an Excel file to the SD's printing company containing names and addresses of active SD members who elect to receive their newsletter by the U.S.P.S. 3) At the Kissimmee train show in February, he distributed table registration forms for the March 7 Pinellas Park show. 4) He contacted SD members who had not yet renewed their 2021 membership to encourage them to do so, and several did renew. 5) He assisted SD webmaster Bill Porter, who restructured the website.

Bill Porter emailed the webmaster report: 1) The website is operating well and as expected. Since the last report, I have redesigned the pages of the site and created a new navigation menu. I changed the site from one using Frames technology. Frames are deprecated and should not be used. They don't display well on mobile devices. Another problem with Frames is that the refresh and back buttons on browsers do not work the way any sensible person would expect them to. 2) Now, the navigation menu is placed at the top of every page in the site. The menu elements are the same as before. They just appear in a table at the top of the pages rather than in a Frame at the left side of the page. The pages are still named as they have been. The refresh and back buttons on all of the commonly used browsers do just what they say they do. 3) I look forward to hearing from the BOD or any of the members as to whether it would be good to have little buttons sprinkled throughout the longer pages. Those buttons would go to the top of the page where the menu is displayed. Might be handy. 4) Thanks to Bill Trappen and Mary Anyan, I received photos from the Fall 2019 meet in Orlando and the March 2021 meet in Pinellas Park. Those photos are now part of the site. If anyone has additional information that I could add to the captions, I would be delighted to update those pages. 5) The webmaster email address remains associated with the PayPal account. I agree that is sensible. It means that all communications from PayPal to us go through that account. I forward the messages to Steve Johnson (who sets it up) and Bill Trappen (who keeps us all informed).

Mary Anyan reported: 1) The spring newsletter was eblasted to SD members on April 2. 2) Compliments from SD members to *The Layout* editor have been received regarding the Irv Abelson "Spotlight" article in this issue. The member in consideration for the summer issue spotlight will be contacted. 3) Per direction of President Setzer, the winter 2021 and spring 2021 newsletters were eblasted to the TCA president, TCA vice president, TCA president-elect, TCA business manager, TCA library staff, and the TCA board of directors; and future issues will be sent to them as well. 4) Items for the summer issue are due to the editor by June 1. This issue will contain the Lake Nona (Orlando area) meet story and accompanying table registration form (TRF) as well as a TRF for the November 20 Jacksonville meet, provided a venue is secured.

Mike Mills and Bill Trappen reported regarding the September 18, 2021, Lake Nona (Orlando area) train meet: 1) The Orange County School District could not give us a decision until June on having the meet at the Lake Nona Middle School, so another venue was visited. The XL Soccer World Nona in Lake Nona is a new, state-of-the-art building that offers the space necessary for a successful train meet. The facility's representative is most eager to work with us regarding our request for a September 18 show. Further discussion of this venue ensued.

Motion: Allow Mike Mills and Bill Trappen to proceed with necessary discussions and actions to secure the XL Soccer World Nona facility for a September 18, 2021, train show. Motion unanimously passed.

2) A "Show & Tell" and awards banquet are being considered post meet and are still in the planning stage. 3) Bill Trappen mentioned that the next Tinplate Tycoon award nominee has been selected, and it is hoped this person will be presented the award at the Lake Nona meet or awards banquet.

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Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, April 7, 2021 (cont'd.)

Motion: Form a committee consisting of Mike Setzer, Mike Mills and Mike Powell to review and decide the maximum allowable dollar amount to be spent on awards in 2021. Motion unanimously passed.

Steve Johnson reported that he will contact Chuck Bryner for an update on the November 20, 2021, Jacksonville show and his search for another venue. The Morocco Shrine Center remains for sale, and no events are being booked past June.

The January 2022 Fort Pierce train show was discussed, and Steve Johnson stated that the Fenn Center has this show on their schedule for January 22. Mr. Setzer volunteered to contact long-time meet host Al Galli regarding his desire to continue to serve as meet host.

Charlie Anyan reported that he will get in touch with Guy Ateniese to request that he contact the representative for the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center regarding a 2022 train show. February and March 2022 Tampa Bay area conflict dates were discussed, with the consensus deciding that March 5 or March 12 would be optimum for the SD's show. It also was suggested that other Florida west-coast venues be researched.

Mike Setzer and Jay Zschau provided updated information on the TCA's rebranding plan. Mr. Setzer previously emailed TCA's marketing committee's six proposed logos to the SD BOD and requested their input which he then shared with the committee. Mr. Zschau stated that the deadline is Friday, April 9, to vote on a logo.

The subject of administrative ("admin") bins transported from meet to meet was discussed. These plastic bins contain materials necessary for the volunteers who sit at the check-in table at each meet. Steve Johnson and Charlie Anyan volunteered to research necessary and suggested items for each bin.

Motion: The Southern Division will have sets of plastic bins to be kept in the possession of the four, designated meet hosts, for use by the check-in table volunteers at each meet. Motion unanimously passed.

Mike Setzer advised that he will work on creating a train calendar of events document and email it to the BOD.

Mike Setzer and Jay Zschau discussed the TCA's governance committee and its proposal of reducing the national board of directors from 22 to 9 members. A vote and decision have not yet been reached.

The board discussed SD members listed as "Active" on the SD roster (meaning they paid \$10 and renewed their membership for 2021) yet are not shown as TCA members on its website (meaning their national dues lapsed, they were dropped and are considered not in good standing in the TCA). Refer to the winter and spring 2021 issues of *The Layout* in which it is stated that according to TCA Rules and Regulations, plus Southern Division Bylaws, those members will be automatically and simultaneously dropped from SD membership and listed as "Inactive." Bill Trappen reminded everyone that in addition to losing the benefits listed in the spring newsletter, the following should be kept in mind: TCA members in good standing are protected by TCA rules and regulations in case of a grievance about a product they bought at a TCA or SD sanctioned event. TCA and SD membership renewals do not simultaneously occur. It was suggested that the SD secretary check, on a monthly basis, members on the "drop list" sent by TCA against membership renewals which might have occurred during an "overlap" period. The SD secretary agreed to do this.

The board discussed the ongoing issue of and problems associated with members who verbally request table(s) at various SD meets and then neglect to send their TRF and/or payment in advance of the meet. Bill Trappen reminded the board that table reservation payments are not deposited until after the meet.

Motion: Beginning with the September 18, 2021, train show in Lake Nona, every member who requests a table at any SD meet must send to the meet host his or her table registration form (TRF) and pay for the requested number of tables at least two weeks prior to that show, as stated on the TRF. Failure to do so will result in the following increases in the table reservation fee: SD members will pay \$30 per table, and TCA non-SD members will pay \$40 per table. There will be no exceptions. In the event that a member who paid for a table or tables does not attend the meet, his or her payment will not be refunded. However, if extenuating circumstances arise which preclude that member's attendance, the meet host and the board of directors will decide whether or not to refund his or her payment. Motion unanimously passed.

Adjournment: 3:00 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted:
Dienzel Dennis
Secretary

Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

Check first with the meet/show hosts for the latest updates by phoning or referring to websites.

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

Aug. 21-22: 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

Aug. 28: Train Show/Swap Meet, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 9A-2P, adults \$5/ children 12 & under *free*, Early Bird reservation 8-9A \$7; vendors and model train layout; lunch available, joe@regalrailways.com, 727-244-1341; www.regalrailways.com (**Regal Railways**)

Sep. 4: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P, call 321-805-1963, schultzspacecoastrains@aol.com (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

Sep. 11: Train Show/Swap Meet, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**)

Sep. 18: Lake Nona (Orlando area) (Southern Division) (Meet Story in this issue!)

Oct. 2: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**)

Oct. 21-23: York Fairgrounds, York, PA

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

~~**Nov. 20: Jacksonville (Southern Division) (Meet Story and Table Registration Form in the fall newsletter) CANCELED**~~

Nov. 20: Train Show/Swap Meet, Columbian Club of Osceola, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 34744 (**Regal Railways**)

Dec. 4: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

Dec. 11: Train Show/Swap Meet, Hillsborough County Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 33527 (**Regal Railways**)

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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For sale: 671/671W engine-\$95; 675/2046W, 1952 version-\$120; 1688/1689T black-\$75; set 2125WS, 1947 only \$150; 15 sections (30" each) Lionel FasTrack, \$10 each, also smaller sizes; many others, call or email for info & photos.
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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**.

For Sale: 5 pairs O-22 switchers, no controllers - \$40/pr; 1 pr. American Flyer switchers 26744 w/box - \$16; 771 AF replicating stockyard w/controller and cows - \$60.
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

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). Contact Chris Lucibello: 2483 Pinellas Point Dr. S., St. Petersburg 33712, 727-867-3465, email: karen.lucibello@verizon.net

Switch List is a free service to members in good standing of the TCA and SD. Send your ad (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan. Your ad automatically will renew in each issue of *The Layout*, until you cancel.

Note: per TCA rules and regulations, your full name must be listed and the words "make offer" cannot appear.

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