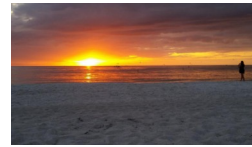




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**FORT PIERCE MEET STORY
January 22, 2022**

The Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, FL 34982 (772-462-1521) again will serve as the venue for our 2022 train meet.

Meet Hours: 8:30A to TCA members and 9:00A-2:00P to the general public

Admission: \$5.00/person with free admission to a child 12 and under when accompanied by an adult

Workshops: Several operating layouts will be on display, but there is room for many more. If anyone wishes to bring a layout or knows someone or a club that might be interested, please contact Meet Host Al Galli.

Hotel: There is no designated meet hotel but several, reasonably priced, are located at I-95, Exit 129.

Food: Coffee, drinks and snacks will be offered for sale at the Fenn Center.

Table Holders: Early set up currently is scheduled for Friday the 21st from 1:30-3:30P and 7:00-9:00A on the day of the meet. All table holders are asked to contact Al the week of January 10th to confirm that these will be the hours for set up. Electrical power is available (no extra charge), but please specify on your registration form. **Send your completed Table Registration Form and payment in advance of the meet.** There will be no "holds" or "pay upon arrival."

Tables: 8 feet, \$20 for TCA members and \$30 for TCA non-SD members - **remember that all helpers must be a spouse or a current member of the TCA in good standing, unless pre-approved by the meet host or a board member.**

Note: An SD Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday the 21st beginning at 3:00P at the Fenn Center. Any SD member is invited; but if you wish to attend, contact VP Mike Mills prior to the meeting.

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 129. Go East on Rt. 70 (Okeechobee Rd.) for 1/2 miles. Turn RIGHT on Virginia Ave. Go 1.6 miles to the building on the left. From the Florida Turnpike, take Exit 152. Go EAST on Rt. 70 for 2.1 miles. Turn RIGHT on Virginia Ave. Go 1.6 miles to the building on the left.

Meet Host: Al Galli, 772-219-7653 or alfredgalli@comcast.net (new email address)



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**Invite your relatives and friends to “Like” and
“Follow” them.**

From Charlie and Mary Anyan . . . We're official residents of the state of Illinois. We closed on our house August 26, moved in that date with tons and tons of boxes, and wondered how we'd ever find anything. Slowly, we began to unpack and furnish the house. We'd only been in Illinois about 5 weeks when our daughter in Montana asked if we could come watch the grandchildren (ages 9 and 6) while she went on a work retreat to sunny Arizona. Her husband had to work during that time, and we were happy to oblige. We'd purchased a house from our daughter, so there we were furnishing yet another place! As we prepared to head back to Illinois, daughter asked if we could stay another few days to watch the kids as hunting season was opening. How could we refuse? Our three-week trip to Big Sky Country was filled with lots of laughter and cherished memories. But boy were we tired!

President's Perspective
by Mike Setzer

Season's Greetings to you and your loved ones! I hope you've been healthy and happy during the holidays.

My wife and I attended the York show in October and had a fun time. Everyone seemed so happy to have the "normalcy" of getting together at the fairgrounds again, and we're looking forward to the April show.

The SD's next indoor meet is scheduled for January 22, 2022, in Fort Pierce. Then it's on to the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center on February 12. Both meet stories are in this issue. Don't forget to stay an extra day for Zitnik Trains' spring outdoor meet on the 13th. And if you wish, stay in the area to watch Super Bowl LVI with other SDers!

I hate to repeat myself, but you'll see this call for volunteers in every issue of *The Layout* until enough people are in place for the 2025 convention committee, as the 2025 TCA Convention in Jacksonville will be here before we know it. The Southern Division legally is committed to hosting this convention. Many of the committee chairpersons and volunteers from 2020 cannot commit to 2025. Again, this is *your* division, and we need a great many people in a variety of capacities to make the convention be as interesting and entertaining as we can. If we can count on you, please reach out to me or any other board member.

Stay safe and I'm looking forward to seeing every one of you soon in Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park.

Mike

Vice President's Viewpoint
by Mike Mills

Happy Holidays to all. As the holidays wind down, I encourage all of you to think of ways to *share* our hobby with others in our community. It's one of the best ways to draw people into our hobby, whether it's just to contact a neighbor's child or a friend's grandchild and show off your collection and/or operating layout or setting up a holiday layout (as I do) at my community center. You may even be lucky enough to participate in a year-round layout at a museum or community center. Any way you choose to expose others to our world of Model Railroading works.

With all of that said, if you are in the Orlando area during the holidays, please contact me if you'd like to visit the Villagewalk of Lake Nona All-Scale Model Railroad Club's multiple layouts that we operate in the grand lobby in our town center. We run trains from mid-December 'til mid-January.

Mike

Another nugget from Augie Staebler . . .

This is a September 9, 1948, display ad from the Tampa Tribune. It advertises the movie "Berlin Express" at the Palace Theater in Tampa. It also tells of a Lionel display in the lobby and where you can get your trains repaired at Tampa Radio Sales, a Lionel Approved Service Station.

The Tampa Radio Sales Lionel repairman was Chester Holley.

As always,
thanks, Augie!

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PINELLAS PARK (TAMPA BAY AREA) MEET STORY
February 12, 2022

We're returning to our beautiful location from 2020 - the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781. <https://www.pinellas-park.com>.



Set Up for table holders will be Friday, 10A-5P and Saturday, 8-9A (per contract with the venue). During set up, the building only will be open to table holders and authorized helpers. **Remember to list on the Registration Form the full name(s) of any helpers. All helpers must be a family member or a current member of the TCA in good standing, unless pre-approved by the meet host or a board member.** On Friday the 11th, we must vacate the building not later than 5P.

Tables: 8 feet, \$20 for TCA members and \$30 for TCA non-SD members. Due to many, early table pre-sales (table holders from other meets and repeat table holders), remaining tables are limited. It will be first-come, first-served. **Send your completed Table Registration Form and payment in advance of the meet.** There will be no "holds" or "pay upon arrival."

Meet Hours: 9A to TCA Members, 10A-3P to the public

Board of Directors Meeting: Friday the 11th at 3P in the venue. Advise VP Mike Mills in advance if you plan to attend.

SD Members' Meeting: Saturday the 12th at 9:30A

Admission: \$5.00/person and free admission to a child 12 and under when accompanied by an adult. All children 12 and under will receive a free gift at the check-in table.

Activities: door prize drawings for adults and children throughout the day; drag races; Scavenger Hunt for families; and kids' play area

Food: A food truck may be on site, but there are several nearby restaurants (Cheddars, Firehouse Subs, Popeye's Chicken, McDonald's, etc.) from which to choose.

Hotel: There is no designated meet hotel, but there are several hotels around the area. Be advised that this is high season; so check them out soon.

Meet Host: Guy Ateniese, 727-480-7909, gateniese@tampabay.rr.com

Open House: Dave and Gale Zitnik again have graciously agreed to host the open house at their store, Zitnik Trains, 5193 73rd Ave. N., Pinellas Park from 6:30-8:00P on Friday the 11th. Sandwiches, snacks, desserts and beverages will be provided. Zitnik Trains is in very close proximity to the venue. www.zitniktrains.com



Don't forget to stay over for Zitnik Trains' spring parking lot and swap meet the next day, beginning at 7A. Pre-registration is required.

**Southern Division Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
November 15, 2021**

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Virtual Meeting was held November 15, 2021, beginning at 2:00 PM EST. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following SD board members participating: President Mike Setzer; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past President Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present. Invited guests participating: TCA President Elect and SD Legal Counsel Jay Zschau; SD Webmaster Bill Porter; and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan

Mike Setzer reported that: 1) He attended the fall York show, and it was an excellent success with over 13,000 participants over two and one-half days. He suggested that at future York shows, the announcements for meetings and events be made more frequently, clear, and the locations given. Jay Zschau advised that he will speak with Dan Danielson, President of the Eastern Division, about these concerns. Bill Trappen mentioned that at the Welcome Party in York, a first-time attendee who is an SD member won the Big Boy Steam Engine. 2) The TCA website is up and running. Jay Zschau mentioned that more work is needed to be done on the site by gathering additional information, and site designers are working on a formal rollout. If anyone has suggestions, feel free to contact Tim Stier at national, or Chris Allen, John DeSantis or Russ Keil at division levels.

Mike Mills previously had emailed his Vice President's report: 1) He contacted the assistant principal (AP) of Lake Nona Middle School about returning there in November 2022. While the AP said it's still too early for the school system to commit, he is all in but the division must wait until after January 2022 to approach the school system. 2) The Villagewalk Model Railroad Club began this week setting up its annual holiday multi-gauge layouts that will be on display in the town center from mid-December through mid-January. He invites everyone to visit the three layouts that fill the main gathering room at the center. Contact him at 612-382-0325 if in the area and would like to visit.

Dienzel Dennis reported that 355 Active, 491 Inactive and 96 Deceased members currently are reflected in the most up-to-date SD roster. Mike Powell advised that according to the SD Bylaws, anyone who joined the SD on or after August 1 of one calendar year automatically is paid for the following calendar year.

Mike Powell reported on the: 1) Orlando meet expense report, previously emailed to the board; 2) SD 2021 Third Quarter Treasurer's Report, previously emailed to the board; and 3) the proposed SD 2022 budget. Discussion of items 2 and 3, above, followed.

Motion: Approve the SD 2021 Third Quarter Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: Approve the SD 2022 Budget, as amended, after discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Bill Trappen reported that he: 1) prepared the SD Ad and Meet Schedule for the December issue of the TCA National HQ Newsletter; 2) prepared and sent to the printer the excel file with the names and mailing addresses for the mailed version of the fall newsletter; 3) had save-the-date cards printed for the Ft. Pierce and Pinellas Park meets which were taken to York and displayed on his table to give to Florida members, snowbirds and other TCA members who said they may be visiting Florida in January or February; 4) emailed the Pinellas Park flyer to the printing company. Guy Ateniese (Pinellas Park Meet Host) has been distributing the flyers at train shows in the Tampa Bay area; and 5) sent an email to 115 active SD members regarding the January 2022 Fort Pierce meet to get the word out particularly to table holders and had the table reservation form attached; and he reminded them to pay their 2022 SD dues which will be due before the meet.

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SD BOD Virtual Meeting, November 15, 2021 (cont'd.)

Bill Porter reported: 1) The website is operating well and as expected. 2) The hosting rate was increased. Mike Powell was made aware and will include in the 2022 budget. Also for consideration is the cost of the SSD Certificate as a recurring, annual expense. This certificate is needed to assure site visitors and members that any data they enter is kept safe during transfer to our server. 3) He is not sure the SD Facebook page is of much value; however, it takes very little effort and has zero cost.

Mary Anyan reported: 1) Items for the winter newsletter are due to her not later than December 1. The newsletter historically is distributed during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. 2) If anyone has nominees for an upcoming "Spotlight" feature in the newsletter, please email their name to her.

Mike Setzer reported that the Fort Pierce meet is scheduled for January 22, 2022, with Al Galli again serving as meet host. The meet story and table registration form (TRF) will be included with the winter newsletter. The TRF is on the SD website.

Charlie Anyan reported that the Pinellas Park meet is scheduled for February 12, 2022. He spoke with meet host Guy Ateniese who reported that he has received a few TRFs and payments.

Update regarding administrative boxes at each meet venue – Mary Anyan reminded the board that they approved having an admin box at each of the four meet locations around the state.

Mike Powell reported that an SD member paid his dues for 2022 and included a message that he would like to see the SD hold a meet in south Florida. Mike Setzer to follow up.

Mike Setzer continues to ask for volunteers to chair and/or host committees or be willing to work in some capacity at the 2025 TCA Convention in Jacksonville.

Mike Setzer reported that he will provide an update in January regarding an SD members and guests train outing.

Jay Zschau reported that: 1) The TCA Marketing Committee has developed a very impressive display and booth to transport to non-TCA train shows. The display is interactive, and it is hoped that this newest tool will help increase recruitment into the organization. 2) Pursuant to TCA Rules and Regulations, the Membership Committee is increasing its efforts to develop a network of membership chairpersons in various divisions. The chairperson will be responsible for fostering division membership and also for making materials available at shows.

Via email from Steve Johnson, he advised Mike Setzer that a group of members from Jacksonville is in favor of "reversing" future meet dates. In 2022, a Jacksonville meet will be held in September, and an Orlando meet will be held in November.

The board went into Executive Session at 3:25 PM EST, and came out of Executive Session at 3:34 PM EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted:
Dienzel Dennis
Secretary

Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows, 2022

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

Jan. 8-9: 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**)

Jan. 15-16: Annual Train Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, **Stuart** 34996, 9A-3P both days; contact Gary Hawken 772-692-9017, hawkenga1@outlook.com (**Martin County Model Railroaders**)

Jan. 22: Fort Pierce (Southern Division) (Meet Story and table registration form in this newsletter)

Jan. 22: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601, 9A-2P, \$5/person; Early Bird Reservation 8-9A \$7.00; lunch available (Joe 727-244-1341; joe@regalrailways.com) (**Regal Railways**)

Feb. 5: Model Train & Railroadiana Show, Prime Osborn Center, 1000 Water St., **Jacksonville** 32204 (**Golden Spike**)

Feb. 5-6: Train Show/Swap Meet, 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 (The Villages Model Railroad Club)

Feb. 12: Pinellas Park (Tampa Bay Area) (Southern Division) (Meet Story and table registration form in this newsletter)

Feb.13: Zitnik Trains Spring Parking Lot Swap Meet & Open House, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-1P) pre-registration required, 727-201-9668 (**Zitnik Trains**)

Feb. 19-20: RealRail's 43rd Annual Train Show, Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd., **Palmetto** 34221 (Sat., 10A-4P; Sun. 10A-3P) David Fontaine, 941-685-2221, david_f_34205@yahoo.com (**RealRail**)

Feb. 26: Toy and Train Show, Columbian Club of Osceola, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 34744 (**Regal Railways**)

Mar. 26: Toy and Train Show, Florida National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (**Regal Railways**)

Apr. 2: Railroad Day Festival and Classic Car Show, 45383 Dixie Ave., **Callahan** 32011, 1-8P (904-879-3406, www.wnhsfl.org, (**West Nassau Historical Society**)

Apr 9: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 10A-6P (**Golden Spike**)

Apr. 23: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** (**Regal Railways**)

Jun. 25: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** (**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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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

For Sale: 5 pairs O-22 switches, 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.sawyerriviera@att.net

For Sale: Williams #803 and #804. New York Central 80-ft. Painted and Plated 6-car Passenger Sets. Mint/Never Run. Original New packaging. \$355 each. Shipping and insurance included! Stuart Horn, 860-543-9060, stujhorn@gmail.com, 7345 Marbella Echo Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33446

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, alfredgalli@comcast.net

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Please review your ad. If items have been sold, or other changes have been made, notify *The Layout* Editor.

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 via email: maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com. If you do not have email, contact Bill Trappen: 407-365-7860.

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.