



If you didn't make it to the Bushnell Outdoor Swap Meet, here's what you missed . . . .



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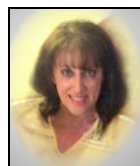
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**Bushnell Post-Meet Recap**

For our first show at this new-to-us venue, it wasn't bad -- but it certainly could have been better. The pros: nice weather (a little on the warm side but tolerable); reminiscent of the "good old days" when we used to hold swap meets in fields, parking lots, people's driveways; museum staff was good to us; and it definitely was a seller's market. Why? Because only about 10 of us showed up and brought items to sell. The cons: **only about 10 of us showed up and brought items to sell**. Not a single pre-registration form was received so we had very little idea of expected vendor attendance. Mike Mills and I scrambled at the 11th hour making calls and "encouraging" people to come and have some fun and sell some trains. We're glad we did, we have photos to prove it, and we're grateful to the rest of you who attended. The board of directors agreed that we should have another meet there next year but in a different (cooler) month. We'll look forward to seeing you then.

*Bill Trappen*

President's Perspective  
by  
Mike Setzer

I hope your summer is going well thus far.

By the time you read this, three events that my wife Arlene and I attended will have passed. 1) York - Attendance was down at the April spring meet. 2) The Outdoor Swap Meet in Bushnell was an old-fashioned, grass-roots event (*literally*, as train buying and selling happened in a grassy area on the property). It was disappointing that this event didn't draw very many Southern Division table holders, but those who did have tables reported a prosperous day. Lots of camaraderie was shared by attendees, reminiscent of days gone by, and new friendships were fostered. The museum was a pleasant surprise for many, and the garden railroad ride was great fun. As this was the division's inaugural event in Bushnell, Arlene and I visited the area pre-event, as did Bill and Rosemary Trappen. Mike Mills, Bill and I were in regular contact with the museum owner. Many thanks go to Bill and Mike for their efforts in getting this event off the ground (pun intended). 3) The national convention in Burlington was nice. It's always a good time reconnecting with veteran friends that we only see once or twice a year; and, of course, making new friends is always a plus.

The division's next major events are being planned for November 10th & 11th in Lake Nona (Orlando area). Last year's meet, dinner, and show & tell were well received. We made new friends with the wonderful folks from the Ronald McDonald House and again are considering partnering with them this year. Other venues also are being considered. Mike Mills and Bill Trappen are hard at work getting this together, so stay tuned for full details plus a registration form in the fall 2023 newsletter.

We're still hoping for folks to step up and volunteer to host shows in the Venice/Fort Myers area as well as in the southeastern part of the state. Once details are in place, you'll be among the first to know.

Mike

more Bushnell pics . . . .



Below, L-R: Richard Hill, Jeff Perry & Bill Trappen (All three joined TCA and SD in 1974.)





# "All Aboard!" and Bring Your Appetite



We're happy to share with you a cool eatery that one of our SDers, Rob Wachter, found en route to the Bushnell meet.

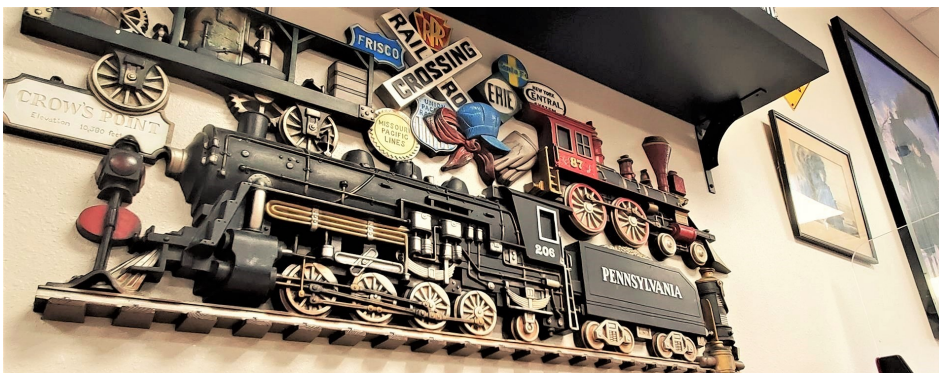
If you're hungry and in or around an area listed below during breakfast or lunch time and you see a sign that reads, "Breakfast Station" - check it out!

\*Serving Florida since 1995, Breakfast Station was founded in Port Richey. Almost 28 years later, it boasts 14 Florida locations. This restaurant offers quality food and hearty portions at a fair price. Many of the staff have been with the company since the beginning, and you'll feel right at home with every visit.\* According to Rob, "I had the Engineer Breakfast. Best Canadian bacon (ham steak) I've had in a long time. The food was very good, everyone enjoyed it, and the staff was very friendly. I would definitely recommend it for anybody in the area for breakfast or lunch." With a testimonial like that **and** a train theme, how can you go wrong?

\*<https://www.breakfaststationcentral.com> \*



Thanks so much to Rob Wachter for the 4-1-1, testimonial and photos.



## Florida Locations

- Beverly Hills
- Crawfordville
- Dunnellon
- Land O' Lakes
- New Port Richey
- Ormond Beach
- Brooksville (2)
- Crystal River
- Homosassa
- Leesburg
- Ocala
- Spring Hill
- Zephyrhills



## Population Increases on My Layout

My “layout story” is similar to probably almost all of the first layout stories that kids (and dads) built. Mine (age 12) consisted of trains and O-gauge track on two 4x8 pieces of plywood, painted green. It also had the usual - log loader, coal loader, water tower. There were also two passenger cars - the green “Maplewood” and “Hillside” from 1949, parked on a siding. I was happy – the freight cars could be parked on the other siding and the “long” passenger train could be run. There was only one engine, a (post-war) 224 steamer with the Lionel Lines whistle tender (no smoke, of course). It did take me about 10 or 15 years to find the matching “Chatham” car.

What else could a kid want? I finally figured out what. It was the miracle of the twentieth century - plastic; more specifically - *Plasticville*! For only a dollar or sometimes 89 cents, I could buy a firehouse, or a bank, or even a house (nicer than the one we lived in). But what else?? The Plasticville houses were set in a field of green – they needed streets. So, with an old paint brush and part-cans of paint (whatever was in our storage shed – white, brown, black, etc.), streets got painted. Who cared what color they were? They were streets.

Something still seemed missing??? That’s it - no vehicles on the streets. But that turned out to be no problem, because with four boys in the house there were plenty of toy cars & trucks around that went on the layout, no matter the size. About 20 years later while visiting my parents on the family farm, I discovered some toy cars that my nephews had been playing with and left buried in the mud & dirt in the field. After digging them up and washing them off, they got added to my layout. (*Too bad, nephews, you shouldn’t leave your toys outside in the mud.*) The majority of my trains had to be sold when we moved from Florida, and those cars were still on the layout.

I joined TCA in 1969 and went to every local meet, and mainly York. Many years passed before I sold anything. Just buy, buy, buy. Seems like I never had enough, because there were still trains out there that I liked and didn’t have. And that’s when the population of my layout cities began to grow.

In 1993 when we moved to Florida, I built a new and larger layout; and it became apparent that many people were needed for this project. I began to buy complete collections, and with them came people. One



O-gauge collection also had over 60 HO-sized World War I lead soldiers marching in a parade. On the bottom they are stamped “MADE IN S. AFRICA.” The guy that sold them said he got them from his grandfather. I placed them on the back of the layout, to obtain a “forced perspective” of distance. They actually looked pretty good, especially around Memorial Day. I made a sign that stood beside them that said “VETERANS DAY PARADE TODAY.”



One year at York a guy was selling a set of 10 large metal figures, closer to standard gauge size. They had no names on them, but the seller called them “happy farmers” because all of them were doing some job on a farm. I bought them and immediately made a farm on the layout so that all the workers would have a job. I continued to buy them and enlarged the farm and now have 40 of them. A few are not farmers. I have at least twice as many O-gauge metal figures as the other two sizes combined. They once were stationed all over my layout ... police, railroad workers, postal workers, passengers waiting for their trains, etc.

And that’s how the population grew in Charlieville, from zero to over 300 people (and some animals). Now all of them reside together on my display shelves, happily gazing down from their assigned location, content in the fact that they all are retired and don’t have to work anymore.

## 2020 TCA Convention Pre-Production Sample Water Towers

In the spring 2023 issue of *The Layout*, we announced that the Southern Division will be auctioning the pre-production sample water towers made for us by Department 56 for the subsequently canceled 2020 TCA National Convention and also to “stay tuned” for more details on the auctions. Following are those details! But first, if you’re a newer SD member and are not familiar with the water towers, there is complete background information in the spring 2023 newsletter on the two different towers produced and why they were chosen as special convention souvenirs. This information and photos also can be found on the SD website. ([www.TcaSouthernDivision.org](http://www.TcaSouthernDivision.org))

At the June 2, 2023, SD BOD meeting (minutes in this issue) the board voted to: 1) offer the towers to only Southern Division members; 2) have a sealed bid auction for the “Regular” pre-production sample tower with the bids publicly opened at the November 11<sup>th</sup> Orlando SD Train Meet; and 3) conduct a LIVE auction for the “Banquet Gift” pre-production sample tower during the Awards Dinner/Show-and-Tell Party which will start later in the afternoon on the day of the Orlando meet.

### Sealed-Bid Auction for the “Regular” Water Tower



The photo at left shows the pre-production sample “Regular” water tower on the left with the production run version on the right. In the sealed-bid auction for the “Regular” tower, bidders will complete the form included as an insert with or attachment to the fall newsletter listing the amount they will bid and then mail the form in an envelope to SD Vice President Mike Mills at his address shown on the form. Payment will **NOT** be mailed in at this time, and the winning bidder will not need to be present at the meet. Because the envelopes will not be opened until the Orlando SD Train Meet on November 11<sup>th</sup>, please make sure your full name is on the envelope in the return address area so that we can verify your valid TCA and SD membership. At 11:30AM the envelopes will publicly be opened by a team of non-bidding volunteers. On-site sealed bids also will be accepted until 11:15AM. By the way, if you submit more than one bid, only your highest bid will be used. Upon opening the envelopes and reading the bids at the

meet, the highest bid received from an active TCA Southern Division member will be the winner. If the winning bidder is present, he or she will pay the winning bid amount for the tower and immediately receive it. If the high bidder is not present, he or she will be notified by phone and requested to mail a check for his/her bid amount plus \$20.00 for insured shipping to the SD Treasurer. Upon receipt of the correct payment amount by the treasurer the tower will be shipped to the winning bidder.

### LIVE Auction for the “Banquet Gift” Water Tower

The auction for the Banquet Gift tower will be LIVE, so to bid on this tower **you must be present!** This auction will be held during the post-meet “banquet” (how appropriate, although we officially call that event the “Awards Dinner/Show & Tell Party”) scheduled to take place later in the afternoon and evening of the Orlando Lake Nona meet on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, you must: 1) pre-register via the Lake Nona Meet Table and Events Registration Form which will be an attachment to or insert in the fall newsletter; 2) send payment with the form; and 3) attend the Awards Dinner/Show & Tell Party. Although the venue for that event has not yet been finalized, it also will be in the Lake Nona area of Orlando. We are considering returning to the Ronald McDonald House meeting room adjacent to the Lake Nona Nemours Children’s Hospital where we had the post-meet Awards Dinner/Show & Tell Party last November. Because all bidders for this tower will have to be present, at the end of the auction the high bidder will pay his/her winning bid amount for the tower and receive it at the party.

### How Do I Know I’m Bidding On A Pre-Production Sample Tower And Not A Leftover Actual Production Tower?

First, in this situation there are no leftovers! All 212 of the “Regular” towers produced have been sold, and all 88 of

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## 2020 TCA Convention Pre-Production Sample Water Towers (cont'd.)

the “Banquet Gift” towers produced were awarded to Convention Committee members and other volunteers for their efforts. Therefore, the only towers remaining are the single pre-production sample tower of each version. Second, there are physical differences between each pre-production sample tower and its final produced counterpart. As a result each of the pre-production sample towers is definitely **A ONE OF A KIND!** Let’s look at how the pre-production towers differ from their production tower counterparts.

The following differences between the Pre-production Sample Towers and The Production Towers are common to both the “Regular Tower” and the “Banquet Gift Tower”: The base of the pre-production sample tower is a lighter shade of gray than the base of the production towers. It’s difficult to accurately measure the height of the towers but the pre-production sample towers are each about 1/8” shorter than the production towers. The underside of the base of all the towers has a large Department 56 logo and a D56 white paper label sticker, but the pre-production towers also have a white sticker on which the D56 Job Number is hand-written. The job numbers are different for each of the two sample towers.

PHOTO #2



The winning bidders will receive each sample tower in its actual Department 56 Styrofoam® packaging container which is also different from the packaging for the production towers as shown in photo #2. The label on the container has the same D56 Job Number printed on it as well as being hand written on the sticker on the underside of the base of the respective sample tower.

The following differences are unique to the “Regular” Tower: The dimensions of the pre-production sample “Regular” tower’s irregular-shaped base at its widest points are 5 1/16” x 4 3/8” while those of the base of the production tower are 5 3/8” x 4 1/4.” As shown in photo #3, there is some white residue above the Department 56 logo on the yellow tank. This residue

appears to be Styrofoam® which came off the packaging and stuck to the tank, apparently due to the almost three years that the sample towers were in storage. We chose to leave it on rather than trying to remove it to avoid possibly damaging the tank.



The following differences are unique to the “Banquet Gift” Tower (BGT), but due to space limitations in this newsletter, photos of the pre-production BGT will be included in the fall news-letter. The pre-production sample BGT also has white residue above the Department 56 logo on its tank which is much more visible on the dark blue tank than the white residue is on the yellow tank of the “Regular” tower. Again, this residue appears to be Styrofoam® which came off the packaging and stuck to the tank. The BGT includes an inscription on the base which reads “*Banquet Gift from TCA Southern Division*” spread over two lines. The production version has a flat brass plate on which the inscription is printed. But the pre-production sample uses what appears to be a piece of foam core board about 1/16” high on which the inscription is printed. The “outside” dimensions of the pre-production sample Banquet tower’s base are 5 1/4” x 4 3/8” while those of the base of the production towers are slightly different at 5 1/4” by 4 1/4.”

In summary: 1) You must be an active TCA Southern Division member at the time of the auctions in order for your bid to be accepted. 2) The auction for the pre-production “Regular” tower will be by sealed bid and the bids will be opened at the SD Orlando Train meet on November 11<sup>th</sup>. 3) You don’t have to be present when the bids are opened. You can mail in your bid or submit a bid on site. 4) The auction of the pre-production sample Banquet Gift tower will be held live at the post-meet Awards Dinner/Show-and-Tell Party held elsewhere in the Lake Nona area of Orlando. 5) You must be pre-registered, paid and present to attend the dinner in order to bid.

The production versions of these towers were very popular and have likely increased in value. These pre-production sample towers are the only ones left and will surely attract plenty of interest, **so bid high if you want to win one or both of these highly desirable unique souvenir items!**

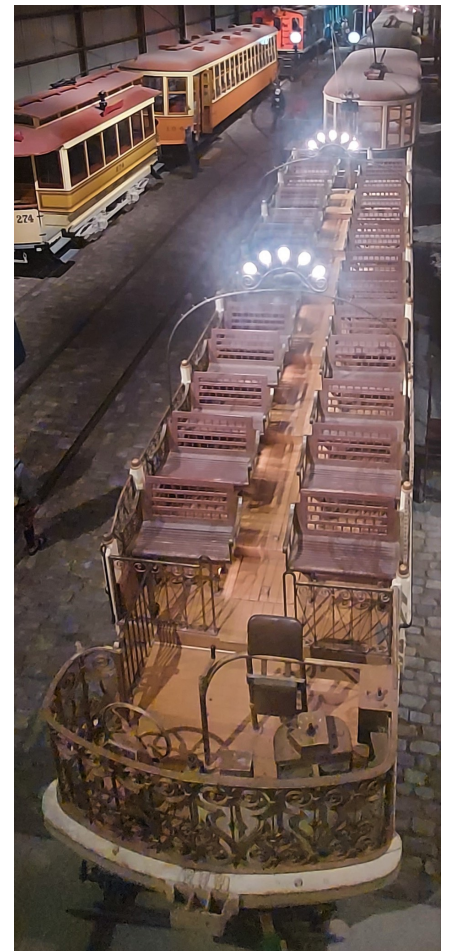
Bill Trappen



From SD President Mike Setzer: I had the pleasure and privilege of representing the Southern Division at the TCA's 69th Annual Convention in Burlington, Vermont. Compliments go to convention chairman Joe Fanara and his team for a top-notch event. The registration process was smooth and easy, and the tours were interesting and varied. The food at the Welcome Party, on the Riverboat Cruise, and at the Banquet was some of the finest I've ever enjoyed. It was nice to meet face to face with the Board of Directors after all of the zoom calls over the past several months. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to next year's convention in Lancaster.



At left and below: Canadian Railroad Historical Association Museum, Saint Constant, Quebec, Canada. The museum contains over 140 pieces of rolling stock, and over 250,000 objects and documents from Canada's railway history are housed in the museum archives.



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**Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom  
June 2, 2023**

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held June 2, 2023, beginning at 2:01 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following board members participating: President Setzer; Vice President Mike Mills; Secretary Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past President Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present. Invited guest participating: *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan

Mr. Setzer advised of no new information regarding the TCA Convention in June. He said that TCA national plans to conduct a zoom call with the board of directors the week prior to the convention. In addition, a one-day board meeting currently is scheduled to be held June 29 in Burlington.

Mr. Setzer reported that the inaugural Bushnell outdoor swap meet was successful for vendors, as the general public was interested and purchased trains. Mr. Mills reported that he received zero pre-registration forms for the Bushnell meet. The board more in-depthly discussed the Bushnell meet. Suggestions included: 1) holding a 2024 meet at the venue; 2) scheduling a cooler weather month, perhaps in January or mid-March; and 3) perhaps offering door prizes as incentives. The conclusion was to revisit this topic during a future board meeting.

Mr. Dennis reported that as of this date, the SD Membership Roster reflects 329 Active, 533 Inactive, and 105 Deceased.

Mr. Powell and the board reviewed the SD 2023 1Q Treasurer's Report previously emailed to the board.

**Motion:** The Southern Division Board of Directors accepts the SD 2023 1Q Treasurer's Report as written. Motion unanimously was approved.

The approved copy of this report will be included with the summer newsletter.

Mr. Trappen reported on his Communications Officer's activities since the last board meeting. He: 1) prepared and sent the mailing list file for the Spring newsletter to the printer for those members who do not receive the newsletter by email; 2) Bushnell pre-meet tasks: a) visited the Gulf Coast & Central Florida Museum to meet with the owner regarding having a meet there; b) toured the property for optimum table set up during the meet; c) worked with *The Layout* Editor on the story and table registration form for the newsletter; d) prepared the Bushnell Meet Story for the TCA eBlast; e) posted Bushnell meet announcements on the following on-line sites: Railserve.com, OGR Forum Toy Train Mailing List io group, Model Train Forum, O Gauge Forum, Tampa Bay, Ocala & Orlando Craigslist sites; f) made copies of the Bushnell Meet Flyer and placed them on the info table at the GSRR Deland train show in April and walked around the show reminding TCA table holders of the meet, that table spaces were still available, and distributed table registration forms; g) At his request, Guy Ateniese had Bushnell flyers printed and distributed them to Zitnik's Train Store and also to Regal Railways train shows in Pinellas Park and Crystal River; h) a few days prior to the Bushnell meet made phone calls to several members who had tables at Pinellas Park reminding them of the Bushnell meet and that table spaces were still available. This resulted in two additional members taking tables at the meet. Mr. Mills also called several members at his request. i) *Coffee News* is a paper newsletter distributed at various restaurants in locations around The Villages and Ocala. He made contact with the franchisee who publishes the newsletters who agreed to run a free announcement for the Bushnell meet. There are *Coffee News* franchises in other parts of Florida that the division can use for promoting meets in other locations. Unfortunately there are no franchises in Orlando or Tampa. j) prepared the Southern Division input for the complimentary ¼-page ad and calendar of meets column for the May issue of the TCA National HQ News.

Mrs. Anyan advised the board that printing and distribution of the summer 2023 newsletter will be delayed to allow for approved minutes from this board meeting to be included. Also, the board previously had decided to wait until a post-convention report and photos from the national convention are received so they may be included in this newsletter.

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## Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, June 2, 2023 via Zoom (cont'd.)

Mr. Mills, Mr. Trappen and the board discussed the 2023 Orlando meet to be held November 11. 1) The fee to rent the Lake Nona Middle School for the day prior to and day of the show is \$2200. 2) The dinner, awards banquet, and show & tell again will be offered. 3) The Friday (10<sup>th</sup>) event still is in the planning stages. The full meet story and table and events registration form will be included in the fall newsletter.

The board revisited a proposal to host a one- or two-day show in West Palm Beach. A decision was made to not hold this meet in 2023. Mr. Setzer advised that he met with church leaders to discuss. 1) The church will not consider a one-day show as parishioners from Sunday service are invited into the show free of charge; 2) The \$1000 fee, all inclusive, will be donated to the Derrick Dean Wagner Foundation; 3) The campus employs its own police officer, and security will be provided during the show; 4) Suggestions on how to entice table holders to attend a two-day show included offering table fee incentives. Mr. Setzer will contact Will Wagner to get information from the 2022 show as to the number of attendees, the number of table holders, and how many table holders were TCA SD or TCA non-SD members. It was decided to revisit this topic during a future board meeting.

Mr. Trappen and the board discussed the two, pre-production prototype 2020 convention souvenir water towers he has in his possession. The board decided to conduct a sealed-bid auction offering one tower, and a live auction offering the other. The sealed-bid auction will be for the pre-production "regular" tower, and the sealed bids will publicly be opened during the November 11th Lake Nona meet. Bidders will not need to be present for this auction. If the winner is not present to receive the tower, the tower will be shipped to him or her after payment is received. The live auction will be for the pre-production "Banquet" tower and will take place at the dinner held after the Lake Nona meet. Bidders must be present for this auction. Mr. Trappen will take photos of the towers and they will be included, along with a narrative and bid form for the sealed bid auction, in the fall newsletter. The forms will be returned to VP Mills.

**Motion:** The Southern Division Board of Directors will offer the two, pre-production prototype 2020 convention souvenir water towers only to active TCA Southern Division members. Motion unanimously was approved.

Mr. Setzer volunteered to remain President of the Southern Division until someone else indicates an interest, and he will represent the division at the national convention.

The Board entered Executive Session at 3:10 PM EDT and exited at 3:17 PM EDT.

The board discussed interest in having a meet in the Sarasota/Venice area in 2024. The former Ramada Inn where the division previously held meets has been remodeled and renamed but still has reasonable meeting room rates. Potential meet hosts are needed.

Mr. Dennis and the board revisited the possibility of a train show at the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS) in Daytona Beach. The Root Family Museum in MOAS displays one of the largest collections of Coca Cola memorabilia. The board encouraged him and others to visit MOAS and speak with the manager to get all the details.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted: Dienzel Dennis, Secretary

**more convention photos ....**





## Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows 2023

For the latest updates, check first with the meet/show hosts by phoning or referring to websites.

**Aug. 26:** Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (Vendors and Model Train Layouts, lunch available, Adults \$5.00, children 12 and under *free*, 9A-2P, EARLY BIRD reservation (8-9A) \$7.00, [www.regalrailways.com](http://www.regalrailways.com)) (**Regal Railways**)

**Sep. 2:** Melbourne Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (9A-2P, call 321-805-1963 or visit <http://schultzspacecoasttrains.com>) (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

**Sep. 9:** Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**)

**Sep. 16-17:** The Villages Summer Train Expo, Savannah Center, 1545 N. Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages 32162 (16th, 9A-4P, 17th, 10A-3P, Rich Trifari 352-638-2788, [rwtrif@gmail.com](mailto:rwtrif@gmail.com)) (**The Villages Model Train Club**)

**Oct. 7:** Train Show & Open House (Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-3P, [suncoastmrrc.com](http://suncoastmrrc.com)) (**Suncoast Model RR Club**)

**Oct. 7:** 82nd Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**)

**Oct. 12-14:** NMRA Sunshine Region Annual Convention & Train Show, Hillsborough Community College, Trinkle Center, 1206 North Park Rd., **Plant City** 33566 (9A-3P, Jim Robertson [jnr@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jnr@tampabay.rr.com) or 352-746-4039 <https://www.sunshineregion.org>) (**NMRA Sunshine Region**)

**Oct. 14-15:** 75th Train & Toy Show, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (10A-5P, [hrtrains.com](http://hrtrains.com)) (**HR Trains**)

**Nov. 5:** Parking Lot Swap Meet, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** (9A-1P, pre-registration required, 727-201-9668) **Zitnik Trains**

**Nov. 11:** **Lake Nona (Orlando Area) Annual Train/Christmas Show (Southern Division)**

**Nov. 18:** Toy & Train Show, Elks Lodge, 7201 Congress St., **New Port Richey** 34653 (**Regal Railways**)

**Dec. 2:** Train Show & Open House (Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Suncoast Model RR Club**)

**Dec. 2:** Melbourne Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

**Dec. 7-10:** The Villages Holiday Train Show, Colony Cottage Recreational Center, 510 Colony Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 (7th-9th, 9A-4P, 10th, 10A-3P, Rich Trifari 352-638-2788, [rwtrif@gmail.com](mailto:rwtrif@gmail.com)) (**The Villages Model Train Club**)

**Dec. 9:** Toy and Train Show, Florida National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (**Regal Railways**)

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