



PORT SAINT LUCIE MEET STORY

May 10, 2025 NATIONAL TRAIN DAY!

Meet Host: Keith Totten, fau8@yahoo.com, 561-685-4115

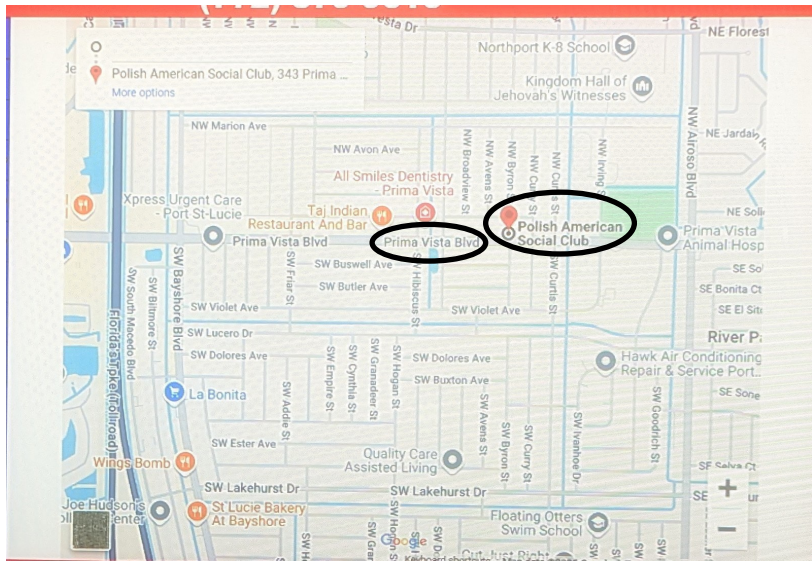
This will be the Southern Division's first ever train show in Port Saint Lucie - come join us!



Venue: Polish-American Social Club, 343 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port Saint Lucie 34983 - This is a spacious venue which is a popular place for baseball card shows, gun shows, and many other events. From I-95, Take Exit 21 east (Saint Lucie West Blvd. which becomes NW Prima Vista Blvd. after it crosses over the Turnpike.)

Set Up for table holders: Friday, 4:00-7:00P and Saturday, 7:00-9:00A. During set up, the hall only will be open to table holders, their families, and their authorized helpers. Remember to list on the Table Registration Form the full name(s) of any helpers. All helpers selling trains must be a family member or a current TCA member in good standing, unless preapproved by the meet host or a board member.

Tables - 8 feet; **Cost** - SD members: \$30 per table for 1-3 tables or \$25 per table for 4+ tables; **non-SD** TCA members: \$15 additional per selling table. It will be first received, first confirmed. Send your completed Table Registration Form with payment in advance of the meet; **Hours** - 9:00A for TCA Members only; **9:30A SD Members Meeting**; and 10:00A-3:00P to the public; **Food:** for purchase onsite/nearby restaurants; **ATMs:** nearby



(Check the website for the most up-to-date info.)

Congratulations to Bill Porter, former SD Webmaster and Facebook Administrator, who received a well-deserved Outstanding Service Award from the division.

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June 21-28 Jacksonville Convention

R: TCA President Kevin Quinn

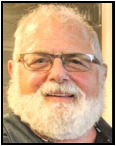
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**Reminder: SD annual membership
(\$15/person/year) is open to all TCA
members in good standing. If you're not
already a TCA member, you may join the
TCA when you join the SD.**



The Layout Editor
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The Southern Division Board of Directors, Webmaster and *The Layout Editor* extend our sincerest condolences to longtime Secretary Dienzel Dennis on the passing of his beloved wife, Joy. They had been married for 64+ years. Joy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. May she rest in paradise.

TCA SOUTHERN DIVISION CREW- AND V-NECK SHIRTS

The Southern Division Board of Directors continues to offer **SD Members** the opportunity to purchase official division Crew- and/or V-neck shirts for themselves and their family and friends. A limited quantity remains, so don't miss out! Think of this purchase not only as a way to show support for your division at train shows. But when you wear your shirt elsewhere it **just might** encourage folks to ask you about the club, which **just might** lead to new TCA and SD members. It's a "win-win"! These shirts are available now to order, and the form is available on the SD website: tcasoutherndivision.org. And let us know if you're interested in baseball caps and/or visors. Thank you for your support.



**Yellow graphics over
medium-dark green shirt**

Available Sizes and Prices:

Crew neck: Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large = \$18/shirt;
2XL and 3XL = \$19/shirt

V neck: Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large = \$18/shirt

You may elect to have your shirt(s) shipped to you for an **additional \$7 for one shirt;**
shipping for additional shirt(s) in same pkg. = \$4/shirt.

Or, you may pick up your shirt(s) at no additional charge at the SD's
March 29 Bushnell Outdoor Swap Meet or the May 10 Port Saint Lucie train meet.
Send the order form and payment to Mike Mills.

President's Perspectives, by Mike Setzer

We're pleased to report that our January 18th meet in Pinellas Park ran smoothly thanks to Meet Host Guy Ateniese and his team. Although the venue was considerably smaller than the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center (PPPAC) and attendance was not what we had hoped, the show was financially successful for the division - and we gained six new members. The Board of Directors thanks SD Member Joe Schramm from Regal Railways for moving one of his previously scheduled shows to accommodate the Southern Division. As always, thank you to Dave and Gale Zitnik for hosting the Friday night open house. We'll be back at the PPPAC in 2026.

Distribution of the Summer 2025 newsletter will be delayed a couple of weeks in order to report on and include photos from the March 29th Bushnell Outdoor Swap Meet, the May 10th Port Saint Lucie meet, and the TCA National Convention.

Speaking of the convention . . . in August and November 2024 and February 2025, you were emailed a list of opportunities to provide your time and talent and have fun at the TCA 71st Convention in Jacksonville. Several folks volunteered. Critical need is for Tour Escorts and 2-hour shifts for Marketplace Security, so please give this serious consideration. See page 6 in this newsletter (last one before the convention), but keep checking the SD website in the event of updated information. And don't forget to [register for the convention](#) and [make your hotel reservation](#).

We look forward to seeing you in Bushnell, York, Port Saint Lucie and Jacksonville.

2025 Cost Increases in the Southern Division, by Mike Powell

I became Treasurer of the TCA Southern Division in March 2009. Through diligent financial controls, the SD Board of Directors (BOD) has been able to keep the annual dues at \$10/person for the last 15 years. Unfortunately, as with everything else, costs have been rising and it's no longer possible to successfully operate at that rate. As you read in the minutes of the November 7th, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting contained in the Winter 2025 newsletter, the Board unanimously voted to increase the annual dues to \$15/person effective March 1, 2025. In addition, the BOD unanimously voted to raise the price of tables at division meets. Effective with the May 10th Port Saint Lucie show, table prices will be \$30/table for 1-3 tables and \$25/table for 4+ tables. That applies to TCA Southern Division members. Non-SD TCA members who purchase tables will be charged an additional \$15/table. These increases are necessary to reduce a \$4,000 budget gap in CY 2025 to a more manageable \$500 gap for CY 2025. The BOD continues to research additional opportunities for cost reduction. The BOD struggled with the decisions to increase dues and table prices in these difficult times but feel it is necessary to keep the Southern Division financially sound and able to keep operating by holding train meets and issuing *The Layout* four times a year.

Thank you for taking the time to understand the dues and table price increases. If you have any questions or want a more detailed explanation, please contact me: MBPowell@aol.com.

Pinellas Park Show pics
(Thanks to Ellen Ateniese
and Mike Setzer.)



Left:
Penny
and
John
Royal



Roy Klovach



Above: Meet Host
Guy Ateniese (green shirt)
and his helper
Paul Giordano

(more pics on pp. 5-7)

TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, January 15, 2025 - Minutes

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held via Zoom January 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 PM EST by President Mike Setzer.

Treasurer Mike Powell called roll with the following board members participating: President Setzer; Treasurer Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past President Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present. Invited guests who participated were: SD Webmaster and Facebook Administrator Keith Totten; *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan; and Pinellas Park Meet Host Guy Ateniese and wife Ellen who briefly attended to update information regarding the January 18th Pinellas Park Meet.

Mr. Ateniese reported that all tables for the meet are sold. He and SD member Ken Zalk are bringing extra tables. All administrative tasks needed to be done prior to the show have been completed by he and his wife. Mrs. Anyan asked for photos from the meet that would be of interest to SD members.

Also discussed was the creation of 4-1/4" x 5-1/2" postcards for display in Zitnik Train Store and other locations to advertise SD meets. The verbiage was created, reviewed and emailed to the printer who copied them onto bright yellow cardstock sheets and cut each sheet into four postcards. The board decided that postcards will be created for all future meets as they are eye catching and take up less space than 8-1/2" flyers. The full-sized flyers will still be created and used as appropriate. Mr. and Mrs. Ateniese exited the meeting.

Mr. Setzer reported that during the last TCA Board of Directors Meeting, TCA President Kevin Quinn and Dixie Division President/TCA Convention Chair Bob Keller strongly encouraged all division presidents to make a concerted effort to heavily market the convention to their respective division members. Mr. Setzer also stressed the need for convention volunteers.

In Dienzel Dennis's absence, Mr. Powell presented the Secretary's Report. The most up-to-date roster reflects 268 Active members. The 2025 dues payments continue to be received.

Mr. Powell and the board discussed the SD 2024 4Q Treasurer's Report, previously emailed to the board.

Motion: The Southern Division Board of Directors approves the SD 2024 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Powell and the board discussed the November 9th Lake Nona Meet Income and Expenses Report, previously emailed to the board. Attendance was lower than predicted. Mr. Trappen advised that Vice President Mike Mills is in discussions with the Lake Nona School District regarding reserving the Lake Nona Middle School in November 2025, and that he is in contact with a county official who may help the SD get a lower venue rental rate. Mr. Mills and Mr. Trappen also are exploring other area venues.

Mr. Powell advised that he sold two more copies of Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains: O Gauge, Volume 3: 1937-1942. He has two left, at \$90 each.

Mr. Trappen provided his Communications Officer's activities since the last board meeting. He: 1) prepared and sent input for the Calendar of Meets column and our complimentary advertisement for the most recent issues of The TCA National HQ News; 2) prepared and sent the mailing list file to the printer for the Winter 2025 newsletter for those members who do not receive the newsletter by email; 3) prepared, had printed and distributed "Save-the-Date" cards for the three SD 2025 meets through May to TCA table holders at several train shows in the area; 4) posted Pinellas Park SD Meet announcements on various model train websites plus the Tampa Bay Craigslist site; 5) using the recently developed MS Excel program for producing pdf files for the annual SD Dues Notice cards, prepared a "2nd notice" card image address PDF file for 61 SD members who have not yet paid their dues using a list provided by Treasurer Powell; and 6) reviewed and provided comments on document drafts prepared by Mrs. Anyan for various subjects.

Mr. Totten reported that: 1) the website page traffic shows marked increases Thursday through Saturday; 2) there has been no member activity in reference to providing page content or Switch List submissions; 3) Facebook has 900+ followers; and 4) all activity is being shared to both platforms.

Mrs. Anyan provided *The Layout* report: 1) Items for the Spring 2025 newsletter are due to her not later than March 1 for distribution on/around April 1. That newsletter will contain the Port Saint Lucie (PSL) Meet Story and Table

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Registration Form (TRF). 2) She asked if the Summer 2025 newsletter distribution could be delayed by 1-2 weeks (to mid-July) in order to contain information and photos from the Bushnell and PSL meets as well as from the June TCA Convention in Jacksonville. The board approved. 3) She asked if the board wishes to continue the ad for SD official shirts in future newsletters. The board replied that the ad should continue to be included until the remaining shirts are sold. However, they approved her request to no longer include the shirt order form in paper copy newsletters as that is an insert which is an additional printing cost. The form will remain on the website.

Mr. Setzer related that the Bushnell outdoor meet on March 29th is on track. The museum owner advised Mr. Setzer that a new building on the property will be completed by the time of the SD meet.

Mr. Trappen advised that he, Mr. Mills and Mr. Totten will visit the Polish-American Club on February 7th to confirm details for the May 10th PSL show. Two other SD members will join them. Mr. Totten related that he already is receiving interest from members wanting tables, and interest is increasing as a train meet has not been held in PSL for several decades.

The board shared that they have received no offers for a host and location for a second TCA Recruiting Campaign. (Update: an SD member indicated his willingness to host a recruiting campaign on the east coast of Florida. When the date and time are confirmed, information will be posted on the website.)

A discussion was held regarding the TCA 71st Convention, June 21-28, 2025 in Jacksonville. 1) Mrs. Anyan advised that in order to volunteer at a convention event, you must be registered for the convention. Any SD member who wishes to volunteer should contact her via email. 2) Convention merchandise will be sold at the next three SD shows prior to the convention (Pinellas Park, Bushnell and Port Saint Lucie). Look for the large, tabletop banner at each show and you'll find Arlene Setzer (wife of SD President Mike Setzer) who graciously agreed to work at the convention table for all of the SD shows. Merchandise, prices, and order forms will be available. Merchandise may be purchased via check or money order (made payable to TCA) and cash. 3) Mr. Setzer stated that the plan moving forward is to have a convention committee meeting at least once a month. 4) If anyone has questions regarding the convention, contact *Mary Anyan via email*. She is fielding questions in order to not bombard Bob Keller. 6) The first TCA Convention eblast went to all TCA active members January 9th and will continue at least monthly until the convention.

The board revisited the topic of an SD YouTube "roving reporter." Mr. Totten said the division has a YouTube channel; content is needed.

Mr. Setzer again advised the board of a proposal the TCA received from Choo Choo Barn - Traintown USA in Ronks, PA (near TCA headquarters).

The board went into an Executive Session at 8:10 PM EST and exited the Executive Session at 8:25 PM EST.

The board discussed a table rental fee increase at train shows for **non-SD** TCA members, from \$10 per additional selling table to \$15 per additional selling table effective with the Port Saint Lucie meet on May 10, 2025.

Motion: Increase the table rental fee at train shows for non-SD TCA members to \$15 per additional selling table, effective with the Port Saint Lucie meet on May 10, 2025. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Adjourn the TCA SD Board of Directors Meeting at 8:23 PM EST. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM EST by President Setzer.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor



L: Ted Hallovich



L: Gordon Kulloy



Above, L-R: Tina and Ellen (Registration)



Above: Jill and Tom Kaufman



TCA 2025 Convention - Jacksonville, June 21-28, 2025, Volunteer Opps.

Have you registered for the convention or made your hotel reservation?
Convention (Deadline: May 13): <https://traincollectorsassociation.regfox.com/71st-annual-national-convention-jacksonville-fl>

Hotel (Deadline: June 2): <https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/jaxri-hyatt-regency-jacksonville-riverfront>

Contact Mary Anyan (maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com) ASAP to sign up in order to secure the tour escort positions and other opportunities that you wish. It's first signed up, first confirmed.

We're still in need of volunteers for the following, but please note that in order to volunteer during June 21-28, you must be registered for the convention.

Note: The information below has been updated from the eblast sent February 22.

Thanks to those who've already responded. You will receive an email from Mary in mid-May to confirm your volunteer positions(s).

Note: The information below has been updated from the eblast sent February 22.

- Tour Escorts:** (varying tour lengths) The following tours still are in need of escorts: #2, 4, 5, 6, and 10. Note: per Bob Keller, TCA Convention Chairman, Tour #4 will be comp'd. for the escort. Therefore, whomever escorts that tour does not need to register or pay for it on the convention registration website. Anyone wishing to escort Tour #s 2, 4, 5, 6, and 10 must register and pay for them on the convention website. For complete information, visit the registration website. If you'd like information as to what's involved in escorting a tour, email Mary and she'll give you the 411. It's simple!
- Marketplace Security** (2-hour shifts):
Friday, 8:00-10:00A (only TCA Members inside); Friday, 10:00A-5:00P (TCA Members & Public);
Saturday, 8:00-9:00A (only TCA Members inside); and Saturday, 9:00A-1:00P (TCA Members & Public)
Duties: At entrance(s) to the Marketplace, check badges of TCA members and registration wristband(s) from from the public.

Convention Merchandise will be on sale at York, the Bushnell and Port Saint Lucie (PSL) meets and at the convention. (Cash/Check/Money Order at Bushnell and PSL-make payable to TCA.)

Souvenir Pin: \$10



Drink Cup: \$15
Top: 3-1/2" D
7" TALL
Bottom: 2" D



Polo Shirt, \$35, all sizes: M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL 4XL



Cap: \$15



SD Treasurer Mike Powell (green shirt)



Wynette Schramm, (Concessions) (That looks like Joe under the clock.)



Mike Bordell

Upcoming Train Meets/Shows 2025

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

Apr. 5: 88th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (Charles Miller, 703-536-2954, www.gserr.com) (**Golden Spike**)

Apr. 5: Train Show, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-3P, info@suncoastmrrc.com) (**Suncoast Model RR Club**)

Apr. 12: Toy and Train Show, FL National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (Vendors and Model Train Layouts, lunch available, Adults \$6.00, children 12 and under *free*, 9A-2P, (EARLY BIRD reservation 8-9A \$7.00) www.regalrailways.com) (**Regal Railways**)

Apr. 24-26: Eastern Division Train Show (**York**)

May 10: Train Show, Port St. Lucie - Meet Story and Table Registration Form in this newsletter

May 17: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal**)

Jun. 21-28: TCA 71st Convention, Jacksonville

Jul. 12: 89th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**)

Sep. 13: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal**)

Sep. 20-21: The Villages Summer Expo, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 (<http://www.thevillagesmodeltrainclub.com>) (**The Villages Model Train Club**)

Oct. 4: 90th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**)

Oct. 16-18: Eastern Division Train Show (**York**)

Nov. 2: Parking Lot Swap Meet, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-1P, pre-registration required, 727-201-9668; www.zitniktrains.com) **Zitnik Trains**

Promotion and Attendance at Southern Division sponsored 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 non-SD sponsored 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 407-538-9678). 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.



R: Thanks to the SDers who worked the TCA Convention table at Golden Spike's Jax Railfest, 2-8-25. Special thanks to Charlie Miller.

L-R: Larken Parr, Doug Greene, Bob and Leslee Burch



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The deadline for articles, photos, etc.,
for the next issue of *The Layout* is
June 1, 2025.

SWITCH LIST

Selling a large collection of Post-War and modern-era Lionel Trains. Most are mint in box. If interested, email Mike Setzer: setzermichael@hotmail.com.

Wanted: 1 piece each, any condition, curved or straight "00" gauge 2-rail and 3-rail track. Will take them separately or together. Dienzel Dennis: 386-316-8339

NEW **Selling: Lionel Standard Gauge** 4-5 #385s, 4-5 #384s, 4-5 #1835s, 4-5 #390s, 4-5 #402s, 1 early rough #392, an orange #9E, some 418-419-490 passenger cars. Some original, some rough, some refurbished, some modern, all with running motors, no promises on reverse units. Asking approx. \$400 per loco or set. Contact Roy Lash, Palm Bay, 813-500-2350, roy_lash@hotmail.com.

NEW **Selling** collection of Post-War and Modern -Era Lionel Trains + Ross Switches + other. Collection of Lionel 6464 cars & other available in bulk. Jacksonville area. James F. Adams: jadams005@tampabay.rr.com

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

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

American Flyer Trains by A. C. Gilbert. Buy, sell, repairs done. Diesel bushings redone. Single motor, \$25; Double motor, \$40 (includes general servicing and parts). 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 for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan via email: maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com. If you do not have email, contact Bill Trappen: 407-538-9678. 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.