

# **2020 TCA CONVENTION CARS & SOUVENIR WATER TOWERS**

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**The 2020 TCA Convention planned for Jacksonville, Florida was to be the first ever TCA convention jointly held with another organization, in this case the Department 56 Village Collectors. The Convention was to be hosted by the TCA Southern Division and the North Florida Village Collectors.**

**But due to COVID-19 Virus Concerns it turned out to be the first ever TCA Convention to be cancelled!**

**However the planned CONVENTION CARS and SOUVENIR WATER TOWERS were produced and are described here with photographs and background information.**

**2020**

**TCA  
CONVENTION CARS**

**(Sold by the TCA to  
TCA members only)**

## Lionel TCA/Department 56 Boxcar (SKU 2001070)

***This Car Commemorates The Partners In The Planned Joint Convention  
153 Cars were ordered by members and delivered in March 2020***



***The car has different  
graphics on each side.***

← ***D56/Summer Scene***

↓ ***TCA/Winter Scene***



## Lionel NAS Jacksonville/Blue Angels Boxcar

*Jacksonville Naval Air Station was a planned convention tour. The Disney Duck image has been the mascot of NAS since 1941 & NAS was the original home of the famous Blue Angels. 286 cars were ordered by members and delivered in February 2020.*

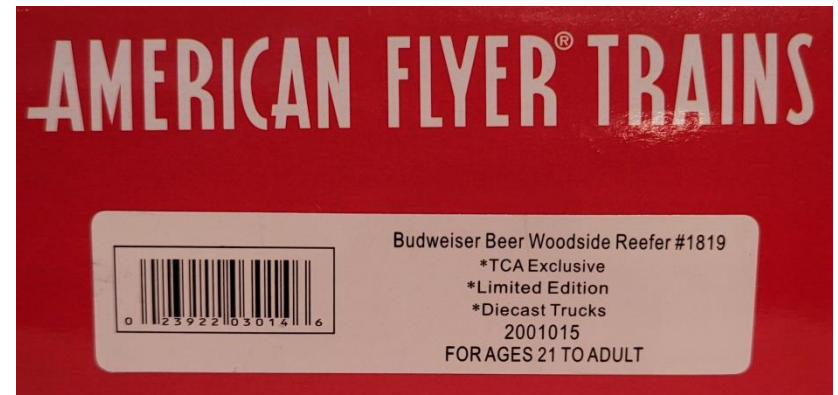




# American Flyer S-Gauge Budweiser Woodside Reefer

(SKU: 2001015; Road Numbers: 1800, 1802, 1804, 1815, 1819 & 1821)

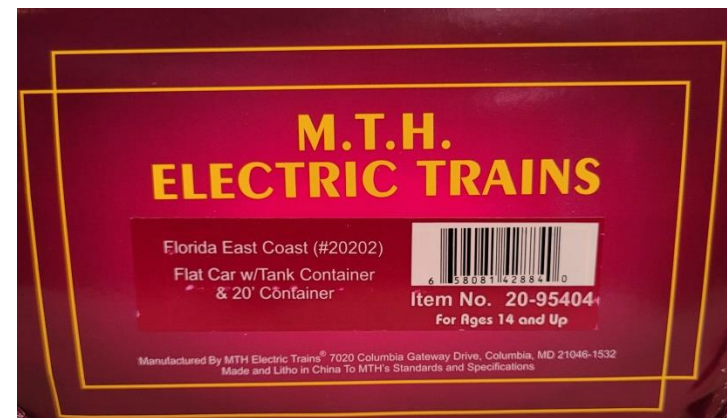
***The Jacksonville Busch Brewery was a planned Convention Tour. This is the only S-gauge car among the 2020 Convention cars and was available as a single car, a 3-car set or a 6-pack. 420 cars were ordered and delivered in June 2020***



# MTH Premier Florida East Coast BLACK Flat Car with One Tank & One 20-ft Box Container (MTH Item #20-95404)

*The FEC has been serving the East Coast of Florida from headquarters in Jacksonville since 1885.*

104 cars were ordered by members and delivered in August 2020

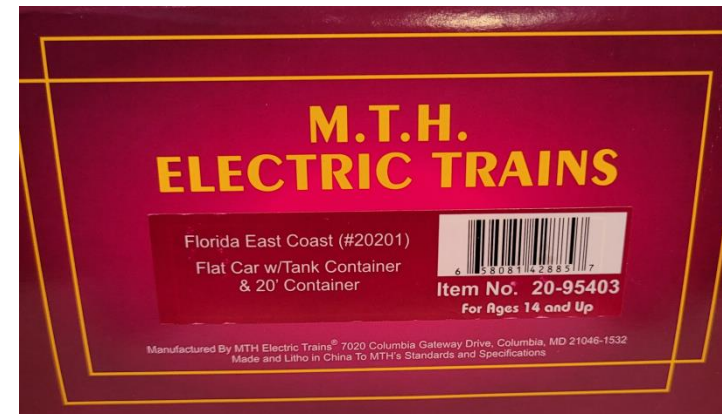




# MTH Premier Florida East Coast **BROWN** Flat Car with One Tank & One 20-ft Box Container (MTH Item #20-95403)



99 cars were ordered by members and delivered in August 2020





**2020 TCA Convention Lionel Seaboard O Scale Flat Car with Trailer  
(SKU 2001581, Road Numbers Produced: 32211 & 32259)**

***The Seaboard had a major presence in Jacksonville and through multiple mergers became part of CSX which is headquartered in Jacksonville.  
240 cars were ordered by members and delivered in December 2020***



**2020 TCA  
CONVENTION  
SOUVENIR WATER  
TOWERS**

***“Regular”***  
**CONVENTION SOUVENIR**  
**WATER TOWER**

**Manufactured by Department  
56 and Sold by the Southern  
Division to TCA Members,  
Department 56 Collectors &  
the Public.**



## ***“Regular”* CONVENTION SOUVENIR WATER TOWER**



**The Convention Committee decided to offer a souvenir item that would have appeal to both Train collectors and Department 56 collectors. One of the planned convention tours was to the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville. The official mascot of NAS Jax since 1941 has been an image of a baby Duck hatching from an egg wearing aviator goggles and headgear because back then NAS Jax was the primary training center for Navy pilots. That image was designed by Walt Disney himself at the request of NAS. For many years the duck image was painted on a large water tower and still adorns a jet fuel tank at the station. Department 56 produced this tower with the Disney Duck image as a Special Souvenir for the Convention. The tower also has the TCA, Department 56 and TCA Southern Division logos, is made of porcelain and metal and stands 11” tall with a 5” x 4” base. 212 Towers were produced and sold.**

**CONVENTION  
*BANQUET*  
SOUVENIR WATER  
TOWER**

**(Manufactured by  
Department 56 and  
Sold by the TCA)**

## CONVENTION *BANQUET* SOUVENIR WATER TOWER



TCA Conventions traditionally have a train car as a special banquet souvenir item. But this was to be a joint convention with Department 56 Collectors most of whom do not collect trains. Therefore the committee decided to have Department 56 produce this special Water Tower to be used as the Banquet Souvenir item. It has the same graphics, including the Disney Duck logo, as the regular tower but the lettering and the superstructure are gold and the tank is Navy blue. It also has a special plaque lettered "Banquet Gift from TCA Southern Division". Only 88 of these towers were produced. After the Convention was cancelled approximately 20 of the towers were presented to committee members and certain other volunteers for their service and the remainder were purchased by the TCA and quickly resold to TCA members.

*Banquet Gift from  
TCA Southern Division*



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