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# **President's Message**



We have just completed the Stuart meet and are getting geared up for the Jacksonville meet. Of course the Jacksonville meet will have to wait till after we get back from the York meet. When I say "we", I am referring to those of us who are fortunate enough to be able to attend the Eastern Division bi-annual train meet in York, PA.

It's getting tougher to attend the meet, and it seems like less people are able to make it each time, due to age, gas & motel prices, etc. I am going to make it at least this time, and we'll see about the future. I remember many, many years ago, after I first joined TCA, when my friend first wanted me to accompany him to York, I asked why go so far away to get trains? There seems to be plenty right here

in Saint Louis. He said, "Well you just have to go and see". I did, and I saw and understood. Now, when people ask me why I go so far away to York, I answer, "Because that's where the trains are". And that seems to be the story. The few times I did not attend, it felt like something was missing. For example, I would be doing something (at home), and think "This is so-and-so time; if I were in York right now I would be doing this".

Anyway, it's on to Jacksonville – I'm looking forward to that also. I am going to send an Eblast to all of our Georgia friends, the great Dixie Division, to join us there, and, hopefully, most of us can reciprocate by attending the TCA National Convention, in Atlanta this year. If you have never attended a National Convention, this would be the time to do it; it will be the closest one for years to come. All you have to do is sign up and then show up. You can find the procedures to sign up in the latest issue of the TCA National Headquarters News.

I am sorry to report some really bad news. Our friend and SD member, Harry Moore died in March. It is very difficult to write anything meaningful about a close friend and one who died so young, but I wrote as best I could about my remembrances of him. Read my tribute to him elsewhere in this volume.

As a further tribute to Harry, we are re-publishing his article that he wrote, at my request, for The Layout. I think it was originally published in 2007, but it still is relevant today.

Also In this issue there is information on the upcoming meet in Jacksonville, including directions to the meet and meet

Charles Anyan, President, Southern Division, TCA

# Serving the Southern Division 2012 Board of Directors Nominations

Would you like to serve the Southern Division? The Division is seeking qualified members to run for following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications Officer

To run for office you must be a current TCA National member for one year in good standing and a Southern Division member currently residing in Florida. Qualified candidates must be able to attend Southern Division Board of Director's meetings as scheduled.

The winners will serve for two years (2013 –2015) starting January 2013. Arnie Travitsky will serve as chairperson for the election which will take place in December, 2012. Should you wish to serve the Southern Division by running for any of these positions, please contact Arnie Travitsky, Past President (see contact info inside the front cover of The Layout).

Nominations for Board positions will be taken from the floor at our August meet in Venice, Florida (date to be determined). Final nominations will be taken from the floor at the Business Meeting held at our November meet in Maitland, Florida.

# **JACKSONVILLE MEET STORY – MAY 19, 2012**

LOCATION: HENDRICKS DAY SCHOOL, 1824 Dean Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216

The Day School is located just off Beach Boulevard, the main street heading towards Jacksonville Beach. It is easy to get to (one block south of Beach Blvd).

MEET HOST: Jeff Sawyer, Phone: (904) 891-7395, email: debg007@clearwire.net

Call Jeff for further information, directions, etc.

MEET HOURS: The meet opens to TCA members only, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and to the public 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**SET UP TIMES**: 5 PM to 8 PM Friday, 7 AM to 9 AM Saturday,

**ADMISSION**: Public and Non-SD TCA members \$5. TCA SD, members \$3. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Tables: SD members: \$20 TCA non-SD members: \$30

#### **Meet Hotel**

Hampton Inn and Suites – Deerwood, 4415 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Telephone: (904) 997-9100. Room rates start at \$69 for Single King-size bed or Double Queen. You must mention TCA to get this rate. Rate is good for three days before & after the meet. Cut-off date for this rate is May 7<sup>th</sup>. After this date you may have to pay a higher rate. Complimentary hot breakfast included, 6 till 10 am.

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL: From north or south – Take I-95 exit 344 (Butler Blvd). Go about a mile to Southside Blvd (highway 115). Go north about a mile to the Hampton Inn on the right. It's directly behind TGIFriday's.

DIRECTIONS TO MEET FROM HOTEL: Continue north on Southside Blvd to Beach Blvd. Go left about a mile to Dean Rd. Turn left and you are there. If you are adventurous, go north a few blocks from the motel and turn left on Hogan Rd. It is a diagonal road that also goes to Beach Blvd., but comes out only a few blocks from the school. Go left on Beach & turn left on Dean Rd. It is 2.9 miles, using Hogan Rd.

#### **Driving Directions to the Meet:**

From the north – Take I-95 exit 349 (Atlantic/Beach Blvd). Go east about 3 miles to Dean Rd. Turn right and the school is about a block down on the right. You can also get there from downtown Jacksonville by taking the Hart Bridge/Commodore Point Expressway, which ends on Beach Blvd, but you have to make a quick U-turn and go back under the expressway about four blocks to Dean Rd.

From the south – Take exit 347 (take US-1 Alt/ Emerson St.). Turn right. Follow the road to Beach Blvd (about a half-mile down the road, Emerson splits to the right – take either one – they both go to Beach Blvd. Turn right on Beach to Dean Road.

### The Lady and the Baby by Charlie Anyan

It's always fun to give away door prizes to the kids. In general, the parents are more excited than the kids. In this photo, look at mom & grandma. The kid doesn't know what's going on, but mom & gram (and Charlie) look really happy.

But I have to tell you about one kid door prize that was really exceptional. This was at Jacksonville last year. Grandma and grandpa were taking their grandson for an outing to give mom a break for a while. Since grandpa was interested in trains, they decided to attend our TCA meet.

So naturally, the kid won a door prize. Grandma was so tickled, I thought she was going to pass out. She was smiling and laughing like the kid had just won a million dollars. She had to call her daughter immediately to tell her the great news. Then she hunted up grandpa, who was on the other side of the room, looking at (guess what?) trains. She enthusiastically, to say the

least, told him all about it, and what a great thing this was, and how she knew that he would also grow up and love trains like grandpa. Grandpa was laid-back about the whole thing, but you could tell he enjoyed it too. Look at the photo below – have you ever seen such a wide smile (on the lady, not me)? The baby slept through the whole event.

But, this is the thing that is great about us, especially the Southern Division. We try to make every train meet something special for everyone, especially the kids and parents. We also buy and sell trains, but this is what we are – enjoying the hobby, and getting parents and kids interested in trains. This lady and the baby will be back.



# **Photos of the Largo and Stuart Meets**

Photo Right: Bob Mintz is a regular chick magnet with his shirt and his toy trains.



**Photo** Southern Division Members arrive ready to buy trains.









Photo Left: Mary Anyan and Linda Harris cover the front desk.

Photo Below Right: Jim and Carol Herron









**Photo Above Left:** Steve Harris displays a prewar Ives train.

Photo Far Left: Dienzel Dennis has a tea party with his Lionel girl's stove.

Photo Left:

John Schleicher and his prewar display

## **Sad Tidings**

#### **In Memoriam, Harry Moore**



I first met
Harry about
five years ago
at a train
show, where I
found out that
not only were
we fellow train
collectors but
also both
majored in
physics in
college. I

went on to have a career in the aerospace industry, while Harry became a teacher. Harry taught honors chemistry and Advanced Placement physics at Osceola High School in Kissimmee, Florida.

We soon became good friends. He visited my home several times, where we spent many hours talking about toy trains and various other subjects, before he had to leave to return to Kissimmee. I hated to see him leave, because we always had such interesting conversations.

Harry died in March, apparently from a heart attack. He was only 57 years old, and had been a teacher for 36 years. When he died he was doing what he loved, working in his classroom — during spring break. He often worked into the evening and on weekends to prepare lessons.

"Harry Moore was the most respected and loved staff member of Osceola High School. He left an everlasting impression on each and every person he had contact with. He was a selfless man who could brighten your day with a joke, a smile or even a song. His legacy will live on for generations through all the lives he touched." - Mark Conners, Assistant Principal

Those of us in the TCA who knew Harry will miss him terribly, and we all are at a loss without Harry among us.

Charles Anyan, President, Southern Division, TCA

Some of the above facts and quotes are reprinted from the obituary from the Woodlawn Funeral Home, Gotha, FL, and some are attributed to <a href="mailto:shudak@tribune.com">shudak@tribune.com</a>

## **CROSSINGS** by Harry L. Moore

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Harry Moore. I still consider myself one of the new kids on the block regarding my membership in TCA, having joined both TCA and Southern Division in 2006. So when our new prez, Charlie Anyan, asked me if I would be willing to write a column for the Layout, I was pleased and honored, but also a little taken aback because I am a relatively new member and still very much on my learning curve as a train collector.

I do a lot of writing in my profession (I am a high school physics teacher and the science dept. chairman at Osceola High School in Kissimmee where I have taught science for 32 years.) As I know a little bit about trains and a lot about science education, I asked Charlie if he would be interested in a column about the science, particularly the physics, of trains. As an engineer, Charlie and I have similar educational backgrounds, so he readily agreed. It may be that Charlie and I are the only ones who will read my column, but that is a risk we will have to take.

I started off several years ago, just looking for some railroad art and some model trains to decorate the bare walls of my computer room at home. I also wanted to re-assemble my 1960's American Flyer set that my mom gave away years ago. To make a short story even shorter, the trains quickly took over the room and the computer has gone elsewhere. (Do I feel the breeze from nodding heads out there? Been there, done that, have you?) The next question was what to collect. I really love railroad art, especially old train stations, and my walls are covered with framed prints and the shelves with old lithographed stations. The real problem for me was which gauge to collect. Like most beginners, I started with HO because it was plentiful, popular, and relatively cheap. But I am a big guy and I really liked the larger trains, so I moved on to S gauge to complete my childhood set. I also got into collecting the Bachmann On-30 trains because I liked the realism and because they reminded me of the old coal trains in my native West Virginia hills. (Plus they run on HO track.) But most folks who collect that gauge are modelers who enjoy modeling scenery, and while I greatly admire their skill and patience. I found I wasn't really into that. I just liked the trains. Finally, I discovered pre-war trains. It was like one of those V-8 moments you see on the TV commercials. I love trains. I love antiques. Why not combine the two? What was I thinking all these years?! Pre-war trains are history. They are art. And, like all model trains, they are science. Which brings me back to my original thesis. Model trains have always expressed the best science known in each generation, from the first steam locomotives in the early 1800's to the high speed magnetic levitation (Mag-Lev) trains of today. They have taught generations of budding engineers and

scientists, who took the locos apart and put them back together with glee (often discovering, like me, that they really didn't need all those parts after all!). Trains teach the principles of motion and force, electricity and magnetism, energy and power. Moreover, trains have been intimately involved in revealing the laws of physics themselves. For example, Albert Einstein used the mental image of the fastest mode of transport known in his day: A train, traveling close to speed of light, to develop his theory of relativity. (And judging from some of the scratches and dents on some of my pre-war trains, I suspect that some young experimental physicists of the past were attempting to put Einstein's laws of high-speed motion to the test.) I hope to expand and expound on some of these and other topics in future articles, but for now I just want to introduce myself and express my respect to all of you who collect and preserve these fascinating objects of art, history, and science. It is often said that teachers get to touch the future, and that is true. But those who collect model trains touch the past and bring it into the future for new generations to enjoy.

(NOTE: THIS WAS HARRY'S FIRST AND LAST ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR THE LAYOUT - CHARLES ANYAN)

#### Southern Division of the TCA, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Jan. 27, 2012 – Largo, Florida

The meeting was called to order by President Anyan at 12:11 P. M. Secretary Dennis called the roll with the following members in attendance. President Charles Anyan, Treasurer Mike Powell, Secretary Dienzel Dennis, Communication Director Linda Harris, and Past President Steve Harris. Past President Arnie Travitsky arrived a few minutes later. Vice President Jim Herron was not in attendance.

The president started off the meeting by giving a status report on tomorrow's train meet. Every thing is in order with the front table taken care of and the hall tables being arranged. We have sold 81 tables. There are approximately an additional 20 tables assigned for displays and layouts. This is a total of 101 tables accounted for with more being sold tomorrow at the door. The upcoming meets at Stuart (March) and Jacksonville (May) are coming along nicely. However, we have lost our venue for the Lake Worth meet in August, and also we do not have a meet host. After exploring many possibilities, Mike Powell made a motion to "Cancel the August Lake Worth meet due to neither an available facility or local host" Steve Harris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.

Linda Harris presented a handout of all the places she has been advertising our meets. This included a TCA eblast to approximately 1000 TCA members in Florida. We also had a quarter page ad in the National TCA Publications. She also included handouts at local events, T. V. ads, and 22 different internet spots. Of course we are in all the Model Railroad magazines. We are all pleased with the job that our new Communication Director is doing.

We are discussing ideas for additional events for our SD membership. A Florida Steam excursion is being checked out, among other things.

Mike Powell, our treasurer, presented 3 items for our discussion. This included the final report on our Maitland meet in November, our current financial status, and a budget for 2012. After reviewing and with a couple of minor changes, the treasurer's report was accepted and it will be published in the next edition of the "Layout"

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary, informed the board that we have a total of 625 entries in our roster data base dating back 4 years since he has been secretary. This includes members who have passed away, 164 inactive members (have not paid 2012 dues), and

440 active members (paid up through 2012). This is favorable with the same time last year and, we also will pick up quite a few delinquent members tomorrow and in the next few weeks. He again asked for everyone to keep the secretary up to date on all address, email, and phone number changes. Report accepted.

We next discussed Committee reports. The Awards Committee is current with Mr. Anyan in charge. The Bylaws Committee has no pressing issues at this time. Steve Harris is chairman of the Standards Committee and it is up to date. The Election Committee is headed up by Arnie Travitsky. He will seek out candidates for the up coming election including, but not limited to a request in the next "Layout"

Mr. Anyan reported on our "Not-for-profit" status and what it means. We are in compliance with the government and also with the National TCA guidelines. We also discussed our Web-site and the pros and cons of Face Book and similar sites. Dienzel informed the board of the possibility of us losing our web-master due to his moving north.

We talked about reinstatement fees for inactive members rejoining after different lengths of time and the possibility of them wanting their old SD number back. We decided to leave it as it is at the present time. There will be no fees.

Steve Harris reported on the possibility of another SD meet at the Sarasota Armory. President Anyan and Linda Harris will check on this facility and then report back to the board at our next meeting. There seems to be a few SD

Members in the area who may be willing to serve as meet host. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 P. M.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary of SD of TCA

# Southern Division Treasurers Report 12/31/2011

Cash with Treasurer for Door Change TCA-SD Assets on 9/30/2011	\$20,010.33 \$200.00 \$21,018.33
Member Dues	\$2,371.00
Maitland Table Receipts	\$1,225.00
Maitland Door Receipts	\$1,381.00
Donation Sales	\$160.00
Sam Snead Refund	\$200.00

\$50.00

\$5,387.00

\$4,591.35

#### Expenses (10/1/2011 to 12/31//2011)

**Donations** 

TOTAL INCOME

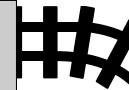
TOTAL EXPENSES

Sam Snead Deposit	\$200.00
Administration Expenses	\$93.94
Maitland Hall	\$855.00
"The Layout" Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$855.14
Maitland Tables	\$566.00
Web Hosting	\$35.85
Maitland Expenses	\$1,898.27
Maitland Door Prizes	\$30.00
Eblast Maitland	\$57.15

Checking Account Balance 12/31//2011	\$21,613.98
Cash with Treasurer for Door Change	\$200.00
TCA-SD Assets on 12/31/2011	\$21,813.98

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# Switch List



For Sale: O22 Switch Controllers (need rewiring); O27 Track, Straight or Curved; Gargraves 2-rail; #120 Crossover; #34, 37,38, 48, 32-20; LW, TW, SW, 1032, 1033 Transformers; #19 Bulbs; 1866, 1875, 1876 cars; TCA Bicentennial Special Set. 12948 Bascule Bridge, 2623 Madison Cars, 1972 #671 TCA Boiler Front, All Reasonably Priced. Call Paul Dean 352-223-4510

Also Wanted: 2625 Postwar Madison Car Body, 2530 Large Door baggage car; 6460 Crane car cabs, 39030 Madison Car

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Labor. Alco & Geep Rebushings: Single
- \$ 20.00; double - \$ 35.00 Call or
Write: Chris Lucibello 2483 Pinellas
Pt. Dr. So., St. Pete, FL 33712 (727)
867-3465 candklucibello@verizon.net

FOR SALE: LIONEL POSTWAR, PREWAR, LTI, MTH, Have MTH RAIILRAX TRACK, curves, straights. ARNIE TRAVITSKY, 873 CYNTHIANNA CIRCLE, ALTAMONTE, SPRINGS, FL. 32701 arni99@aol.com 407-260-8599 LSASE FOR LIST.

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The Switch List is a free service to Southern Division Members. Send your ads (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Jeffrey Mayer, email <a href="mailto:jcjmayer@aol.com">jcjmayer@aol.com</a> or call me at 407-366-8995. Ads must be renewed prior to each issue of The Layout. You may renew your ad for *one* issue at a time by contacting me via email or snail mail.

#### LIONEL TRAINS FOR SALE

1. DISNEY SET.E-P 5 ENGINE AND CABOOSE & ALL 13 CARS. MINT & ORIGINAL BOXES \$850.
2. 6464-1971 MICKEY MOUSE CONVENTION CARMINT-HAS A BOX BUT NOT ORIGINAL.\$275.00
3. 6464 SERIES COMPLETE 28 IN ALL GD TO EX Call or email for details and price

4. CONRAIL PASSENGER SET.REPAINTED 5 0-27 MPC CARS & POSTWAR AA ALCOS \$250.00 5.1950'S HUDSON.ALL ORIGINAL BOX,INSERTS,INSTRUCTION SHEET & LIONEL

BOX,INSERTS,INSTRUCTION SHEET & LIONEI WRAPPING

PAPER .EVRYTHINGWORKS.LIGHT,WHISTLE,SM OKE & E-UNIT.\$2200.00 O.B.O.

6.PENN. RR PENCIL.UNSHARPED.2 SMALL NICKS AT THE TOP & BOTTOM.BROWN IN COLOR WITH GOLD P.R.R.SOME FADING ON GOLD PAINT MARKINGS. E-MAIL FOR PIC \$5 (FREE SHIPPING) 7.1949 WALLET SIZE CALENDER OF THE MISSOURI PACIFIC R.R.E-MAIL FOR PICTURE.EX CONDITION.\$5(FREE SHIPPING)

8. 1964 Hudson NYC Tender Only, \$125

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- 1. 1872 GENERAL W/TENDER-\$10 & \$5 SHIPPING
- 2. 746 N.W. STEAM W/TENDER-\$10 & \$5 SHIPPING
- 3. 2343 F3 SANTA FE DIESEL-\$10 & \$5 SHIPPING
- 4. 700E N.Y.C. HUDSON-\$10 AND \$5 SHIPPING
- 5. 400E BLUE COMET-\$10.00 AND \$5.00 SHIPPING
- 6. 4907 BRUNSWICK GREEN G.G.1-\$10.00 AND \$5.00 SHIPPING

ALL MINT WITH ORIGINAL BOXES Lionel 1996 Accessory Catalog Ex to LN, \$5 +\$3 ship Lou Vece, PO Box 211062, S. DAYTONA, FL 32121 E-MAIL <u>santafe2353@yahoo.com</u> PHONE 386-316-5464 . FEEL FREE TO MAKE AN OFFER.

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Lionel Postwar #6464-525 M&STL Boxcar C7, \$45 Lionel Postwar #3662 O Gauge Milk Car w/ Platform, C7, Working condition, \$65

Marx #5590 NYC Crane Car, C7, \$40

Lionel Postwar #6467 Flatcar/Bulkheads, C7 \$45 (1956 only)

Lionel #1033 transformer, C7, working condition with new cord, boxed, \$35

Contact Jeff Mayer, 321-297-0501 or email me at jcjmayer@aol.com