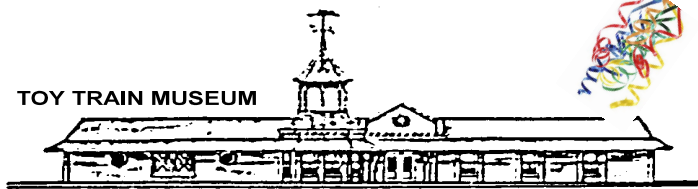


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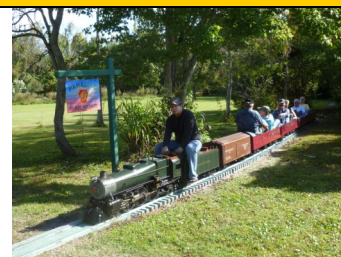


Left: Brad Woodward, Louise Woodward, John Scianna, Charlie Anyan, Ilene Vegazo and Clark Vegazo at the Houston Convention after Charlie accepted the presidency of TCA for FY 2016-2017.

SAVE THE DATES
for the TCA SD's 50th Anniversary
Celebrations: November 4 ~ Open House
at the Vegazos' and November 5 ~
Barbeque Luncheon Banquet, Train Rides
and Mini-Train Meet at the Pembertons'.
Additional info in this issue!



Below: photos from the 2011 train rides at the Pembertons'. *You don't want to miss this year's events!*



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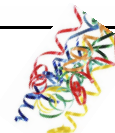
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Please inform **Dienzel Dennis**, the Southern Division Secretary (see contact info on this page), of all address changes. Please do not send address changes to the editor of *The Layout* as that will only delay processing.

**Check out the Southern Division Website: www.tcasoutherndivision.org.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by
Brad ("**Keep Trackin' Those Trains!**") Woodward



I had a TERRIFIC TIME in Houston for the 62nd Annual TCA National Convention. If you have not attended one, you should put it on your bucket list! The conventions make for a GREAT VACATION, with lots and lots of things to see and do. As President of the Southern Division, I attended two, full days of National Board of Directors meetings, with several Bylaws and Rules and Regulations changes.

- Motion to allow former members to rejoin with their previous TCA numbers – Tammy Hersh announced that nearly 1000 members rejoined as a result of this program since the program was initiated.
- Tammy Hersh was promoted from Office Manager and now is the National Business Manager and doing a terrific job.
- The National Toy Train Museum added a Lego Display and new lighting.
- Strategic Plan Questionnaire results: Most valued aspects of TCA Membership were Trust, Publications, York, Grading System and Camaraderie.
- Trial Membership (incentive to attract new members) is set up for 6 months at \$20.00; after 6 months, they will need to pay the regular membership dues.
- We have a committee to find corporate sponsors for the Museum, to help with expenses (a lot of museums establish this practice to keep in the black).
- SD's own Charlie Anyan took the reigns as TCA National President!

Future TCA Conventions, all in June: 2017 Pittsburgh, PA; 2018 Warwick, RI; and 2019 Albuquerque, NM

P.S. Remember our 50th Anniversary Southern Division Celebrations on November 4 and 5 in Deland and Fern Park. These will be TERRIFIC TIMES with lots of Food, Fellowship, Trains and Surprises. **SEE YOU THERE!**

SD on FACEBOOK

Did you know . . . that the Southern Division has a Facebook page? It was created and is maintained by Linda Johnson, wife of VP Steve Johnson. Search for **Train Collector's Association-Southern Division** (the banner looks like this):

We ask you to "Like" the page and send photos and articles to post. We also post information about upcoming TCA-SD meets and are hoping to reach people not reached with our other advertising. The more "Likes" & "Shares" we get the broader our exposure to others that may not be as familiar with this wonderful hobby! Photos which include children seem to get the most "Likes," but please make sure you have prior, parent/guardian permission. Email submissions directly to Steve:

Sjohnson@fldcpa.com, and he'll get them to Linda to post. Thanks for your help!



Take the e*Train!

From Carol R. McGinnis, e*Train Editor: "e-Train, the online magazine of the Train Collectors Association is up and running. Help us continue e*Train's success.

If you have an idea for an article, we'd like to hear from you. We're already thinking about the next edition, and you can be part of it!"

Go to www.tcaetrain.org. The banner looks like this:



Southern Division TCA 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley Update



***By the time you receive this newsletter,
the Southern Division's 50th Anniversary Trolleys
will have been delivered,
PLUS the 50th Anniversary Party Weekend
will only be a few weeks away!***

This article will introduce the completed Souvenir Trolleys. For updated information with complete details on the 50th Anniversary Parties, see "Parties" article elsewhere in this issue.

The Southern Division TCA 50th Anniversary Trolley is the very first Motorized Southern Division Souvenir train item. Using excess Lionel 2015 TCA Coney Island trolleys purchased from the TCA, the SD 50th Anniversary trolleys were redecorated by Harry Hieke, a TCA member in New Jersey who has been designing and redecorating model trains since 1985 and was highly recommended by several satisfied customers (including Lionel LLC). Redecoration was completed by Harry, using decals purchased from Dandy Decals, a decal supplier in Michigan, and the trolleys were delivered to Florida during the summer. The trolleys were distributed at the Venice Meet on September 10th to members who ordered trolleys to be picked up at the Meet and shipped the following week to members who ordered trolleys to be delivered to their homes. If you ordered a trolley, you should have received it.

Shown on the right is a photo of one of the "regular-production" 50th Anniversary trolley cars. The side view shows the car in traditional SD colors of Green and White with Gold lettering. All of the graphics and lettering are metallic gold. As the old saying goes, these photos do not do justice to the car's very attractive actual appearance, particularly the brightness of the metallic gold lettering. I'm sure that members who bought a car will agree that the cars look much better in person.



Included on each side of the car is the SD logo with special 50th or Golden Anniversary text plus block arrows signifying the time span of the Division from 1966 to 2016. The unique trolley car number is in the far lower left corner. Recall that when announced each trolley would be individually numbered and the car in the photo is car #4. So each of the 50 trolley cars is indeed unique with a different car number!

As expected, the trolley differs somewhat from the preliminary artwork shown in earlier newsletters primarily due to rivets and other protruding details on the sides of the trolley.

The front and back of the trolley also include the block arrows and the trolley car number but in addition have lettering with the phrase "Serving the South ... for Fifty Years" spread across both sides of the headlight above the red belt line. We thank "Jake" Jacob, our loyal and astute SD webmaster, for coining that phrase which is certainly very appropriate in this 50th year of the SD!

At first glance the front and back of the trolley may look identical but there is one slight difference. The committee felt that two different destinations are more realistic for a trolley than having the same destination sign in both ends as Lionel had used on the Coney Island trolleys. Plus, we wanted to use destinations that would be typical of many cities in Florida. So we chose "Main St." and "Florida Ave." so that you can visualize this trolley traveling the streets of your own town back in the day! And those signs are lighted from the back using the trolley's interior LEDs.



The committee also designed and produced special labels for the car's Lionel box and shipping box which were needed to cover the original Coney Island labels. Each car also includes a numbered Certificate of Authenticity signed by SD President Brad Woodward and the members of the 50th Anniversary Committee. The number on each certificate matches the trolley car number.

As it turns out, 48 of the cars are identical except of course for the trolley car number. The remainder of this article discusses those 2 "exceptional" cars.

Special GOLD SD TCA 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley

When the trolley project was introduced last year we announced that one of the trolleys would be extra special in commemorating the Division's 50th, or GOLDEN, anniversary. Accordingly, that trolley is trolley car #50 and it is painted GOLD! How appropriate is that?

Shown below is a photo of this special Gold trolley. Note that the entire car body is painted a glossy gold including the area around the windows, the bumpers and the roof. In addition the trolley poles and its supports are gold. The lettering and the rest of its graphics are green. This trolley car is otherwise identical and has all of the same features as the regular green production trolleys as described above. It comes in a Lionel box with end labels designed specifically for this car and a Lionel shipping carton with special labels which are also pictured above. Even though each of the 50 Anniversary Trolleys is unique by being individually numbered, there is only one number 50 trolley and there is only one Gold Trolley commemorating our 50th, or GOLDEN, Anniversary, and this is it!

We also had announced that no one member could order this very special car but instead we would make it available to any member by auction. Well, details of that auction are now ready to be published. See the special article "Auction Details for Special GOLD SD TCA 50th Anniversary Trolley" elsewhere in this issue.

**Special GOLD SD TCA
50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley**



SD TCA 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Trolley

The second of the two non-regular production 50th anniversary trolleys is the Lionel 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Sample Trolley #01. This specific trolley car is the first of the 50 trolleys to be decorated in the Southern Division 50th Anniversary Graphics. Prior to being decorated this car was sent to potential decorators for quotes and then used to try out various alternative graphic designs. Although it never has been run on a track due to circumstances resulting from the death of our initially contacted decorator, this car is very well-traveled having been shipped from New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Florida back to New Jersey then to Michigan and back to New Jersey then back to Florida and finally back to New Jersey for decoration with the final approved graphics design. As a result, the Lionel box shows considerable wear and tear from the car having been removed and reinserted into the box many times. The car closely resembles the final production 50th Anniversary green trolley plus it has all of the same features as the regular production trolley as shown and described elsewhere in this issue. However, it also shows some residue from removed test graphics. For those reasons the Committee decided that it would not be suitable to sell this car as a regular-production trolley. Instead, this car is being offered as one of three SD Souvenir Cars being raffled at the 50th Anniversary Party at Bruce Pemberton's on November 5th. For a photo of this car and details on these raffles please see the article "Southern Division 30th & 40th Anniversary Souvenir Box Cars & 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Souvenir Trolley Car Raffle Details" elsewhere in this issue.



SD 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTIES UPDATE

NOW BOARDING VERY SOON: THE SOUTHERN DIVISION TCA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY EXPRESS



**COME CELEBRATE the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the SOUTHERN DIVISION
with us on NOVEMBER 4th & 5th in the ORLANDO AREA!**

Clark & Ilene Vegazo's Open House

On Friday evening, November 4th from 5 pm to 9 pm, SD member Clark Vegazo and his wife Ilene will host their annual open house at their home in nearby Deland. Many members will remember attending their open houses in conjunction with SD Maitland train meets over the years. Clark's exceptional post-war Lionel collection will be on display along with a parking lot full of Classic Autos (1:1 scale) owned by Clark and his Classic Car Club friends. Last year there were 50 Classic cars at his open house. This year Clark and Ilene have added a live band to serenade attendees, *plus* Clark finally has a layout! And, as can be expected from Clark, it's not just a train layout, it's post-war Lionel Dealer Display Layout #D-224. For a photo of Clark's layout in his train room see Page 6 in the Summer edition of *The Layout*. There's no need to pre-register for this party, just show up and have fun!

Please be advised that the directions published with the last newsletter were incorrect, so refer to the corrected directions included as an insert to this newsletter.

Mini-Train Meet, Train Rides, BBQ Luncheon, GOLD Trolley Auction and Raffles at Bruce Pemberton's

The primary Southern Division 50th Anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, November 5th with a multi-event party at Bruce Pemberton's spacious property in Fern Park. On the cover of this newsletter are some photos of the good times we have had there in the past. In addition to riding trains on Bruce's 7½" gauge live steam "Paradise Railroad," attendees will be dining on a barbeque cookout served in the early afternoon which is why we're calling it a luncheon! Plus, we will have an old-fashioned "MINI-TRAIN SWAP MEET" reminiscent of when the Southern Division was founded 50 years ago with train meets held at members' homes! In this case members will park their cars in Bruce's large grassy parking area, open their trunks or tailgates and have a good old-fashioned swap meet! There will be no additional charge to participate in this mini-meet which will last about two hours and take place concurrently with the train rides on Bruce's outdoor railroad. Now this is not a full-fledged "official" SD Train Meet with a portion open to the public, as this entire event will NOT be open to the public.

There will be a very nominal charge to attend this multi-event Party. Discounted admission tickets will be sold for \$6.50 per person using the BBQ Party Pre-Registration Form which is an insert to this newsletter. That's a savings of \$1.50 as the price at the door will be \$8.00 per person. Because the Division is subsidizing a portion of the costs of this party, only SD members and their immediate families (children, grandchildren, etc.) will receive the favorable pricing. In addition, a member attending without family may bring ONE guest at the favorable price. Additional guests will pay \$16.50. The day's activities will start at 11:00 AM and end at approximately 4:15 pm as shown on the next page.

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Agenda for Party on November 5, 2016

- 11:00 am: Registration Desk Opens**
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Registration & Distribution of Souvenir Mugs**
- 11:15 am - 1:00 pm: Swap Meet**
- 11:15 am - 2:00 pm: Train Rides**
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: BBQ Lunch (Buffet Style)**
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: 50th Anniversary Remarks & Annual Awards**
- Presentations – includes remarks by SD President Brad Woodward and TCA President Charlie Anyan**
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Auction of Gold Trolley (Opening of Sealed Bids)**
- 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm: Drawing of SD Souvenir Raffle Prizes**

Barbeque Luncheon

The Barbeque Luncheon will be served buffet style at 1:00 pm and be catered by “The Local Chef.” The menu will include Pulled Pork, Chicken & Bratwurst Sandwiches on Buns, Sides of Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Seasonal Vegetables, Cookies, Lemonade & Tea. There also will be presentations of the annual Southern Division awards and of course a speech or two, including remarks by the President of the entire TCA, our own Charlie Anyan.

The day’s activities will conclude with the auction of the Special 50th Anniversary Gold Trolley and then the raffle of three Southern Division souvenir items: (1) a 1996 Southern Division 30th Anniversary “I Love Florida” Box Car with its two souvenir billboard signs; (2) a 2006 Southern Division 40th Anniversary Box Car and Souvenir Dinner Plate; and (3) the 2016 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Sample Trolley #01. For more info on this auction and these raffles please see the separate articles elsewhere in this newsletter.

To avoid any disappointments, Bruce respectfully advises that due to insurance regulations he will have to decline rides on his railroad to attendees who are not physically able to safely climb into and out of and sit inside the passenger cars. Be sure to pre-register for this party by filling out and mailing the BBQ party registration form which is an insert to this newsletter by the deadline indicated on the form. For directions to the party please refer to the directions included as an insert to this newsletter.



The Division has produced special Southern Division 50th Anniversary Travel Mugs which will be available to members. As shown in the photo this very practical and attractive limited edition souvenir item displays the 50th Anniversary Southern Division Logo. A mug will be given out FREE to every current TCA Southern Division member who purchases a ticket and attends the Party on November 5th. The free mug only will be available at this Party. Supply is limited and only one (1) free mug per member will be available. Don't miss the opportunity to receive this special free gift while celebrating our Golden Anniversary at the Party.

We will conclude this Anniversary Year with an additional raffle of a 50th Anniversary Trolley at the Jacksonville Meet on November 19th. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter or on the website for details.

***Your 50th Anniversary Committee:
Bill Trappen, Richard Tashjian & Mike Mills***



Special Gold Trolley Auction



The Very Special 50th or Golden Anniversary GOLD trolley #50 will be auctioned off at the 50th Anniversary Party at Bruce Pemberton's on November 5th. But you don't have to be present to win!

For more information on this Special Gold Trolley please see the description and photo of the Gold Trolley shown in the 50th Anniversary Trolley Update Article, elsewhere in this newsletter, which indicates that this trolley car has all of the same features as the regular green production trolleys. It is brand new, having never been on the track, but it has been test run on rollers so you can be sure that it operates just like the rest of the trolleys. It comes in a Lionel box with special end labels specifically designed for this car and a Lionel shipping carton with special labels. Plus, it comes with a Certificate of Authenticity signed by SD President Brad Woodward and each of the members of the SD 50th Anniversary Committee. Even though each of the 50 Anniversary Trolleys is unique by being individually numbered, there is only one #50 trolley and there is only one Gold Trolley commemorating our 50th, or Golden Anniversary, and this is it!

We realize that not all members can attend the Party; therefore, to give all members an opportunity to bid on this special and one-of-a-kind, rare, highly desirable, Souvenir Trolley, members may bid "on site" at the Party or may bid "off site" ahead of time by mail. All bids submitted either at the party or by mail will be sealed bids which will not be opened until 3:30 pm on the day of the party.

Members should submit the HIGHEST PRICE that they are willing to pay using the special bidding form included as an insert in this newsletter. The form will have instructions for bidding as well as the deadline for submitting off-site bids. On-site sealed bids will be accepted all day at the Party until 3:00 PM. Bidders are required to submit whole dollar amount bids and also encouraged to use non-common whole dollar amounts to minimize the possibility of ties (i.e. bid \$152 instead of \$150).

No payment will be required when submitting bids, but an off-site winning bidder must keep in mind that he or she also will be required to pay the winning bid amount plus an **additional** \$15.00 to cover insured Priority Mail shipping from the Orlando area.

At 3:30 pm on the day of the Party the sealed bids will be opened. The highest bid amount received from all the bids will be announced, and that bidder will be the lucky winner of the Special Gold Trolley.

If there's a tie involving at least one or more bidders we will attempt to continue the auction using live bids from the tied bidders. If any of the tied bidders are not present at the Party, we will attempt to call the off-site bidder(s) by telephone to continue the bidding live over the cell phone's speaker.

Once the winner is determined, if it's an on-site bidder he or she can pay by cash or by check made payable to the Southern Division TCA and will receive the Gold trolley right there on the spot!

If the winner is an off-site bidder, he or she will mail a check to our treasurer, Mike Powell, for the winning bid amount plus the additional amount of \$15.00 for insured Priority Mail shipping. Upon notification by Mike that the check has been received, the Gold Trolley then will be shipped to the address the winning bidder put on the bid form.

So, Bid High and good luck bidding!

HOUSTON 2016 CONVENTION PHOTOS



Thanks to Clark and Ilene Vegazo for sharing these!





Raffle Details: Southern Division 30th & 40th Anniversary Souvenir Box Cars & 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Souvenir Trolley Car

In addition to the auction of the Special 50th Anniversary GOLD trolley #50, there also will be raffles of three other SD rare Anniversary Souvenir cars and related items at the Party on November 5th. Included in the raffles are a car commemorating each of the 30th, 40th and 50th Anniversaries of the Southern Division. The cars are as follows:

1. 1996 Southern Division 30th Anniversary "I Love Florida" Box Car with SD logos and including two Special souvenir billboard signs
2. 2006 Southern Division 40th Anniversary Box Car with Souvenir Dinner Plate
3. 2016 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Sample Trolley #01

All of these souvenir items are extremely rare. The 30th Anniversary "I Love Florida" box car is a very colorful regular production Lionel car cataloged for 1996 to which we added special 30th Anniversary Southern Division stickers. Only 105 such cars were decorated. To put that number in perspective, Lionel's minimum order quantity for a special run of cars for a club is 500 units. SD members who bought the car also received a set of two, custom-drawn billboard signs which were made to fit in postwar Lionel #310 billboard frames or their modern era counterparts. This car and the billboard signs were donated by Anniversary Committee member Bill Trappen and are brand new in the original box. This is the next-to-last of the 15 O Gauge freight cars produced for the Southern Division Souvenir Train. What car could be more appropriate for the Florida-based Southern Division than an "I Love Florida" car? For more information and photos on this raffle item, see Part 7 of the "Southern Division Souvenir Train History" series of articles which appeared in the last issue of *The Layout* (Summer 2016, Volume 50, Number 3).

The 2006 Southern Division 40th Anniversary Souvenir Car is a very handsome double plug door box car which was custom made for the SD by MTH. Only 128 of these cars were made. This car closely resembles the regular production MTH Railking Southern Railway box car but carries our SD logo instead of the SR logo plus other special 40th SD anniversary graphics. This car is brand new in the original box and was donated by member Frank Barczak. This is the very last freight car produced for the Southern Division Souvenir Train. Also included with the car in this raffle is the SD 40th Anniversary Souvenir Dinner Plate with its special original box. One of these plates was given to each attendee at the 40th Anniversary Banquet in Altamonte Springs in November 2006. You may be assured that the 40th Anniversary Banquet Dinner was not served on these plates! This plate was donated by Committee member Richard

Tashjian who also designed these plates for the Division. There are photos of the car and the plate below. For more information on this car see Part 1 of the "Southern Division Souvenir Train History" series of articles which appeared in the Summer 2014 issue of *The Layout* (Volume 48, Number 3)



Raffle Details: Southern Division 30th & 40th Anniversary Souvenir Box Cars & 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Souvenir Trolley Car (cont'd.)



And last, but certainly not least, is the Lionel 50th Anniversary Pre-Production Sample Trolley #01. See the story elsewhere in this issue introducing the 50th Anniversary trolleys which are the very first motorized Southern Division Souvenir train item. And this specific trolley car is the first of the 50 trolleys to be decorated in the Southern Division 50th Anniversary Graphics. Prior to being decorated this car was sent to potential decorators for quotes and then used to try out and test various graphic designs.

Although it never has been run on a track, this car is very well-traveled having been shipped back and forth to potential decorators and then shipped again with test graphics before the final approved graphics design. As a result the Lionel box shows considerable wear and tear from the car having been removed and reinserted back into the box very many times. The car closely resembles the final production 50th Anniversary green trolley plus it has all of the same features as the regular production trolley as shown and described elsewhere in this issue. However, it also shows some paint residue from removed test graphics designs. But it has been test run on rollers so you may be assured that it operates just like the rest of the production units.

See the photo at right as it comes in a Lionel box with end labels designed specifically for this car plus in a Lionel shipping carton with special labels. It also comes with a Certificate of Authenticity signed by SD President Brad Woodward and each of the members of the SD 50th Anniversary Committee. Even though each of the 48 regular production 50 Anniversary Trolleys is individually numbered, there is only ONE pre-production sample trolley and this is it!



Tickets are being sold for the raffles of these items. Many tickets were already sold at the Venice meet in September. Members may purchase one or more books of three (3) tickets for only \$5.00 per book. Raffle tickets may be purchased by mail at the same time you purchase your admission tickets to the 50th Anniversary BBQ Party by filling out the "Raffle Ticket Books" line on the BBQ Party Pre-Registration Form which is an insert to this newsletter. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold through the website and also during the November 5th Party until shortly before the drawing takes place.

The raffle drawings will be held at the BBQ Party at 4:00 PM, so don't leave early because, unlike the Gold Trolley auction, you **must be present to win**.

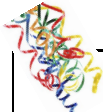
Now here's how the raffle drawings will work: the lucky holder of the first ticket drawn will win his or her choice of any **one** of the above three raffle items. The holder of the second ticket drawn can choose one of the remaining two items while the holder of the third ticket drawn wins the last item. Therefore, for only \$5.00 you get 3 chances to win one or more of the prizes. The winner of the first prize still will have at least 2 tickets remaining in the ticket box; and although it's highly unlikely, he or she possibly could also win one or both of the other two prizes.

So buy your tickets as soon as possible before we run out!



This is the future of TCA ~ kids playing with model trains. The light-haired boy is SD President Brad Woodward's grandson Garrett, and the other boy is Garrett's buddy.





Jacksonville Meet Story, November 19, 2016

We invite everyone back to the Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St Johns Bluff Road S, Jacksonville, FL 32224. The location has very easy access off I-295 (the east side of the loop). We again will have operating layouts with at least five displays (maybe more) including clubs from Jacksonville including another world debut, this time in 3-rail modular. This venue is well known in Jacksonville. We will utilize the Activity Building which has a separate entry in the rear of the facility with its own dedicated parking lots. It is fully handicapped accessible.

Hours: 9 AM to TCA members only and to the public from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Admission is our division standard of \$5.00/person with free admission to a child 12 and under when accompanied by an adult or any adult accompanied by a child 12 or under.

Activities: We will have a raffle of one of the 50th Anniversary trolleys and other prizes. Tickets for this raffle will be sold **ONLY AT THIS MEET** and will be limited to 75 tickets. Take that Powerball! We want you to have good odds of actually winning.

Workshops: This year we will be trying workshops for the first time. We will have a hands-on workshop on running trains with the Lionel TMCC/Legacy System by Jim Troutman of the Toy Train Collectors of Jacksonville. Those who participate will get the chance to see and try remote control. If you have been intimidated in the past by TMCC, this will show you how simple it is to hook up and operate. Fair warning: it is easier than my smart phone or my Comcast remote control and could lead to another purchase! Did you know that you can even run your postwar or prewar trains (Marx, Lionel, Williams, MPC, Weaver, RMT, Hoge, Hornby, Carlisle & Finch, just about anybody) by remote control?

The local NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) has agreed to host two workshops: "Putting Track in Its Place" workshop will look at railroad right of way and how water flow and drainage influences the location of drainage ditches and structures to drain water away from the railroad track. Information will include railroad typical standards for cuts and fills as well as drainage ditches. This will be presented by Richard Segall.

The second workshop might be "Installing a Liftgate." They would plan to bring their module with a liftgate that allows them to access the center without ducking under. The concepts would be the same for a fixed layout. My knees vote for this one. A second possible option will be a workshop on weathering (those who collect only Mint or Like New items avert your eyes). This will show the basics of making that bright, shiny, new Lionel look like a real locomotive or how to make that good to very good condition train look like a real one, dings and all, and rescue it from the projects drawer. The topic of the second workshop will be based on the availability of instructors and should be known in advance. Workshop times are tentatively 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM.

Hotel: The Shrine Auditorium has an offer with the Hampton Inn Jacksonville I-295 East/Baymeadows Rd. at 8127 Point Meadows Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Telephone: (904) 363-7150. To get their special pricing, please contact the hotel directly and mention that you are coming to an event at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium. The rate will be \$79.00 a night which is cheaper than offers from any of the hotel booking sites I checked. There are many hotels in the area in a wide variety of prices, and staying at the beach is a consideration as it is only 8 miles away.

Food: Coffee, drinks and snacks will be offered for sale by the Morocco Shrine Auditorium. With the new location being just 3 minutes from the St. Johns Town Center, there are restaurants to suit everyone from casual fare to gourmet. Speaking of the St Johns Town Center, if you have a spouse who is not interested in trains, the Town Center offers the premier shopping experience in northeast Florida with everything from Nordstrom's to French Fry Heaven. (I have been told that a couple of spouses dropped off there last year have almost finished their shopping and will be ready for pick up after this year's meet!)

There also will be a large Craft Fair in the front half of the building the same day as our train meet. It may bring more people to our door or as a place for someone to spend some time while you slowly peruse every table without feeling time pressure.

For anyone with money left in their pockets after the train meet, Hobby World now on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park will offer any TCA member a 15% discount on any purchase made on November 19th (or come back to my table).

Open House: This year's open house will be with the **Jacksonville Terminal Railroad Museum** on Friday the 18th from 5 to 8 PM. The layout features accurate renderings of many scenes of Jacksonville and other areas in NE Florida in the 1950s and early 1960s on a dual-level layout with full helices between the levels. The scenes are modeled with historical accuracy from photographs, maps and other sources to insure precision. Please understand, this is still a work in progress and is not yet complete but is well on its way. The intention of the volunteers who have undertaken this endeavor is to end up with a commercial museum for the public. They have requested no food or drinks be brought into the building, and small children will need constant supervision as there are no guards on the display and there still are loose construction materials around. The group meets on a weekly basis for construction every Monday and planning every Friday. **Directions:** Take Old St. Augustine Road exit off of I-295 (the west beltway) and head north. Turn right onto Hood Road and the first left is Castlebrook Drive. The Jacksonville Terminal Railroad Museum is just ahead on the corner of Castlebrook and Tanglewilde at 10576 Castlebrook Drive, located in Jacksonville's Mandarin area 1 mile north of I-295.

Dealers: Early set up is currently scheduled for 3 to 7 PM on Friday, November 18th and 7 to 9 AM on the day of the meet. All dealers are asked to contact the meet host the week of November 7th to confirm that these will be the hours for set up. If any dealer needs access to electrical power, we have it (no extra

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Jacksonville Meet Story, November 19, 2016 (cont'd.)



charge), but you must tell me on the registration form so we place your table near an outlet. I will try to accommodate everyone's wishes but be aware that the earlier you reserve your space, the higher your desires will be on my priority list.

Tables all are 8 feet long and cost \$20 for TCA-SD members and \$30 for non-SD TCA members. Do the math. If you plan to rent more than one table, it saves you money to join our division. Even with only one table, join the division and get the newsletters and benefits for exactly the same you were going to pay if you rented the table without joining. Now which makes more financial sense? **REMEMBER PLEASE: All helpers must be a current spouse (no ex's) or a current member of the TCA in good standing (no ex's).**

Directions: From I-295 East Beltway heading south, take the Beach Boulevard exit and turn right (west) and a quick left turn onto St. Johns Bluff Road South. From I-295 East Beltway heading north, take the Town Center Parkway / Univ of North Florida exit, turn left (west) and a quick right onto St. Johns Bluff Road heading north (you can't go south). The Morocco Shrine Auditorium has a very large sign and is a very prominent structure on the west side of St. Johns Bluff Road.

Good location, *trains*, workshops, *trains*, shopping nearby, *trains*, dining, *trains*, close to the beach, *trains*, an open house. Did I mention *trains*?! Hope to see you in November.

Meet Host: Chuck Bryner, 606 Chivas Court, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 272-7060 before 9 PM please as our house gets up at 4:30 AM for work. Email: bryner@comcast.net.

Raffles of 50th Anniversary Trolley & Other Southern Division Souvenir Items at the Jacksonville Meet

The Jacksonville Meet will be the last train meet in the Division's Golden Anniversary Year, so we will conclude this momentous year with a special happening at that meet on November 19th. We will raffle off what will be the LAST remaining SD 50th Anniversary Trolley Car at this LAST Meet of 2016. As indicated in the article on the trolleys elsewhere in this issue, each trolley car is individually numbered. To commemorate this final Southern Division Train Meet during this 50th Anniversary year of 2016, the Committee has set aside **50th Anniversary Trolley #16** for this very distinctive occasion. How appropriate! For a photo of the trolley car see the afore-mentioned article which shows car #4 which is identical to car #16 except for the number.

The second prize in that raffle will be a new-in-the-box, 1992 Southern Division Flat Car and trailer with very unique graphics representing the growth and re-growth of the Division which also includes the optional tractor which were donated by member John Scianna. And the third prize is a Southern Division Souvenir License Plate, shown below, donated by Jacksonville Meet host Chuck Bryner. For photos and more information on the 1992 Flat Car, tractor and trailer please see Part 7 of the "Southern Division Souvenir Train History" articles which appeared in the last issue of *The Layout* (Summer 2016, Volume 50, Number 3).



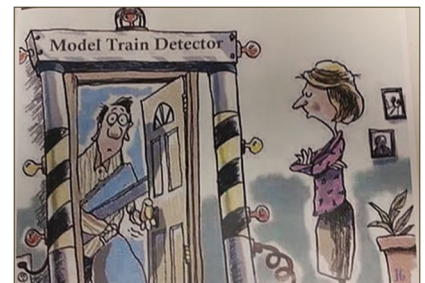
Raffle tickets for these three items only will be sold at the Jacksonville Meet. A book of three (3) Raffle Tickets may be purchased for only \$5.00 per book, and you may buy more than one book. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the morning of the Meet until shortly before the drawing at 12 noon. The winning ticket holders must be present to win, so don't leave the Meet until after the drawings!

Now here's how the raffle drawings will work: the lucky holder of the first ticket drawn will win the 50th Anniversary trolley, the holder of the second ticket drawn will win the 1992 SD Flat Car with Tractor & Trailer, and the holder of the 3rd ticket drawn will win the license plate.

Therefore, for \$5.00 you get 3 chances to win the first prize or any one of the other prizes. To give potential buyers a fairly good chance to win we will limit the number of tickets we sell to only 25 books (that's 75 tickets). As a result, for a modest investment of only \$5.00 you will have a 1 in 25 chance (that's 4%) to win one of 3 prizes! Those are very good odds

for a lottery-type drawing. And you could double or triple your odds by buying a second or third book of tickets!

Buy your tickets as soon as possible at the Meet before we run out!





PHOTOS

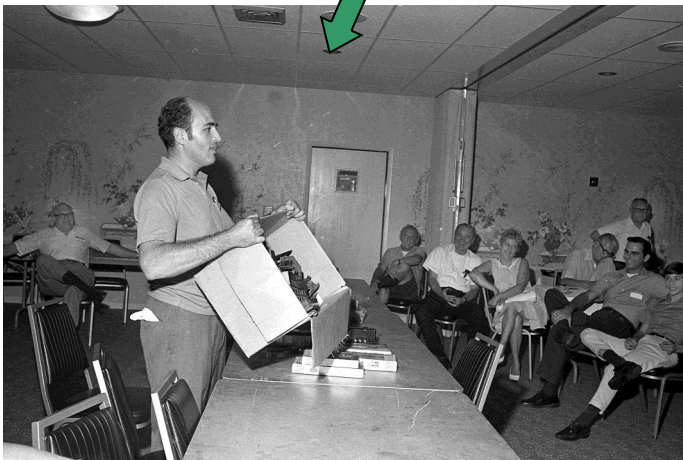
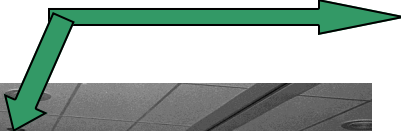
submitted by August Staebler:
Clearwater Meet, August 2, 1970



(L-R) #1 - unknown, #2 - Bob Jewett, #3 - Mike Robbins,
#4 - unknown, #5 - Don Guckian and #6 - unknown.



Jack Windt conducting auction



Earl G. Wilson, Harlan Wilson and
other members of the Wilson family



Clearwater Ramada Inn marquee with
TCA welcome sign



MORE PHOTOS

submitted by August Staebler: Cocoa Beach, October 26, 1974,
annual banquet - several TCA national officers were present.



Head table: Lou Redman "Mr.TCA" is speaking,
at far right is John Cressman (also pictured
below).



the banquet room



Ward Kimball (National President)



the head table



Eric Buckley
(national officer)

"Mr. TCA"



Paul Conner



Upcoming Florida Meets/Train Shows

2016

October 8: Columbia Club of Osceola, 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 34744 (**Regal Railways:** Joe, 727-244-1341, all shows 9A-2P, Adults \$5.00, children under 12 free; **EARLY BIRD** \$7.00 by reservation 8-9A; Vendors and Model Train Layout; lunch available (www.regalrailways.com))

October 15: Elks Lodge, 401 Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

October 29: Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave., **Inverness** 34450 (**Regal Railways**, above)

November 5: National Guard Armory, 900 SW 20th St., Ocala 34471, 9A-4P (**Silver Springs Lions Train Show**)

November 19: Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd., **Jacksonville** 32224, 10A-3P (**TCA Southern Division**)

November 19: Columbian Club, Inc., 5850 K of C Dr., **Port Richey** 34668 (**Regal Railways**, above)

December 3: Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**, Schultzspace-coasttrains.com, 321-805-1963)

December 3: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

December 10-11: St. Mark's School Gymnasium, 3395 Burns Rd., **Palm Beach Gardens** 33410, (**Derrick Dean Wagner Memorial Scholarship Foundation**, contact Will Wagner, 561-373-9603, email Derrickwagnerfoundation@gmail.com or wwainc@comcast.net)

December 17-18: 6th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy. 301 North, **Tampa** 33610 (**Golden Spike**, Charles Miller, 703-536-2954 or 386-736-8185, e-mail rrshows@aol.com; website www.qserr.com)

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January 21: Elks Lodge, 401 Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

January 21-22: 10th Annual Train Expo, Martin County Fairgrounds, **Stuart** 34996, 9A-3P, Contact 772-486-0591, email: mcmr2616@yahoo.com

January 28: Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave., **Largo** 33773, 10A-3P (**TCA Southern Division**)

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Jeff Mayer, jcjmayer@gmail.com or call 321-297-0501.

Promotion and Attendance at Train Meets

In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we will print a schedule of upcoming shows in each quarter's Layout and on our Southern Division website (www.tcasoutherndivision.org). Another way these meets are promoted is by having flyers about upcoming shows available at each show, thus marketing to folks who have already 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 TCA SD Vice President Steve Johnson (email: sjohnson@fljdcpa.com or call: 305-335-1752) and let him know. Steve will get flyers to you to take to the meet and leave out for others. If possible, please give Steve at least a week or more notice to ensure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you. Thanks for your help!

The deadline for articles/photos, etc. for the next issue of *The Layout* is **December 1, 2016**. Thank you.

SWITCH LIST



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). Call or write Chris Lucibello: 2483 Pinellas Point Dr. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712; 727-867-3465; email, karen.lucibello@verizon.net.

The **Switch List** is a free service to Southern Division Members. Send your ads (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan. Ads must be renewed prior to each issue of *The Layout*. You may renew your ad for **one** issue at a time by contacting Mary via email, mia1@tampabay.rr.com, or snail mail, 1800 Follow-Thru Rd. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710-3724.