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Ilene Vegazo receiving a souvenir SD 50th Anniversary travel mug from Bill Trappen, Brad Woodward and Mike Mills



Bruce Pemberton, chief engineer, receives an award from Charlie Anyan and Mike Powell.



Bill Trappen, Richard Tashjian, Charlie Anyan, Mike Mills, Mike Powell



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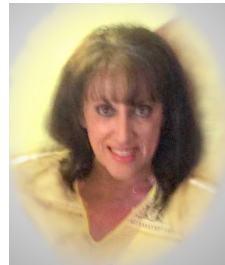
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***The membership voted, and  
sincerest congratulations go to***

**Steve Johnson, President  
and  
Jay Zschau, Vice-President**

**whose terms run January 1, 2017 -  
December 31, 2018.**

**Address Changes**

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. Thank you.

**Check out the Southern Division Website:  
[www.tcasoutherndivision.org](http://www.tcasoutherndivision.org).  
Webmaster: Jake Jacob**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As President of your Southern Division for the last four years, I have enjoyed attending each and every meet. I was able to represent the SD at four National Conventions. The two-day Board of Directors meetings were very educational, and I was able to update and help make improvements both at the National level and share this information with our own Southern Division. My input helped improve items such as the structure of the National Bylaws and changes in order to keep up with the changing times. I feel this helped us make decisions for the Southern Division which improved our meets and the train fellowship. I believe that everyone should attend a TCA National Convention, experience the excitement, and meet others who share our important hobby of collecting toy trains. Equally as important, I believe that TCA should be a **fellowship** not just as a sale of trains but also a fun time with friends of many years and new friends.

***Our TCA-SD KIDS CLUB has tripled in size!*** We have made the Southern Division's train shows more exciting for kids, by offering the Scavenger Hunt, Train Drag Races and free prizes to kids for future growth in our hobby.

We also have hosted train shows in a variety of different venues such as the Miami Train Museum (Gold Coast RR), Palm Beach Gardens and Stuart. In addition to the regular meets of Largo, Venice and Jacksonville, we are moving to Fort Pierce in March 2017 and hope this will increase our growth and generate more interest in our enjoyment of toy trains.

We always are looking for NEW hosts and towns to increase our number of shows; hopefully, this will increase the interest of new SD members. We eventually are hoping to again find meet hosts for Orlando, Sarasota and Daytona. ***The Southern Division submitted an official bid to host the 2020 TCA National Convention - stay tuned!***

What I learned the past four years . . . We have a terrific board that works very hard to improve our organization, and they all made my job as president much easier. The next time you see them, please thank them all for their dedication.

Our newly-elected President and Vice President also will work very hard to sustain our fantastic Southern Division.

This is **your** club, and we welcome **your** ideas to improve the Southern Division - please let the board know.

### **KEEP TRACKIN' THOSE TRAINS!**

Brad Woodward

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#### 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 newly-elected President 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@fljdcpa.com](mailto:Sjohnson@fljdcpa.com), and he'll get them to Linda to post. Thanks for your help!



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#### 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](http://www.tcaetrain.org).

**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Business Meeting  
September 9, 2016, Venice, FL**

The quarterly business meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by President Brad Woodward. Secretary Dienzel Dennis called the roll with the following in attendance: Brad Woodward; Vice President Steve Johnson; Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Linda Harris; and Past President Charles Anyan. Past President Arnie Travitsky could not attend due to health concerns. Also in limited attendance were: Tim Evert, Venice Meet Host; Bill Trappen, Chairman, and Richard Tashjian of the 50th Anniversary Committee; Marianne Napolitano, SD Member; and Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor.

Mr. Dennis reported that the minutes of the last business meeting were electronically approved and posted in the Spring 2016 issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Trappen spoke first on the status our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Trolley project is complete, and the trolleys are ready for distribution. We will have one celebration party at Bruce Pemberton's in the Central Florida (Orlando) area on Saturday, November 5. It will consist of a Bar-B-Q picnic, live steam train rides, an S gauge indoor layout, an old-fashioned tailgate trading show, and other activities. A Friday night event also will be observed. All activities, prizes, awards, auctions, etc., will be advertised in the Fall issue of *The Layout* and on our website. Other promotional items will be available. There are 100 Southern Division (SD) logo travel mugs to be given to each SD member who purchases a ticket and attends the November 5 party. The board thanked Mr. Trappen, Mr. Tashjian and the committee for their work on this endeavor.

Mr. Woodward's report primarily consisted of his trip to the National Convention in Houston and the current status of the SD.

Mr. Powell presented his reports, electronically distributed earlier in the week, to the board. These reports all were approved and will be presented to the general membership in a future issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Johnson asked that anyone with SD activity pictures send them to him so his wife can post them on our Facebook site. Last week we had 2600 hits on our Facebook page from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. Ms. Harris also reported on the different types of advertising she has done for this and future meets. Mr. Dennis elaborated on his report as distributed to the board by email. Currently, we have 416 active members with more signing up at tomorrow's meet. As usual, please inform the Secretary of any changes in addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. We only can be as accurate as the information we receive.

Mr. Anyan, the current TCA National President and SD immediate past president, updated the board on the status of our national club. Things are progressing very well with some interesting projects in the making. Both the TCA and the SD are on firm footing at the present time.

Mrs. Anyan reported to the board about her new role and also that the Fall issue is due for distribution on/about October 1. The board recognized her ability on her first two editions and is looking forward to future newsletters.

Mr. Evert reported on tonight's banquet (46 tickets sold) and tomorrow's show with 159 tables to be filled with trains. The billboard and other advertising have seemed to create much community interest. Mr. Johnson referenced the great job Chuck Bryner is doing for the November 19 Jacksonville meet and mentioned that over half of the tables already have been booked. We will have a larger facility for this meet. The Largo show on January 28, 2017, is a work in progress with Mr. Anyan overseeing this endeavor. The Port St. Lucie/West Palm Beach show still is being negotiated with Al Galli as meet host. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Mr. Woodward and Mr. Galli to proceed and to secure the venue for \$2,000 or less. We hope to report more on this at the next meeting.

The 2017-2018 Election Ballot will be included in the Fall newsletter. Please vote - it is **your** club.

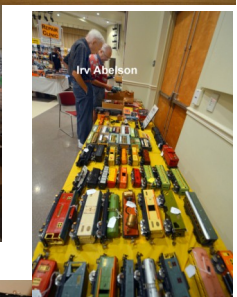
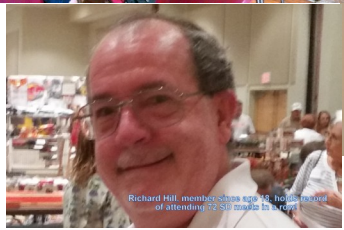
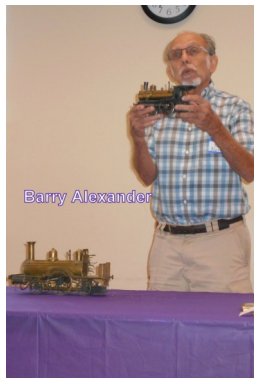
New business was discussed including: 1) advising our Treasurer at least two weeks in advance if you need checks written for hall rental, etc; 2) awards, etc., to be presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration; 3) TCA's 6-month trial membership and the option of the SD doing the same; 4) the question of the SD hosting the 2020 National TCA Convention. After much discussion, and Mr. Johnson agreeing to be convention chairman, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the SD submit an official bid to host the 2020 National Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Dienzel Dennis  
Secretary, TCA Southern Division



**Venice BOD Meeting, Dinner, Show & Tell, and Meet Photos**





## SD 50th Anniversary Celebration Recap

by  
Bill Trappen

November 2016 truly was a "November to Remember" as the Southern Division 50th Anniversary celebrations took place on three different occasions during the month.

Many SD members, spouses, and guests attended Clark and Ilene Vegazo's open house on Friday evening, November 4. In addition to viewing Clark's fantastic collection of old trains with his recently acquired and operating 1958 Lionel display layout, attendees enjoyed a delicious catered buffet supplemented by a wide selection of beverages, were serenaded by a live band, and admired over sixty 1:1 scale classic automobiles under the moonlit sky with beautiful weather on their spacious property. By the way, prominently on display inside their home was their SD 50th Anniversary trolley #26.

What could be better than old trains, old cars, and socializing with friends? How about the Southern Division 50th Anniversary Party the next day? Over 70 SD members, family, and guests had a wonderful time at the multi-event Party at Bruce Pemberton's lakeside property in the Orlando area. The weather was absolutely perfect with no rain and temperatures in the 70s with low humidity. Those attending enjoyed an old-fashioned train swap meet, train rides on Bruce's 7 1/2" gauge railroad with two trains running (one powered by Bruce's custom made model of a Pennsy K-4 Pacific steam engine and one by a diesel), a delicious catered barbeque luncheon, presentation of the annual SD awards (discussed elsewhere in this issue), raffles of SD Souvenir items and opening of the sealed bids for the 50th Anniversary GOLD trolley. Bruce also showed attendees his train room with his large scenic S-gauge layout, many large model airplanes, and his collection of guitars.

Every member attending received **two** free Souvenirs. First, there was the previously announced 16-ounce 50th Anniversary Souvenir Travel Mug decorated with the SD 50th Anniversary Logo which was designed and procured by committee member Richard Tashjian. Plus, there was an unannounced bonus of a 16" x 12" print of an artist's depiction of a Seaboard Coast Line Orange Blossom Special Streamlined Passenger Train running between orange groves with special SD 50th Anniversary Lettering. This print was produced and donated by committee member Mike Mills (see photo on cover page) and is laminated in plastic so it can be used as a table placemat if desired. Mike also donated bags which came in handy to carry the mugs and prints. Additional Souvenir Mugs with special printed labels affixed to their boxes were awarded to many members and non-members in appreciation for supporting the 50th Anniversary Committee over the last two years. A mug with a label on the box containing a special message was given to Evan Earle in honor of his membership during all 50 years of the Division's history. And John Schleicher presented to Clark Vegazo a large 20th Anniversary Souvenir Rug hand-made in 1986 by the late Margaret Carlin (see photo on cover page).

But the most noteworthy event at the Party was the opening of the sealed bids for the auction of the special Golden Anniversary Gold-painted trolley #50. The lucky winner of this trolley was Mark Stephens of Sarasota with a bid of \$505. Mark had to leave the party before the bids were announced, so the trolley was shipped to him a few days later. There were seven other bids which ranged from a low of \$102 to the second highest bid of \$502.

The "30-40-50" souvenir raffles generated much interest as nearly 100 tickets were sold. The SD 30th Anniversary box car with souvenir billboards (donated by committee member Bill Trappen) was won by Dienzel Dennis, the 40th Anniversary Souvenir box car (donated by Frank Barczak) was won by Jake Jacob, and the lucky winner of the 50th Anniversary pre-production sample trolley #01 was Jay Zschau.

At the party the Board of Directors also presented retiring board member Arnie Travitsky a Southern Division 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley.

Special thanks go to Barbara Mills, Judy Tashjian and Louise Woodward for helping to greet and register the attendees. Lots of fun and good times socializing were had by all who attended. Members who did not attend not only missed out on the fun but also on an opportunity to receive some value in return for their Division dues, because most of the cost of this party was subsidized by the Division.

The final 50th Anniversary activities occurred at the Jacksonville Meet on November 19. The SD souvenir item raffles again generated lots of interest as the prizes at this final SD meet of the 50th Anniversary year of 2016 included the final 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley, appropriately numbered "16." All of the 75 tickets printed were sold. The 2006 SD souvenir front license plate (donated by Chuck Bryner) was won by Dienzel Dennis, the 1992 SD Souvenir Piggyback Flat Car with trailer decorated with special SD graphics (donated by John Scianna) was won by J. P. Snyder, and the lucky winner of the final 50th Anniversary Souvenir Trolley #16 was Bob Burch. Now all 50 of the 50th Anniversary Souvenir trolleys are in SD members' collections.

The volunteer helpers at this meet received 50th Anniversary Souvenir travel mugs, and additional mugs were given as door prizes and raffled off to lucky winners.

The SD 50th Anniversary Year is now history, so the Committee's work is completed. Your committee members have enjoyed working on this project and thank all those members and non-members who have helped us, participated in the events, and/or purchased souvenir items. We look forward to many more years of getting together at SD meets to swap trains, talk trains, or just socialize with many members we have met and now call friends thanks to the meets and other activities of this Division!

The Southern Division 50th Anniversary Committee

*Bill Trappen, Richard Tashjian, and Mike Mills*



## 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos

(Vegazos' Open House (this page) / Pemberton's Picnic and Train Rides (pages 8, 14 & 15)  
(thanks to August Staebler, Bill Trappen, Clark Vegazo, Brad Woodward, Jay Zschau and Mary Anyan)



Look at all of those beautiful cars!  
panoramic view of Clark's train room



Naomi and Jake Jacob  
and Marianne Napolitano



Clark is  
making  
room  
on this shelf  
for more  
trains!





**Pembertons' Picnic and Train Rides**  
(additional photos on pages 14 & 15)



**Marya Pemberton,  
Marianne Napolitano,  
Cathy Collins**



**John Schleicher**

**Mike Powell**

**Arnie Trudisley**



**Bruce Pemberton's S-gauge layout**

**Fun on the railroad: Louise Woodward, Judy Tashjian, a photographer photographing the photographer, Kurt Schleicher, John Schleicher, and Tommielyn Schleicher.**



**letting off steam!**



**Linda Harris,  
daughter Melissa,  
grandson Brandon**



**Dienzel flirting  
with his new  
girlfriend**



**Steve Johnson**

**Jay Zschau**

**Mike Powell**

**Dienzel Dennis**



**Lucretia Fischel**



## Southern Division Awards - 2016

### *Congratulations to All!*

**Best Display** ~ *Glenn Groothouse* in appreciation of his Standard Gauge Display at meets held by the TCA SD

**Distinguished Service Award** ~ *Bradley Woodward* in recognition of his work on behalf of the SD at the TCA National Level

**Good Fellowship** ~ *Clark Vegazo* for outstanding hospitality representing the spirit and good attitude of the TCA SD

**Outstanding Service Award** ~ *Charles Bryner* for his efforts in organizing the very successful Jacksonville Meet for the TCA SD

**Outstanding Service Award** ~ *Michael Mills* for his efforts in organizing the TCA SD 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Outstanding Service Award** ~ *Richard Tashjian* for his efforts in organizing the TCA SD 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Outstanding Service Award** ~ *William Trappen* for his efforts in organizing the TCA SD 50th Anniversary Celebration

**President's Award** ~ *Bruce Pemberton* for his hospitality in opening his Railroad to the TCA SD

**Special Service Award** ~ *Jeffrey Mayer* for his many years as Editor of *The Layout* to the TCA SD

**Special Service Award** ~ *Arnie Travitsky* for his many years in serving on the TCA SD Board of Directors

### Members ~

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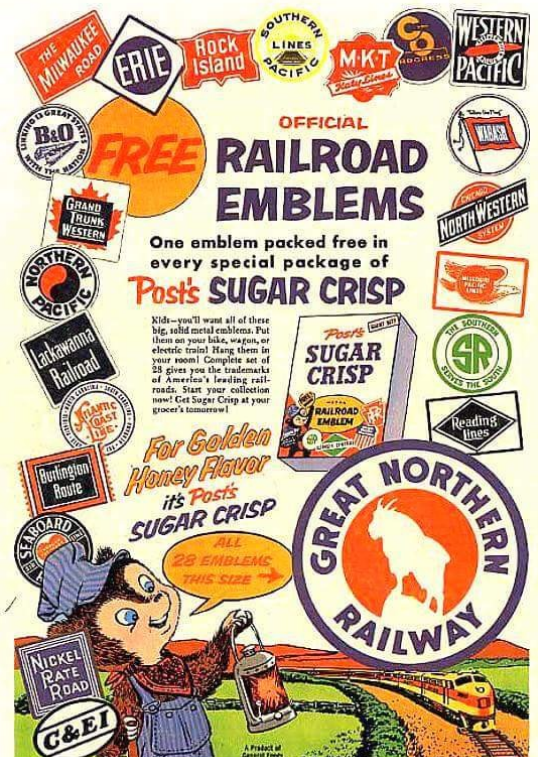
**It's a good deal for many reasons: 1) the SD will save printing and postage costs; 2) the money saved can be used to partially subsidize future events (this also offsets your annual dues); 3) you'll get to see all of the photos & graphics in color; and 4) the environment will thank you.**



**Notify Dienzel Dennis, our SD Secretary (contact info on p. 2).**

*Do you remember these?*

*(courtesy of Brad Woodward)*



**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Business Meeting  
November 18, 2016, Jacksonville, Florida**

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by President Brad Woodward. Secretary Dienzel Dennis called the roll with the following in attendance: Mr. Woodward, Vice President Steve Johnson, Mr. Dennis, Treasurer Mike Powell, and meet host Chuck Bryner. Mr. Dennis reported that the minutes of the last meeting were approved by the board by email and will be published in the Winter 2016-2017 issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Bryner updated the board on tomorrow's train show. He discussed his methods of advertising, the number of tables sold, the raffle sales, the front desk help, and other items. Next year's Jacksonville show was also discussed; specifically, which weekend would be the best suited for a successful show. It appears that November 11 or 18 will be our best options. The SD President will contact Bill Haw to coordinate our meet with the Ocala event.

Mr. Woodward presented his report concerning this year's National Convention in Houston and the business meeting he attended representing the Southern Division. He also updated the board on the National Kids Club as well as the SD Kids Club. He brought us up to date on the January Largo meet hosted by Charlie Anyan and the March Fort Pierce meet hosted by Al Galli. Mr. Woodward also has talked with Mike Mills about the possibility of a meet in the Central Florida/Orlando area.

Mr. Johnson reported on the progress being made for the Southern Division to host the 2020 TCA National Convention. It is almost a sure thing, with committees being formed; and Bob Keller from TCA National is scheduled to visit in January. Excitement is beginning to mount concerning this event.

Mr. Dennis reported that the SD's membership current status is as follows: 1 honorary, 415 active, 314 inactive, and 57 deceased listed in our data base.

This was followed by Mr. Powell's report. His information will be distributed to the membership as an attachment or insert in the next newsletter.

The Communications report, the National President's report, and *The Layout* editor's reports were not presented due to the absence of Ms. Harris, Mr. Anyan and Mrs. Anyan.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations were great fun, and everyone seemed pleased with the committee's efforts. Bill Trappen, Richard Tashjian, and Mike Mills worked very hard for many months to plan and execute this activity.

Mr. Woodward reported that the SD election results are as follows: Steve Johnson, President; Jay Zschau, Vice President; Dienzel Dennis, Secretary; Mike Powell, Treasurer; and Linda Harris, Communications Officer. Charlie Anyan and Brad Woodward will continue as Past Presidents.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary  
TCA Southern Division



## Jacksonville Meet Photos





## **Largo Meet, January 28, 2017** **(early set up on Friday the 27th)**

The TCA SD's first meet of 2017 again will be held at the Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773. **Set Up** for table holders will be Friday from 2-5 pm and Saturday from 7-9 am. During set up, the building only will be open to table holders and authorized helpers. **Remember to list full name(s) of any helpers on the Registration Form.** **All helpers must be a current spouse (no exes) or a current member of the TCA in good standing.** On Friday, we must vacate the building not later than 5 pm. **Tables**: 8 feet, \$20 for TCA SD members and \$30 for non-TCA SD members. We will greatly appreciate receiving your completed Table Registration Form and payment **in advance of the meet**, as it is chaotic during Friday set up and the morning of the meet to handle administrative duties.

**Meet Host**: Charlie Anyan, [canyan1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:canyan1@tampabay.rr.com), 727-345-0288; call cell 727-459-8681 on the 27th and 28th.

**Members' Meeting**: Saturday the 28th at 9:30 am.

**Meet Hours**: 9 am only to TCA members and 10 am - 3 pm to the public.

**Admission**: \$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 door prize drawings for adults and children throughout the day, plus a kids' Scavenger Hunt and play area.

**Food**: Sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be offered for sale at the Minnreg.

**2017 SD Dues Renewal**: Please make sure your 2017 dues are up to date **before** the meet.

**Operating Layouts**: We will have at least two working layouts, including a LEGO layout.

**Repair Clinic**: A repair clinic will be available to repair or help with parts needed to repair your engine.

**Hotel**: Tampa Bay (formerly Suburban) Extended Stay Hotel (under new management), 6500 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33771, 727-532-4800, [tampabayesh.com](http://tampabayesh.com). This is the closest hotel to the meet. All rooms are studio efficiencies and include a kitchen with a two-burner stovetop, microwave, dorm-sized refrigerator, pans and dinnerware. Rates start at \$70.



**Directions to above hotel:**

- **From Hwy. 19 Northbound**: turn left on Ulmerton Rd. (Hwy. 688), go to 66th St. N., make a U-turn & go back One block to hotel.
- **From Hwy. 19 Southbound**: take 66th St. N. exit (State Route 693), go to 2nd stoplight & turn left onto Ulmerton Rd. Hotel is one block on the right.
- **From I-275 Northbound**: take the Roosevelt Blvd. exit (Hwy. 685) - don't miss this turn or you'll end up in Tampa! Keep left and go west/north to where Roosevelt merges into Ulmerton Rd. Follow directions as above.
- **From I-275 Southbound**: take the Ulmerton Rd. exit (Hwy. 688), drive west to 66th St. and follow directions as above.

**Directions, hotel to meet**: Turn RIGHT out of hotel and then RIGHT onto Hwy. 19 entrance. **Do not enter main highway.** On service road, veer RIGHT onto 62nd St. Turn LEFT onto 126th Ave. Minnreg Bldg. is one block on the LEFT. There are other motels along Hwy. 19 and 66th St. (Hwy. 693) with reasonable rates. Check around for the best deals. Make reservations soon - it's tourist season, and the lower-priced rooms are reserved earliest.



## Largo Meet Story, January 28, 2017 (cont'd.)

**Open House:** TCA SD member Dave Zitnik and wife Gale graciously have agreed to again host the open house at their store, **Zitnik Trains**, from 6:30-9:00 pm. on Friday the 27th. Sandwiches, beverages, snacks and desserts will be offered. **Directions:** From Hwy. 19, exit at Park Blvd. N. Go west to the McDonald's at Park Blvd. and 52nd St. (the store is just behind McDonald's). Look for the large Zitnik Trains / Jersey Dan's sign. **From I-275:** take the Gandy Blvd./Park Blvd. exit, and go west (Gandy turns into Park). Follow instructions as above. [www.zitniktrains.com](http://www.zitniktrains.com).



### Fort Pierce Meet March 25, 2017

Due to a change in their priorities, St. Mark's Church is no longer willing to allow us to use their gym in Palm Beach Gardens for our Spring show. This led us to search for a new location, and we found an extraordinary venue more conveniently located for our members. The Fenn Center is a remarkable building built specifically to host shows such as ours. It provides 22,000 square feet of exhibit space in one large room. There is a separate area for food service. It also provides abundantly more parking space than any of our previous South Florida shows.

**Table Holder** set up will be on Friday from 2-4 pm and Saturday from 7-9 am. The meet will be open at 9 am to TCA members only and the public from 10 am - 2 pm.

We will have several operating layouts but we have room for many more. If you wish to bring a layout or know someone or a club that might be interested, please contact **Meet Host Al Galli** at 772-219-7653 or [algalli@embarqmail.com](mailto:algalli@embarqmail.com).

We also are looking at possibly having a classic car show in the parking lot at the same time, so stay tuned.

We do not have a meet hotel but there are several at I-95 Exit 129, and they are more reasonable than the Palm Beach hotels were.

**Location:** Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, FL 34982 (772) 462-1521

#### **Directions:**

From I-95, take Exit 129. Go East on Rt. 70 (Okeechobee Rd.) for 1.2 miles. Turn RIGHT on Virginia Ave. Go 1.6 miles to building on the left.

From the Florida Turnpike, take Exit 152. Go East on Rt. 70 for 2.1 miles. Turn RIGHT on Virginia Ave. Go 1.6 miles to building on the left.



## MORE FUN AT THE PEMBERTONS'



Evan Earle received a travel mug from Bill Trappen. Evan was the only SD 50-year member at the party!

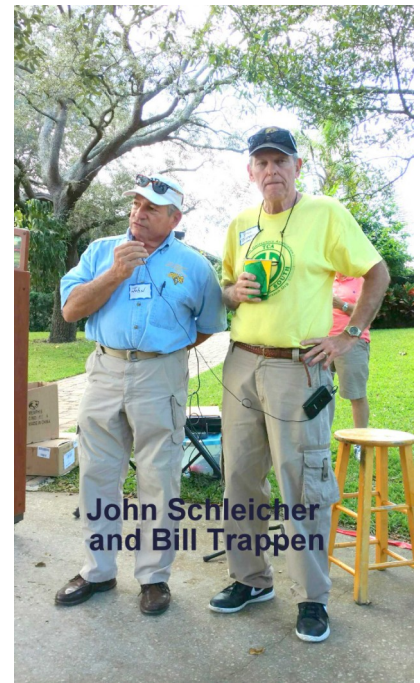




# STILL MORE FUN AT THE PEMBERTONS'



Pembertons' Railroad Fun!



John Schleicher and Bill Trappen



The committee setting up: Richard Tashjian, Mike Mills, Judy Tashjian, and Bill Trappen



Jeff Mayer receives an award for his many years as editor of The Layout.





## Upcoming 2017 Florida Train Meets/Shows

**January 7:** Hernando Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601, 9A-2P (**Regal Railways:** Joe, 727-244-1341, all shows 9A-2P, Adults \$5.00, children 12 and under free; **EARLY BIRD** \$7.00 by reservation 8-9A; Vendors and Model Train Layout; lunch available ([www.regalrailways.com](http://www.regalrailways.com))

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

**January 21-22:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Expo, Martin County Fairgrounds, **Stuart** 34996, 9A-3P, Contact 772-486-0591, email: [mcmr2616@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmr2616@yahoo.com)

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

**February 4-5:** The Villages Winter Train Expo, The Savannah Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32164 (Sat. 9A-4P; Sun. 10A-3P)

**February 11:** Jacksonville Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., **Jacksonville** 32204, 9A-5P (**Golden Spike**, Charles Miller, 703-536-2954 or 386-736-8185, email: [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com); website: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com))

**February 18:** Columbian Club, Inc., 5850 K of C Drive, **Port Richey** 34558 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**March 4:** Hillsborough Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 33527 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**March 25:** Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave, **Fort Pierce** 34982, 10A-3P, see Meet Story in this issue. (**TCA Southern Division**)

**April 8:** Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, above)

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to Jeff Mayer, [jcjmayer@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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  
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### SWITCH LIST



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

Available at the Largo show on January 28: Lionel TCA commemorative ABA F3 w/6 passenger cars - new condition \$375 complete. MTH Premier DL 109 & 110 in MR, new condition \$240 for the pair. MTH Premier C&O turbine \$275. MTH So. ABA E6 & 5 pass as well as Seaboard E8 ABA with 5 pass. Contact Evans Kavallines @ 407-402-3735 or [ekavallines@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ekavallines@cfl.rr.com).

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 33712; 727-867-3465, email: [karen.lucibello@verizon.net](mailto:karen.lucibello@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:mia1@tampabay.rr.com), or snail mail, 1800 Follow-Thru Rd. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710-3724.