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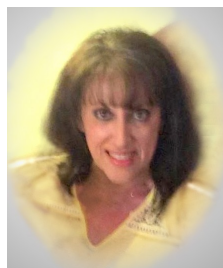
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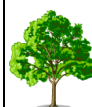
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**Members ~**

**Thank you to the many who changed their receipt  
of *The Layout* from a paper copy to  
an electronic copy.**



**It's a good deal for many reasons:**

- 1) the SD saves printing and postage costs;**
- 2) 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 and graphics in color; and 4) the environment will thank you!**

**Notify Dienzel Dennis if you wish to change.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**2020 TCA National Convention - Jacksonville:** As reported in the last issue of *The Layout*, I will present the SD convention proposal to the TCA National Board of Directors at their meeting during the Pittsburgh Convention in late June. By all accounts, the proposal is expected to be accepted and then the real fun/work begins. I am amazed at how much work goes into planning a national convention and am hoping to pick up ideas and suggestions in Pittsburgh. Speaking of Pittsburgh, I know several SD members are planning to attend, so I'll hope to see you there. This is my first National Convention, and I hear great things.

**September SD Venice Meet cancelled:** Despite the best efforts of SD VP Jay Zschau and past-SD president and current TCA National President Charlie Anyan, we weren't able to put together a team to continue the previously very successful Venice meet, which returns me to another topic from the last issue . . . .

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** We have a great group of people who help keep SD running and help with our meets. However, we're always looking for new blood and more help. Especially needed are the following:

\* **Meet Hosts for Venice or any location** - if you would like to see a train meet in your area, let me know and the SD board will help you put together a team to do it. Buying and selling trains on the internet is easy, but there's nothing like the camaraderie and friendships built upon face-to-face meetings. The beauty of train meets is that those elements grow over time as you see many of the same people each year. Meets also are an excellent chance to showcase some operating layouts and generate interest in our hobby which is essential to the future of train collecting.

\* **SD Board Communications Officer** - Linda Harris has done a great job helping to publicize our various meets for many years. However, she has expressed a desire to turn these duties over to someone else as soon as possible. The job entails working with meet hosts and other SD members to make sure we "get the word out" about our various meets to as many different venues as possible (newspapers, hobby magazines, postcards, flyers, social media, and even billboards have been used in the past). There are a number of stalwart SD members ready, willing and able to help so that this is not an overwhelming task. Also note that the Communications Officer is a voting member of the SD Board of Directors, so you have a chance to participate in the actual running of the division.

So, if you have the time and interest, we'll welcome your involvement. For more about what this could entail, please feel free to email or call me.

Happy Collecting!

Steve

### METCA Division Endowment Fund Challenge

You recently may have seen this in The National Headquarters News. The METCA Division of the TCA has initiated a challenge to support the TCA Endowment Fund. Endowments are an excellent way to assist a non-profit organization on a long-term basis. The principal in the fund is generally kept intact while the investment income is used each year to help support the organization. In order to raise awareness of the TCA Endowment Fund and encourage its growth, the METCA Division challenged TCA's 19 other divisions to each donate \$1,000 to the Fund. METCA will add \$25,000 to that \$19,000; and TCA National has agreed to match METCA's contribution for a total contribution of \$69,000 to the Endowment Fund. Several SD members already have agreed to match donations from our division members; so for every \$1.00 from our members, those benefactors will add an additional \$3.00 toward reaching the \$1,000 goal for our division. If you are willing and able to help, please send your check payable to "TCA – Southern Division" to our treasurer, Mike Powell (1758 Eagle Trace Blvd., Palm Harbor, FL 34685) and note "METCA Challenge" in the memo portion of the check. Thanks in advance for your support!

**TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Business Meeting**  
**March 24, 2017**  
**Fort Pierce, FL**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Steve Johnson, with Secretary Dienzel Dennis calling the roll. Present at the meeting were: Mr. Johnson, President; Jay Zschau, Vice President; Mr. Dennis, Secretary; and Mike Powell, Treasurer. Linda Harris, Communications Officer, Brad Woodward and Charles Anyan, Past Presidents, and Mary Anyan, *The Layout* Editor, were not in attendance. Al Galli, Meet Host, briefly attended to discuss tomorrow's show.

Mr. Dennis reported that the minutes of the January 2017 Largo meeting were approved as distributed by e-mail and printed in the Spring 2017 issue of *The Layout*.

Mr. Galli reported that everything was running smoothly, and a great event is expected tomorrow with over 100 tables to be occupied. Mr. Powell volunteered to pick up the donuts for the table holders in the morning. We discussed meet advertising, meet dates for 2018, and facilities. The board agreed that the Fenn Center is an outstanding venue. Mr. Galli returned to the trading floor to oversee the table set up and greet table holders.

Mr. Johnson presented his report which largely consisted of the Southern Division hosting the 2020 TCA National Convention and the progress that is being made. Chairpersons for all major committees have been selected and have agreed to serve. A logo needs to be designed and a presentation packet prepared to hand out to TCA National Board for their June meeting. A prominent local PR person in Jacksonville has agreed to design the logo at no charge, and Visit Jacksonville (tourism agency) has offered to help with packets.

Mr. Dennis reported: currently the SD has 388 active members, 1 honorary member, 55 deceased members, and 361 inactive listings. These all were on the rolls when he took over as secretary 10 years ago or have been added during that time line. Mr. Dennis thanked Mr. Powell for working so closely with him.

Mr. Powell distributed his report on the 2017 Largo meet. The 2017 budget was presented and unanimously approved as amended during this time. Treasurer reports are listed in each "Layout" as needed.

Due to the absence of those listed in paragraph 1, above, the Communications, Kids Club, TCA National, and *The Layout* reports all were deferred.

The 2017 Jacksonville meet is progressing positively under Chuck Bryner's leadership. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed: "Jay Zschau will head up a committee, contacting Charlie Anyan and Brad Woodward, in attempting to organize and operate the meet in Venice in September. If they do not have a solid plan presented to the board by April 14, then the Venice meet will be cancelled." We continued to discuss an Orlando-area train meet and who may be a possibility to serve as meet host.

Mr. Johnson reported an offer from several SD members to match contributions toward meeting the METCA Division Challenge for a donation to the TCA National endowment fund. He will work on an announcement encouraging SD members to contribute individually. This may be done through a GoFundMe account and/or e-blast.

Possible candidates for the vacant Communications Officer's position were discussed, with no decision made.

After brief discussion, the board tabled the Meet Host duties booklet. More work will be completed before it is revisited.

Mr. Zschau presented a precise handout concerning our By-Laws update recommendation. He will continue this project, reporting to the board and requesting their input on a continuous basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Dienzel Dennis, Secretary  
TCA SD

## 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 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 your submissions directly to Steve: [Sjohnson@fljdcpa.com](mailto:Sjohnson@fljdcpa.com), and he'll get them to Linda to post. Thanks for your help!

## Take the e\*Train!

**e-Train**, the online magazine of the Train Collectors Association, is running full steam - and you can help continue its success. If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to [www.tcaetrain.org](http://www.tcaetrain.org).

**SD President Steve Johnson and his family recently spent a wonderful weekend at the North Carolina Transportation Museum. (additional photos next page)**



**Left:** They witnessed the unveiling of the newly restored "Texas" (shown on a turntable). The train (along with the "General") was involved in the great locomotive chase from the Civil War. The "Texas" was restored in Spencer, NC, and was to be put on a flatbed truck and hauled back to Atlanta for display in the new Atlanta Historical Center along with the cyclorama painting of the Battle of Atlanta.



**Left:** Steve and his oldest son Skip rode on the jump seats behind the cab of the N&W #611. (Note the size comparison between the #611 and the "Texas" on the right.)

**Right:** Steve and grand-daughter Naeomi in front of the "Texas." Steve says Naeomi loves Thomas and all things train related, making her grandpa a happy man!







**Left:** the N&W #611 built in May 1950 - one of the last J Class steam streamliners (owned by the Virginia Transportation Museum but pictured here at the NC Transportation Museum)

**Right:** Steve at the throttle of the Lehigh Valley Coal #126 steam switch engine



And from the York spring meet, Charlie Anyan captured these photos:



**Left:** items for the Great White Tent Sale  
**Right:** Look who's "first" on line at the sale - SD's own Roy Lash, Bill Miller, and Dave Zitnik!



**Right two:** National's booth in the Orange Hall (L-R): Maria (seated), Tammy Hersh, and Russ Keil



**Right:** famous artist Angela Trotta Thomas and husband Bob



**Right:** some of Angela's paintings





## **Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows**

**July 1:** Lions Club Show, First Christian Church, 1908 SE Fort King, **Ocala** 34471, 9A-3P, contact Bob Chadwick 352-694-6381. Call to confirm event.

**July 8:** 60th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (**Golden Spike**, Charles W. Miller, 3106 N. Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22213, 703-536-2954, email: [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com))

**August 4-6:** National Model Railroad Association Convention, The Rosen Plaza, 9700 International Dr., **Orlando** 32819 [https://www.NMRAStores.com/Company\\_Store/](https://www.NMRAStores.com/Company_Store/)

**August 19-20:** The Villages Model Train Expo, The Savannah Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32164 (Sat. 9A– 4P, Sun. 10A-3P), contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, [sammathis@bellsouth.net](mailto:sammathis@bellsouth.net) or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079, [cbyrd@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cbyrd@cfl.rr.com).

**August 26:** Lopez Hall (former K of C), 7177 58th St. North, **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**: [joe@regalrailways.com](mailto:joe@regalrailways.com); 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))

**September 2:** Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Train Show** [Schultzspacecoastrains.com](http://Schultzspacecoastrains.com), 321-805-1963)

**September 30:** Hernando Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601; 9A-2P (**Regal Railways**, above)

**September 30:** Pembroke Pines Charter School - Central Campus, 12350 Sheridan St., **Pembroke Pines** 33026, 9A-3P (**Florida Citrus Model Train Society**, 954-253-0413, [sarge40@aol.com](mailto:sarge40@aol.com), <http://www.fcmts.org>) Adults, \$4 donation; children free. Always call to confirm events.

**October 14:** Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indian Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**November 18:** Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd., **Jacksonville** 32224, 10A-3P, details in the next issue (**TCA Southern Division**)

**November 18:** Brevard Train Expo, Ted Whitlock Community Center, 1951 Malabar Rd., **Palm Bay** 32907, 9A-2P, 321-914-3888, [dave\\_hastings@rocketmail.com](mailto:dave_hastings@rocketmail.com). Admission \$5. Always call to confirm events.

**December 2:** Lopez Hall (former K of C) 7177 58th St. North, **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

**December 2:** Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Train Show**, above)

**January 27, 2018:** Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave., **Largo** 33773, 10A-3P (**TCA Southern Division**)

**Please send notices of upcoming Florida train shows to  
Jeff Mayer, [jcmayer@gmail.com](mailto:jcmayer@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 *The 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 already have evidenced an interest in trains by attending the show. We are looking for TCA SD members to assist in that distribution. If you plan to attend any train-related meets, shows or other events, please contact **TCA SD Vice President Jay Zschau** (email: [jayz@penningtonlaw.com](mailto:jayz@penningtonlaw.com) or phone 727-784-8490 and let him know. Jay will get flyers to you to take to the meet and leave out for others. If possible, please give Jay at least a week or more notice to ensure he has time to get the appropriate flyers to you.

Thanks for your help!

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**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.

**The deadline for articles, photos, etc. for the next issue of *The Layout* is September 1, 2017. Thank you.**