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Brad Woodward shares his "training" wisdom with grandson Garrett.

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JACKSONVILLE MEET**



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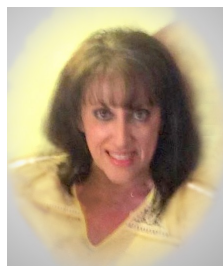
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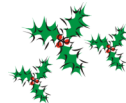


It's a good deal for many reasons:

- 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 the photos and graphics in color; and**
- 4) the environment will thank you!**

**Check out the Southern Division Website:
www.tcasoutherndivision.org**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this, Thanksgiving is over and preparations for Christmas are well underway in our household. The tree is up and partially decorated. My incentive to finish decorating is that once done, I can put my trains around the tree and this year I have plans for two – one Lionel Standard Gauge and one O Gauge. Of course, by the time this goes to print and you read it, the 2017 holidays almost will be happy memories and we'll be headed into the New Year.

We have two great meets coming up - January 27th in Largo and February 24th in Fort Pierce (Meet Stories in this issue). Both promise to be great shows, so I hope to see many of you there. Mike Mills also is working on organizing a meet for the Orlando area in September with several viable venues identified in the airport area. More on that in the next issue as we hope to make a final decision at our January Board meeting in Largo.

Plans for the 2020 TCA National Convention are coalescing with input from a very dedicated convention committee. As previously announced, that convention will be held June 21-27, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency on the riverfront in downtown Jacksonville. Ideas currently are circulating for a variety of convention cars with Bill Trappen leading the efforts for the Southern Division. Bill is coordinating with Stu Rankin, the TCA National Convention Car Chair. Some ideas include a Navy theme (for Jacksonville's Naval Air Station and Naval Station Mayport) as well as the many Florida based railroads including the FEC and CSX. If there is some thing in particular you would like to see please let us know!

As time gets closer to the 2020 convention, we'll need an army of volunteers to help with everything from load in and out (trading floor) to security to tour escorts. If you are interested in helping, please let me know as I am beginning to compile a list. In the meantime, we're also always looking for volunteers to help out our Southern Division in many different capacities, particularly Meet Hosts (see Jay's article on the next page) and a Communications Officer. So, if you have the time and interest, we welcome your involvement. For more about what this could entail, please email, call me or stop and chat with me at one of our upcoming meets.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year; and, as always -

"Happy Collecting!"

Steve



SD on Facebook!

Check out the Southern Division's Facebook page. It was created and is maintained by Linda Johnson, wife of President Steve Johnson. Search for **Train Collector's Association-Southern Division**. 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, and he'll get them to Linda to post. Thanks for your help!



Take the e*Train!

Check out e*Train, the online magazine of the Train Collectors Association. If you have an idea for an article or photos you'd like to share, submit them to www.tcaetrain.org.



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Expanding Train Shows in the Southern Division

In an effort to make Southern Division (SD) train shows more available to our members, the SD is expanding its reach to new locations. To accomplish this, we must have local leaders who can stimulate interest among local members and helpers in setting up the show. The person in charge is known as the Train Show Meet Host (MH).

You might ask, "What must the Meet Host do?" It's important to note that the MH has no financial requirements at the meet. All expenses authorized by the division president or his designee will be reimbursed by the SD on or after the train meet.

The main duties of the meet host are to: 1) receive checks and assign members' desired tables; 2) coordinate with the owner or manager of the hall to ensure tables are laid out according to the meet host's plan; 3) compile an alphabetical list of table holders and helpers at least five (5) days prior to the meet so that name badges can be prepared; and 4) ensure that all materials and unused supplies are returned to the storage location for use at the next meet.

The MH also is responsible for verification of items that normally are performed by volunteers or division officers. This involves: 1) ensuring that local advertising is done (distributing flyers to hobby shops, train shops, and other train meets, etc.); 2) ensuring that the SD Communications Officer handles notification to the National Headquarters news, Classic Toy Trains and O Gauge Railroading; 3) verifying that an e-blast is sent by the national TCA office to all TCA members in the SD; 4) designating an official photographer for the meet; 5) identifying volunteers for the front desk; 6) ensuring that signs are placed on streets around the meet location; and 7) arranging for coffee and doughnuts, enough to last until 9 a.m.

Now is a great time to get involved in the leadership of the SD. We have many positive plans for the division. If you're interested, call or e-mail me or Steve Johnson at the contact information on page 2 of *The Layout*.

"Keep trainin'!"
Jay



The Layout Quarterly Quiz



This column will be submitted for at least the next year in our Quarterly.

You all have heard of the original postwar Alaska Set. It was catalogued in 1959 as outfit #1611. It contained the Alaska switch engine, the Alaska gondola and the Alaska caboose, plus two other non-Alaska cars. The trouble is, in order to get the 6464 Alaska boxcar or the Alaska hopper, you had to buy other sets (a practice that Lionel became infamous for in later years) or buy them separately. Collectors typically got rid of the cheap tank car and flat car that came with the set and substituted the Alaskan cars, making an all-Alaskan set.

Now, the quiz question is: Can you put together another post-war set of another railroad that only has an engine and those same four freight cars with only that railroad name on it? I could only find one. For example, if the engine is New York Central, all of the cars have to be New York Central. They must be regularly produced cars, not prototypes or "one of a kind." They can be catalogued or not. Hint: Lionel never made a total set (post-war) that only had all cars of the same railroad. Your choices will have to come from several different sets or separate-sale items. The answer is tougher than you think!

The winner is the first one to email me with the answer. The winner gets recognition as a Quiz Champion and becomes our first post-war Lionel Expert. The answer will appear in the next newsletter.

Do you have a quiz for *The Layout*? If so, email it to me and we'll try to include it in the next newsletter. If you submit a quiz, you hopefully have the correct answer!!

Largo Meet Story, January 27, 2018
(early set up on Friday the 26th)



The SD's first meet of 2018 again will be held at the Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773.

Set Up for table holders will be Friday 1-5 pm and Saturday 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 the 26th, 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 hectic during Friday set up and the morning of the meet to handle administrative duties.

Meet Host: Charlie Anyan, canyan1@tampabay.rr.com, 727-345-0288; call cell 727-459-8681 on the 26th and 27th.

Meet Hours: 9 am to TCA members; 10 am - 3 pm to the public

Members' Meeting: Saturday the 27th at 9:30 am

Admission: \$5.00/person with free admission to a child 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

Activities: 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 on sale at the Minnreg.

Hotel: Tampa Bay Extended Stay Hotel, 6500 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33771, 727-532-4800, www.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. Make a reservation NLT January 24 to get the following rates: \$73.44 single, \$84.74 double.



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.

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 6:30-8:30 pm on Friday the 26th. Sandwiches, beverages, snacks and desserts will be offered.

www.zitniktrains.com

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/south of 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.





Fort Pierce Meet Story February 24, 2018

The Havert L. Fenn Center again will serve as the host venue for our 2018 train meet. Members who attended the 2017 show were well pleased.

Table Holder set up will be Friday the 23rd 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.

Several operating layouts will be on display, but there is room for many more. If anyone wishes 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. It's been confirmed that the Savannah Classic Car Club will display their cool cars in the parking lot concurrent with our show. So, there will be **two** events for **one** admission price!

Hotel: There is no designated meet hotel but several, reasonably priced, are located at I-95 Exit 129.

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 the 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 the building on the left.

Vegazos' 10th Annual



Open House / Classic Car Show





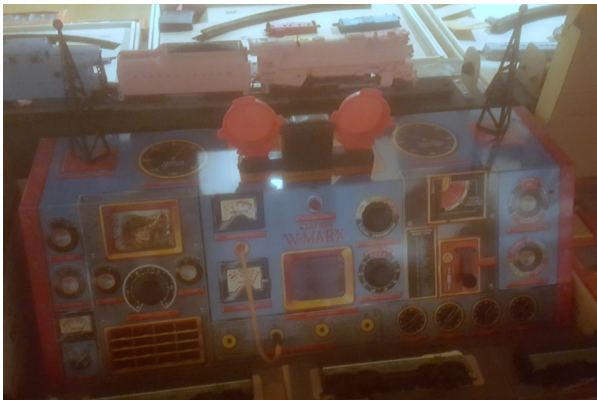
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Rosemary
Trappen



Look at these beauties!





Jacksonville 2017

(additional photos on pp. 9 & 10)

Left and Right:
Brad Woodward and "daddy"
patiently waited while this little
guy, who completed the
Scavenger Hunt (a HUGE hit
which also increased Kids Club
membership), carefully made
his selection. It was a tough
decision but, finally ~
SUCCESS!



Above: 2020 TCA National Convention Chairmen
Kneeling, L-R: Steve Molnar, Larry Shugart, Chuck Bryner
Standing, L-R: Brad Woodward, Bill Trappen, Mike Mills,
Fred Gorbell, Lloyd Lippert, Steve Johnson



Above (L-R): Patti Snyder and Kaycee
Bryner handled the registration table.



Left: Roy Lash
took a break to
eat some bananas
- LOTS of
bananas!



Nadine and David D'Ardenne



Above: Dick and Mary Guennette

Right
and
below:
Ocala
Model
Rail-
roaders
Historic
Preser-
vation
Society





Above: Bill Howes and Steve Vertescher



Chuck Whittle (wearing the hat) making a deal

Below (double trouble): Mike Powell and Chuck Bryner



Above: Atlantic Coast S Gaugers, Northern Florida Division



Barb and Greg Christian and their fun display



Left: Clark Vegazo, George Allen, Paul Daly



Left: Rosemary and Bill Trappen



Triple trouble: Charlie Anyan, Jay Zschau, Steve Johnson



2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows



January 6: Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**: 727-244-1341; all shows 9A-2P, Adults \$5, children 12 and under free; **EARLY BIRD** \$7 by reservation; vendors and model train layout; lunch available Joe_@regalrailways.com; www.regalrailways.com)

January 13-14: 62nd 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; website www.gserr.com)

January 20: Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood** 34223 (**Regal Railways**, above)

January 20-21: Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy., **Stuart** 34996 9A-3P both days (contact Bill Smet 847-331-0440, email cgwbill@aol.com)

January 27: Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave., **Largo** 33773, 10A-3P *Meet Story in this issue!* (TCA SD)

February 3-4: Model Train Show & Sale, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162, Feb. 3, 9A-4P; Feb. 4, 10A-3P. Contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, sammathis@bellsouth.net, or Cecil Byrd 352-693-4079 (thevillagesmodeltrainclub.com)

February 10: Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., **Jacksonville** 32204 (**Golden Spike**, above)

February 17: New Lake Civic Association, 8330 Civic Rd., **Port Richey** 34668 (**Regal Railways**, above)

February 24: Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., **Fort Pierce** 34982, 10A-3P *Meet Story in this issue!* (TCA SD)

February 24: Columbian Club of Osceola Cty., 2000 Neptune Rd., **Kissimmee** 34749 (**Regal Railways**, above)

March 3: Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**, 321-805-1953, schultzspacecoastrains.com)

March 3: First Christian Church, 1908 SE Fort King, **Ocala** 34471 9A-3P (**Lions Club**, contact Bob Chadwick, 352-694-6381)

March 10: US Army National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 34429 (**Regal Railways**, above)

March 24: Hillsborough Cty. Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 34429 (**Regal Railways**, above)

April 7: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (**Regal Railways**, above)

April 14: 63rd Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 Contact Charles W. Miller 703-536-2954, rrshows@aol.com (**Golden Spike**)

May 19: Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**, above)

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 *The 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 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 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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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.

I am always looking to buy pre-war, post-war and modern era O gauge trains as well as G Gauge and Marklin trains. I am in Hobe Sound in Southeast Florida. Contact Al Galli, 772-219-7653 email: algalli@embarqmail.com

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**The deadline for articles, photos, etc.
for the next issue of *The Layout* is
March 1, 2018. Thank you.**