



Lake Nona Events
and Meet Photos

Right:
volunteers
setting up
tables at
7 a.m.



Below: 5 of
the 7 SD
board of
directors
during the
meeting - the
other two
"Zoomed" in

Arlene Setzer, first lady of the SD,
also attended.



Above: two cutie pie attendees



Above: Augie Staebler receives the Tinsplate Tycoon
Award from Bill Trappen (*congratulations, Augie!*)

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"Like" and "Follow" them.**

*From Charlie and Mary Anyan: With bittersweet emotions, we announce that we moved from Florida. We wished to be closer to family, so we'll live part time in Illinois and part time in Montana. The SD BOD gave its permission for Charlie to continue serving on the board and for Mary to remain *The Layout* editor. We enjoyed the past 28 years in Florida and will miss wonderful people and fabulous weather, but it's time to begin the next chapter. Thank you, all, for your friendship, support and kindness.*

**President's Perspective
by Mike Setzer**

The TCA National Convention was held this past August in California. My wife and I did not attend; but from what I've heard, it was a great success.

Last month, the Southern Division held its first indoor train show in 19 months in Lake Nona (Orlando area), and what a treat it was to reconnect in person with members and friends, longstanding and new. The Friday evening dinner and Show & Tell were great fun, the meet was well attended, and the photos in this newsletter reflect the true spirit of toy train collecting. Major kudos go to Mike Mills, Bill Trappen and everyone else who pitched in to make this happen.

As you'll see on page 11, the next indoor meet is scheduled for January 22, 2022, in Fort Pierce, and then we're in the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center on February 12. Don't forget to stay an extra day for Zitnik Trains' spring outdoor meet on the 13th. And if you wish, stay in the area to watch Super Bowl LVI with other SDers!

It may seem early, but the 2025 TCA Convention in Jacksonville will be here before we know it. The Southern Division legally is committed to hosting this convention. Steve Johnson, who volunteered to host the 2020 convention and then spent innumerable hours planning for that event, has stated that he will be unavailable to host in 2025. Many of the committee chairpersons and volunteers from 2020 also cannot commit to 2025. To reiterate Mike Mills's "Vice President's Viewpoint" in the summer issue of *The Layout*, this is a call for SD members to step up and volunteer. This is your division, and we need a great many people in a variety of capacities to make the convention work. If we can count on you, please reach out to me or any other board member.

Stay safe and I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our next meet.

Mike

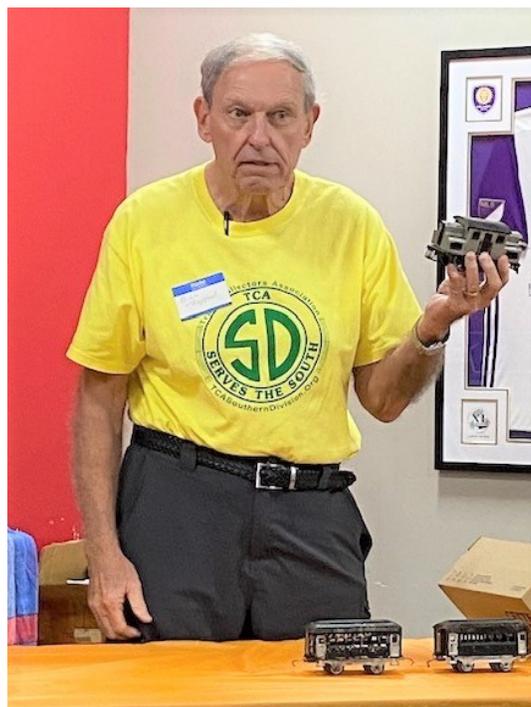
**Vice President's Viewpoint
by Mike Mills**

As Southern Division VP and one of the hosts of the Lake Nona Train Show, I take this opportunity to thank all of our members who took tables as well as those who attended. We truly had a great meet and entertaining Show & Tell and dinner. Thanks go to: my co-host Bill Trappen and our Board Of Directors; all the folks who provided operating train displays including our SD members Kishor Pendas and Todd Davis; Chris Eirich and Mike Powell; Jeff Mayer for the use of his test track. In addition, a big shout out goes to the folks who ran the check-in table: Barbara Mills and our neighbors and friends, along with Rosemary Trappen and Linda Mixon. It would be impossible to have a show without them. And thanks to our beautiful venue: XL Soccer World and its manager, Grace. Many thanks also go to: Show & Tell/dinner caterer, Giovanni's; Glen and Travis at Orlando Party Rental; Trevor at St. Cloud Printing; and Poppa Joe's Hot Dogs. And we can't forget our young set-up helpers, C. J. Kalil and Evan Rodgers. Additional thanks go to Tony of Roundhouse South for his generous door prize gift certificate.

Hope to see all of you next year.

Mike

Lake Nona
Show & Tell Photos



**Minutes – TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
August 6, 2021**

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held August 6, 2021, beginning at 2:00 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following SD board members participating: President Mike Setzer; Vice President Mike Mills; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past Presidents Steve Johnson and Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present. Invited guests participating: TCA SD Webmaster Bill Porter and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan

Mike Setzer provided a 2021 convention (August 18-22) update: 1) He is not planning to attend, and TCA President Elect Jay Zschau is the only SD member attending of whom he is aware. He contacted TCA national and was told that reimbursement for all BOD members no longer will be honored. If he is required to attend any meetings, they will be conducted via Zoom. 2) As of this date, 113 registrations have been received. 3) It is his understanding that as of this date, planned tours are still a go; however, with the resurgence of the pandemic, California may impose restrictions on residents and visitors. 4) The updated national website is scheduled to be “rolled out” at the convention. 5) He thanked Charlie Anyan for his donation to the convention from the Southern Division of a “5484” engine and tender. The “54” represents the year in which TCA was formed, and the “84” represents the TCA’s 30-year anniversary.

Mr. Setzer advised the board of his voting record regarding various TCA national topics. Discussions ensued, and the board unanimously supported Mr. Setzer and asked him to continue to keep the board updated.

Mike Mills reported that as a result of his request in the summer newsletter for volunteers to assist with the September 18 train meet, he received no replies.

Dienzel Dennis reported that 346 Active, 495 Inactive and 94 Deceased members currently are reflected on the SD roster.

Mike Powell discussed the 2021 Second Quarter Treasurer's Report which previously had been emailed to the board.

Motion: Approve the 2021 Second Quarter Treasurer’s Report, without changes. Motion unanimously passed.

Bill Trappen reported that he: 1) prepared and sent to the printer the excel file with the names and mailing addresses for the snail mail version of the summer newsletter; 2) prepared the SD Ad and Meet Schedule for the September issue of the TCA National HQ News with a tentative November Jacksonville Meet included and then a few weeks later found out that the Jacksonville meet was canceled and redid the schedule and the ad which were submitted to the editor just in time before the issue went to press; 3) prepared the announcement for the Orlando meet for the Railserve.com train show listing site; 4) had 500 copies of the Orlando meet flyer printed, most of which were taken to the Melbourne and Deland train shows for the public to pick up; 5) helped Mike Mills with advertising and firming up details for the Orlando meet and show-and-tell party/dinner which included many changes from normal SD Meet timetables due to the lack of Friday night access to the venue; 6) provided input and reviewed Orlando meet info for draft issues of *The Layout*; 7) prepared appropriate timely announcements for Bill Porter to post on the website re Orlando meet venue and timetable changes, Jacksonville meet status changes and info on other train shows.

Bill Porter reported: 1) The website is operating well and as expected. 2) The SD recently had an interesting situation. Someone sent a request for ‘in stock’ information about our 2020 Convention towers. They had entered data into an online order form and wanted to be sure we had a tower before they authorized payment. That was a problem since the towers are entirely sold out. I asked how they could access the order form since all of the ordering forms are disconnected from our website. It turns out that they had used Google to search for the form page. It didn’t matter that the page was clearly marked “**TEST**” in red letters or that there were no links to the page. Since the page remained on our server, even if it was not linked into the site, Google could find it and provide access. That page has since been removed from the server. Other old and no longer used pages also have been removed. There is an ongoing project to find all of the pages and other content that exist on our server and are no longer part of the site. One source of such items occurs when an image is updated. If the name of the revised photo is the same as the original photo, some browsers will not refresh the rendered data without the owner going through hoops. Usually, I change the name of the image file (slightly) and update the HTML reference text to match. In that case, there really ought to be no requirement to remove the old photo. There are other instances where old data can exist on the server without affecting the site. Now, I need to clean up the old files. It takes awhile as there is no routine way to know which files are and are not used.

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Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom, August 6, 2021 (cont'd.)

Mary Anyan reported: 1) The summer newsletter was eblasted to SD members on July 3. 2) Per approval of President Setzer, the summer newsletter was eblasted to the: TCA national president; TCA president-elect; TCA vice president; TCA business manager; TCA library staff; and TCA board of directors. Future issues will be sent to them as well. 3) There will be no "Spotlight" article in the fall issue of the newsletter. 4) Items for the fall issue, traditionally issued on/after October 1: a) are due to the editor by September 1; however, if the board wishes to include Lake Nona meet photos, as well as minutes from the September 17 BOD meeting, I propose delaying the distribution date of the issue until those items can be included. The board unanimously approved delaying the distribution. b) Mrs. Anyan asked for the board's permission to include a brief mention of her and Charlie's move from Florida and include that Charlie will remain on the SD BOD, and she will remain editor of *The Layout*. The board approved this request. c) The fall issue will contain Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park Table Registration Forms. 5) As the Anyans are moving out of Florida, a discussion ensued as to whose address should appear on the last page of the newsletters, beginning with the fall issue. The board discussed and agreed that the post office box maintained by Treasurer Mike Powell will replace the Anyans' home address. 6) The winter 2022 issue will contain the Fort Pierce and Pinellas Park meet stories.

Mike Mills and Bill Trappen reported on the September 18, 2021, Lake Nona (Orlando area) train meet: Mr. Mills stated that as of this date, 19 tables have been requested and paid for by 6 vendors, and 8 registrations have been received for the Show & Tell. A discussion followed, with the board agreeing that at this point the meet should be held. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available, and if social distancing needs to be in place, it will be. Mr. Mills reported that currently: 6 layouts will be displayed at the meet; a volunteer group (USO of Central Florida) agreed to assist with whatever tasks are required; he will update banners which advertise the meet; the balance for the XL Soccer Lake Nona venue is due NLT September 17.

The November 20, 2021, Jacksonville meet officially is canceled. Steve Johnson reported that he contacted Chuck Bryner who advised that he no longer will serve as a meet host but is willing to serve in an advisory capacity to future meet hosts. Mr. Johnson will contact other Jacksonville area SD members who might be willing to host and also research other venues as the Morocco Shrine Center was sold.

The January 22, 2022, Fort Pierce train show was discussed. Mary Anyan reported that she emailed a draft meet flyer and table registration form to meet host Al Galli, and he approved both. Mike Setzer volunteered to phone Mr. Galli to offer to assist with that show.

February 12, 2022, Tampa Bay (Pinellas Park) Train Show: 1) Mary Anyan reported that the signed contract and venue deposit were provided to meet host Guy Ateniese, and he advised he personally delivered them to his contact at the City of Pinellas Park. Mrs. Anyan reported that she emailed a draft meet flyer and table registration form to Mr. Ateniese, and he approved both.

As the Anyans no longer will attend SD train meets, Mike Powell asked them to list their duties at these meets. They previously emailed these responsibilities to the board, which were discussed and resolved.

Charlie Anyan and Steve Johnson are coordinating efforts regarding the contents of administrative ("admin") bins at each train meet and upon completion will email the board.

Bill Trappen previously had emailed the board regarding engineer caps for train meet children's door prizes. After discussion, the board agreed that the division should purchase two dozen caps.

Mike Setzer reported that a formal letter was sent to him by an SD member who lives in south Florida volunteering to host a meet and follow up with a local fairground as the venue. The board discussed this, agreed, and Mr. Setzer volunteered to phone this member to encourage that effort.

The board discussed the 2025 TCA National Convention scheduled to be held in Jacksonville. Mike Setzer reported that various SD members have contacted him to volunteer their services. The board will reach out to other SD members to solicit their assistance.

Mike Setzer proposed to the board that the SD schedule an SD member and guest train trip event, similar to the one held in Tavares, Florida, several years ago. After discussion, it was agreed that this sounds like a worthwhile idea to pursue.

Adjournment: 4:15 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted: Dienzel Dennis, Secretary

Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting
Lake Nona, FL
September 17, 2021

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held September 17, 2021, beginning at 3:00 PM EDT. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following SD board members participating: President Mike Setzer; Vice President Mike Mills; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen; and Past Presidents Steve Johnson and Charlie Anyan (both via Zoom). A quorum was present. Invited guests participating were: SD Legal Counsel Jay Zschau; Pinellas Park Meet Host Guy Ateniese; and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan (all three via Zoom).

Mike Setzer reported that longtime TCA National business manager Tammy Hersh resigned. At this time, additional details are unknown. He also reported that although he was unable to attend the 2021 convention, various sources mentioned that it was a success; and the Southern Division compliments the Western Division members and volunteers for their efforts.

Mike Mills reported that in his "Vice President's Viewpoint" column in the summer issue of *The Layout*, he requested volunteers to assist at the Lake Nona meet. Other than table holders and BOD members, no other SD or TCA members attending the meet volunteered.

Dienzel Dennis reported that 350 Active, 494 Inactive and 95 Deceased members currently are reflected in the most up-to-date SD roster.

Mike Powell reported on the 2021 Second Quarter Treasurer's Report which will be included in the fall issue of the newsletter. He advised that in the next BOD meeting, he will report on the third quarter report and also prepare the 2022 budget for the board's review.

Bill Trappen reported that he: 1) prepared the SD ad and meet schedule for the October digital issue of the TCA National HQ Newsletter; 2) had more copies printed of the Orlando meet flyer which he took to the September 4th Melbourne train show for the public to pick up and also solicited table holders; 3) prepared and posted announcements for the Orlando train show on the TTML, OGR Forum, Model Train Journal and Orlando Craigslist sites; 4) prepared the Orlando meet message for the TCA e-blast; 5) prepared the door prize coupon/ attendee survey form for the Orlando meet and had 200 sheets printed with two copies on each sheet; and 6) helped Mike Mills with planning and last-minute details for the Orlando meet.

Mary Anyan reported: 1) She requests a quick turnaround time on the minutes for the board's review and approval as the final minutes will be included in the fall newsletter. 2) She asked that all Lake Nona event and meet photos be emailed to her as soon as possible as they, too, will be included in the fall newsletter. She reminded them to ask a parent/guardian for permission to use their child/ren's photo, and caption photos, if necessary. 3) A first draft of the fall newsletter was emailed to the BOD on 9/15/21.

Mike Mills and Bill Trappen reported on the September 18, 2021, Lake Nona (Orlando area) train meet. Mr. Mills stated that as of this date, 68 tables have been sold and paid for by 20 vendors, and 23 registrations have been received for the Show & Tell and dinner. Mr. Mills reported that currently, G, Z and O scale layouts will be on display at the meet plus a vintage Marklin layout. He reported that massive social media marketing was conducted, and he participated in radio interviews. A disc jockey from one of those interviews plans to attend the meet and interview table holders and attendees.

As the November 2021 Jacksonville meet officially is canceled, Steve Johnson reported that he has been in touch with other Jacksonville area SD members who might be willing to group host a meet in 2022. He reported that the group may prefer a September or October date rather than November for hosting a meet.

Mike Setzer reported that as of this date, the January 22, 2022, Fort Pierce meet is a go. The table registration form will be included with the winter issue of the newsletter.

Guy Ateniese reported on the February 12, 2022, Tampa Bay (Pinellas Park) Train Show, and the Table Registration Form will be included in the fall and winter issues of the newsletter.

Jay Zschau reported that the TCA rebranding efforts have been placed on hold as Jim Burke and John DeSantis currently are working on a TCA recruitment effort project.

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Jay Zschau reported that the proposal to change the TCA Board of Directors from 22 to 9 members was voted down. At this time, TCA president Stuart Rankin wishes to re-establish the governance committee. A motion previously was made to eliminate the President Elect and Immediate Past President positions and will be voted on in the spring of 2022.

Bill Trappen stated that two dozen engineer caps were purchased to give as children's prizes at train meets.

Mike Setzer reported that he will contact the SD member who requested a train meet in south Florida and provide an update at the next BOD meeting.

Mike Setzer continues to request a convention chairman and volunteers for the 2025 Jacksonville Convention. As the Southern Division legally is bound to host this convention, a great many volunteers are needed.

Bill Trappen raised the subject of a definite train meet during the 2022 "train season" (November-December). He proposed reversing the dates of the Jacksonville and Orlando meets. Steve Johnson requested that before the board makes a decision regarding switching the months, he will email the Jacksonville group and solicit more input on the dates; and the board approved his request.

Bill Trappen reported that a Tinplate Tycoon Award will be presented to a deserving SD member during the business meeting prior to the actual meet in Lake Nona.

Adjournment: 4:08 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted:
Dienzel Dennis, Secretary



*continuing the Lake Nona
Meet/Event Photos . . .*



and still more Lake Nona
Meet/Event Photos . . .



Photos from Steve and Linda Johnson's recent vacation

Below and right: They rode the Empire Builder overnight to Glacier Park and back to Seattle. They stayed at the historic Glacier Park Lodge built by the Great Northern Railroad and took a scenic float raft on the Flathead River.



Left: Golden Spike National Historical Park in Promontory, Utah, is home to one of the greatest Technological achievements of the 19th century - the completion of the first transcontinental railroad across the United States. Daily re-enactments are held of the meeting of the Central Pacific's Jupiter and the Union Pacific's No. 119.

Visitors to the park can see the location of the Last Spike Site, 1869 railroad construction features, walk or drive on the original railroad grade, and get an up-close view of Victorian era replica locomotives.



They also visited the historic UP depot in Boise, ID, where a 1940s era Mikado 2-8-2 steam engine is on display. They headed to the Oregon coast to drive Highway 101 and ride the Oregon Coast Scenic RR and the Mt. Hood RR.

Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows, 2021-2022

Check first with the meet/show hosts for the latest updates by phoning or referring to websites.

2021

Oct. 2: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 10A-6P, Charles Miller 703-536,2954, rshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com (**Golden Spike**)

Oct. 14-16: **NMRA Sunshine Region** Convention II, John Trinkle Center, Plant City Campus of HCC, 1206 N. Park Rd., **Plant City** 33566, www.sunshineregion.org

Oct. 21-23: York Fairgrounds, York, PA

Oct. 23: Halloween Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St., N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 9A-2P, Adults \$5, children under 12 free; early bird \$7 (reservation 8-9A), Joe 727-244-1341; joe@regalrailways.com (**Regal Railways**)

Nov. 6: Train Show, First Christian Church, 1908 E. Ft. King St., **Ocala** 34471, 9A-2P, contact Bob at 352-694-6381 or 813-203-3216 (cell), \$5/ person; bring a canned food item for \$1 off admission. (**Silver Springs Lions Club**)

Nov. 7: Zitnik Trains Fall Parking Lot Swap Meet & Open House, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-1P) pre-registration required, 727-201-9668 (**Zitnik Trains**)

Nov. 13: Partnering with the Artistry Show, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781, 9A-5P (**Regal Railways**)

Nov. 20-21: Train Show, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 W. Palmetto Park Rd., **Boca Raton** 33486, Sat. 9A-3P; Sun. 12-3P, \$8 Adults, under 12 free (**South Florida Railway Museum**)

Dec. 4: Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P, call 321-805-1963, schultzspacecoasttrains@aol.com (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)

Dec. 11: Train Show/Swap Meet, Hillsborough County Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., **Dover** 33527 (**Regal Railways**)

Dec. 18-19: Barberville Pioneer Settlement Yule Time Train Show, 1776 Lightfoot Ln., **Barberville** 32105, 386-749-2959; www.pioneer settlement.org (**Barberville Pioneer Settlement**)

2022

Jan. 8-9: Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 10A-6P, Charles Miller 703-536,2954, rshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com (**Golden Spike**)

Jan. 15-16: Annual Train Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, **Stuart** 34996, 9A-3P both days; contact Gary Hawken 772-692-9017, hawkenqa1@outlook.com (**Martin County Model Railroaders**)

Jan. 22: Fort Pierce (Southern Division) (Meet Story and table registration form in the winter newsletter)

Feb. 12: Tampa Bay Area (Pinellas Park) (Southern Division) (Meet Story in the winter newsletter)

Feb.13: Zitnik Trains Spring Parking Lot Swap Meet & Open House, 5193 73rd Ave. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (9A-1P) pre-registration required, 727-201-9668 (**Zitnik Trains**)

[Feb. 13 - Super Bowl LVI, kickoff scheduled for 6:30 PM EST]

Please send notices of upcoming Florida train meets/shows to Mary Anyan, maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com.

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Charlie Anyan, 618-416-0831,
canyan1@tampabay.rr.com

TCA Skytop Observation Car + TCA A & B Shells. **All mint.** Asking \$200 for all. Vince Coffman, 407-678-7448

For Sale: Williams #803 and #804. New York Central 80-ft. Painted and Plated 6-car Passenger Sets. Mint/ Never Run. Original New packaging. \$355 each. Shipping and Insurance included! Stuart Horn, 860-543-9060 stujhorn@gmail.com, 7345 Marbella Echo Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33446

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

For Sale: 5 pairs O-22 switchers, no controllers - \$40/pr; 1 pr. American Flyer switchers 26744 w/box - \$16; 771 AF replicating stockyard w/controller and cows - \$60.
Jeff Sawyer, 904-891-7395 or jeff.sawyerriviera@att.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. Al Galli, 772-219-7653, algalli@embarqmail.com

Wanted by Alaska Railroad Collector, Lionel Alaska #9117 TCA marked black covered hopper from 1978. Comes with no box. Any condition accepted except completely destroyed.
Don Fleishman, 772-281-2316

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

Switch List is a free service to members in good standing of the TCA and SD. Send your ad (space permitting) for trains for sale/wanted/trade to Mary Anyan via email: maryanyan.mia1@gmail.com. If you do not have email, contact Bill Trappen: 407-365-7860.

Your ad automatically will renew in each issue of *The Layout*, until **you** cancel.

Note: per TCA rules and regulations, your full name must be listed and the words "make offer" cannot appear.