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Pinellas Park Meet Photos

Right: SD President Mike Setzer posed with several children who won door prizes ...
2020 convention caps.
Word is the kids loved them!





Right: a happy door prize winner!



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SD 2021 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report

*** SAVE THE DATE! **

November 19, 2022, Train Meet at Lake Nona Middle School, Orlando

VERY CLOSE TO DEFINITE!

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Friendly reminder from Mike Powell, SD Treasurer . . .

Several folks have not yet paid their 2022 SD dues. Remember: you must be a TCA member in good standing before being a member of any division. Pay your 2022 SD dues ASAP by sending a check for \$10 made payable to TCA
Southern Division to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 2381, Palm Harbor, FL 34682.

Check out the TCA's Social Media Pages

<u>Facebook:</u> Train Collectors Association TM and TCA-Train Collectors Association Toy Train Discussion (Invite your relatives and friends to "Like" and "Follow" them.)

 $\underline{\textbf{Instagram}} \hbox{: } @ \mathsf{TrainCollectors} \ \mathsf{Association}$

and

Twitter: @TCAnational

President's Perspective by Mike Setzer

What a fantastic couple of train shows the Southern Division enjoyed in January and February!

The Ft. Pierce meet was well attended, and it was a treat to be back in the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center in February. Thanks to meet hosts Al Galli and Guy Ateniese, respectively, for their efforts to organize and run these shows. And thanks to all the other volunteers who made these shows happen. The day after the Pinellas Park show, Dave and Gale Zitnik held their spring outdoor show which is always a sell out. I was pleased that so many out of towners stayed over to attend.

If you haven't already done so, remember to register for the York meet April 28-30. The June 25-July 2 convention website (https://www.tcatrains.org/event/2022-tca-national-convention/) is up and running, so don't forget to register.

I hate to repeat myself, but here's this quarter's call for volunteers for the 2025 convention committee. The Southern Division legally is committed to hosting this convention. Many of the committee chairpersons and volunteers from 2020 cannot commit to 2025. Again, this is *your* division, and we need a great many people in a variety of capacities to make the convention be as interesting and entertaining as we can. If we can count on you, please reach out to me or any board member.

Stay safe and I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in April in York and/or at the national convention in Nashville in June.

Mike

Jim Spangler



The Southern Division mourns the passing of longtime member Jim Spangler. In his younger days, Jim could be seen attending meets all around Florida. In his later years, he attended only the Largo and Pinellas Park meets. Jim was the unofficial greeter and "bouncer" at these meets and often was the first TCA face incoming attendees would see. He'd approach them and ask about their TCA and/or SD status, check their membership card if they had one, or encourage them to become a TCA and SD member if they didn't. He'd then walk them over to SD Treasurer Mike Powell to get signed up. In his "bouncer" capacity, Jim would diffuse situations such as guests complaining if they had to wait to enter (most times they just wanted to get in early), or people complaining about

the general admission fee (nominal), or guests harassing the ladies at the check-in table. Jim would always diplomatically address these little tiffs to everyone's satisfaction. Every quarter for many years, Jim and I used to go to the printer's to pick up the newsletters and then take them to the post office. We'd sort *The Layouts* by zip codes and fill out required forms.

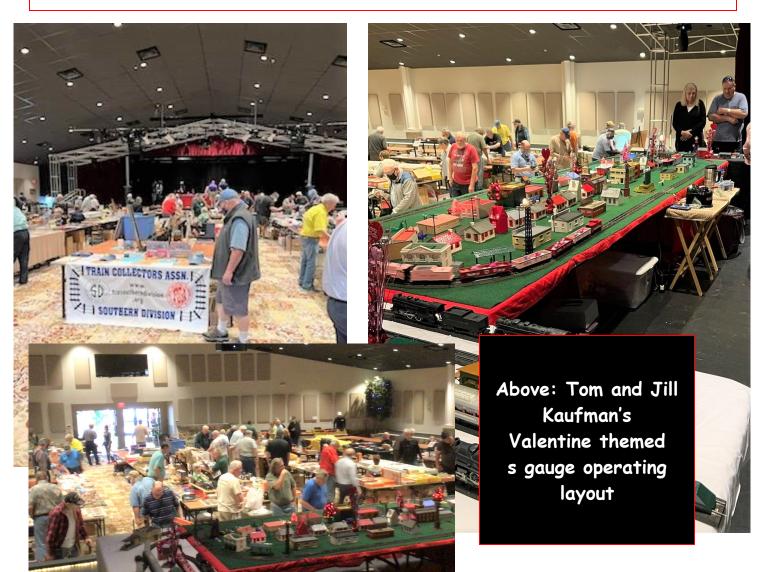
Jim's wife of 60+ years predeceased him several years ago, but he found companionship again. My wife and I double dated with Jim and his lady friend a few times, and both of them were delightful and interesting conversationalists. Jim loved interacting with people and truly was one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to know. Tampa Bay area meets won't be the same.

Charlie Anyan

Pinellas Park
Meet Photos

From the SD Board of Directors to meet host Guy Ateniese ...
We extend our sincere thank you for your and your team's tireless efforts to make this show a success. Your personal donation of Hot Wheels cars and Ellen's personal donation of Beanie Babies to each child who attended were very generous and went above and beyond your responsibilities as meet host.

From Guy Ateniese, Pinellas Park Meet Host . . . 'What a fabulous show we had February 12th! We had 5 operating layouts which included n gauge, Southern Division o gauge, S gauge Valentine's theme, and the Civil War HO layout. Thanks to all who operated these layouts. A big thank you goes to my wife Ellen for all of her help and support for this event. Also, huge thanks go to Ellen and her friend Tina for helping at the entrance table. They did a great job!"





Left, L-R: Kathy
(whose husband
Gordon had an
n gauge suitcase
layout), and Tina and
Ellen who served
at the
check-in table

Charlie and Mary Anyan recently attended a TCA Ozark Division, Gateway Chapter discussion group meeting at the National Museum of Transportation - St. Louis. There are some very cool items on display, inside and outside, and not just trains! Visit https://tnmot.org/the-collection/?rail_freight for the rail collection, from where all train descriptions were taken. See more photos on pages 6 and 7.



Left. L-R: Lloyd Taffe and Charlie Anyan reconnected at the discussion group. They met in 1969 when Lloyd was the Ozark Division president and Charlie first joined the TCA. The Ozark Division included Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. One train meet per quarter was held in each of the four states; but the St. Louis people wanted more local meets, so the Gateway Chapter was birthed with Charlie as its first president. Lloyd can be seen at the York meet every April and October.

Right: This is a 1939 Chicago, Burlington & Northern Silver Charger #9908 "Shovel Nose" diesel electric engine built by General Motors Electro-Motive Division. It was the last "shovel-nosed" diesel made for Zephyr passenger service from St. Louis to Kansas City and also last in service. It was named the "General Pershing Zephyr" after Missouri native, General John J. Pershing of WWI fame, and has a streamlined design of earlier "Zephyr Units."





Left and below: The 1928 Chicago & Illinois Midland Railroad Steam Locomotive #551 was a 2-8-2 Mikado built by Lima Locomotive Works. Big and powerful, its name was changed from Mikado to McArthur during WWII. This engine powered coal trains from Illinois Midland Coal Mines to Commonwealth Edison Electric Generating Plants.



Left: The 1937 Sabine River & Northern Railway Locomotive #408, Diesel-electric Switcher Engine Model NC, was built by the Electro-Motive Corporation. Painted in Bumble Bee colors, the engine had a 900 horsepower Winston Model 201-A engine, cast frame, with top speed of 50 mph. It cost \$91,500 and weighs 250,000 pounds.

Right: 1955 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific "Aero-train" #3 built by General Motors. They used lightweight construction concepts in the building of a futuristic locomotive and 10 cars, which resulted in the "Aerotrain." It was an attempt to lure passengers back to rail travel vs. air or automobile travel. Unfortunately, at high speeds the coaches rode very poorly and were very noisy since they were little more than widened bus bodies. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific ultimately used the trains as commuters from Chicago to Joliet, IL.





Above: the 1914 U.S. Mule #662 was built by General Electric. In 1914, to operate on the Panama Canal, 40 mules (named after the pack animal) were built by GE. They were used for side-to-side and braking control through the locks. Four mules were used per ship, one on each side and one on each end. They each cost \$13,092 and were used on the Pacific side of the canal at the Pedro Miguel locks. They each weighed 86,300 pounds and were 32'-2 1/4" in length. The mule ran on 5' gauge rails.



Left: the 1907 Laclede-Christy #2 built by Davenport Locomotive Works. This is a O-4-OT (Tank) 30" Narrow Gauge, coal-burning tank engine. It has 24" drivers and weighs 24,000 pounds. The original owner sold the engine to the brick-making company, Laclede-Christy Clay Products Company, who used it at their St. Louis plant moving carloads of clay to the brick factory. It was retired in 1952.

Below: This Sellers Turntable built in 1869 is the last-known example of a Sellers found in the United States. The turntable is one of the most iconic relics from the steam era of American railroading. It was the most efficient way to turn a steam locomotive around, using less space than any other method. Turntables were centered in front of a roundhouse.

Placed over a circular pit, the turntable platform was supported in the center by a pivot and had wheels on each end. One of the most notable makers of quality turntables was William Sellers & Co. of Philadelphia. Their unique design was made from cast-iron parts and first patented in1848. Sellers' catalogs claimed one man "could turn it without the aid of machinery." By the early 20th



century, Sellers turntables became obsolete as structural steel turntable designs were

needed to support larger and heavier locomotives.

Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, January 21, 2022, the Fenn Center, Ft. Pierce, FL

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held January 21, 2022, beginning at 2:08 PM EST. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Mr. Setzer called roll with the following SD board members participating: President Setzer; Secretary Dienzel Dennis; Treasurer Mike Powell; Communications Officer Bill Trappen (via Zoom); and Past President Charlie Anyan (via conference call). A quorum was present. Invited guests participating: Al Galli, Ft. Pierce Meet Host; and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan

The board went into Executive Session at 2:10 PM EST and came out of Executive Session at 2:15 PM EST.

Al Galli reported on the number of tables reserved for the January 22 meet. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available, although the venue is not requiring table holders and guests to be masked. The board recommended that making masks and hand sanitizer available should be left to individual meet hosts based on the current guidelines in place from the venues.

Dienzel Dennis reported that 306 Active, 490 Inactive, and 99 Deceased SD members currently are reflected on the SD roster.

Mike Powell reported on and the board discussed the 2021 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Approve the SD 2021 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously passed.

Bill Trappen reported on his following activities since the last SD BOD meeting: 1) Prepared the SD ad and meet schedule for the February issue of the TCA National HQ Newsletter. 2) Had 300 copies printed of the Ft. Pierce meet flyer and 25 copies each of the table registration forms for the Ft. Pierce and Pinellas Park meets and took them to the Golden Spike show in Deland in early January. Flyers were placed on the information table in the lobby at the show. Known TCA SD table holders were met and offered table registration forms for the meets. Several agreed to take tables but a few others said they already had booked tables at other shows on those dates.

3) Received several calls from TCA non-SD members who want to attend or want tables at our upcoming meets. SD application forms and table registration forms were sent to them to send to the SD Secretary and the respective meet hosts. 4) Prepared the eBlast input for the Ft. Pierce meet which was sent to TCA national. 5) Posted Ft. Pierce meet announcements on the OGR Forum, the TTML and Lionel Super O track groups, the model train journal and the Treasure Coast and South Florida Craigslist sites. 6) Prepared the door prize coupon/attendee survey form for the Ft. Pierce meet which was sent to Al Galli to get copies made. 7) In response to an inquiry from an employee of Pinellas Park who is responsible for the city's website regarding information on the Pinellas Park meet, a meet flyer was sent for use on the website as well as the large electronic sign at a prominent street intersection in Pinellas Park.

Bill Trappen reported for the SD Webmaster that the website continues to work well. An SD member provided a nice photo of his Marx display and also some images from the recent holiday display at the Museum of Science and History in Jacksonville. Those images are much appreciated and can be seen on the website.

Mary Anyan requested: 1) Photos be taken at the Ft. Pierce and Pinellas Park meets - of children (ensure parent/guardian approval is received), attendees, table holders, display table holders (identify), and any other photos that will be of interest to the membership. 2) Items for the spring newsletter are to be submitted to her by March 1.

Regarding the February 12 Pinellas Park meet, host Guy Ateniese previously emailed the board providing a current list of table registrations he has received. He continues to distribute flyers and market the meet.

Mike Setzer provided an update regarding the letter he previously had received from an SD member requesting the SD hold a train meet in south Florida. He will follow up with SD members regarding a possible timeframe and researching a venue.

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Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, January 21, 2022, the Fenn Center, Ft. Pierce, FL (cont'd.)

Mike Setzer reported that in addition to a convention chairman/woman, an army of volunteers is needed for the TCA 2025 Convention in Jacksonville. He urges all SD members to offer their services.

Mike Setzer reported on: 1) a potential SD members and guests train outing at the Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad Museum at Bushnell Station. He asks that another board member accompany him to Bushnell for further research; 2) a Murder Mystery train ride in Ft. Meyers as a potential event for SD members and guests; 3) Mike Powell suggested a potential event at the Automotive Museum in Clearwater, currently showing 'The Collection on Palmetto', which is a display of early American automobiles and industrial engines.

The board discussed COVID-related increased travel costs for out of town guests coming to meets. A discussion followed regarding changing the start time of meets to later in the morning, and the board decided that decision should left to the discretion of each meet host. However, the board solicits input from all members.

Charlie Anyan advised the board of the passing of longtime TCA SD member Jim Spangler who was a fixture at train shows. Mr. Anyan is writing an article to include in the spring newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted: Dienzel Dennis, Secretary

Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting February 11, 2022, the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, Pinellas Park, FL

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held February 11, 2022, beginning at 3:00 PM EST. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

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

Mike Setzer reported a successful Ft. Pierce meet in January 2022 and complimented meet host Al Galli.

Dienzel Dennis reported that 332 Active, 517 Inactive, and 99 Deceased SD members currently are reflected on the SD roster.

Mike Powell reported: 1) The Ft. Pierce meet expense report previously was emailed to all board members. 2) A third "Greenburg's Guide" relating to o-gauge, pre-war trains is available. Six books were ordered, and four have been sold. The books are sold at a discount to any active TCA member.

Bill Trappen reported on his following activities since the last SD BOD meeting: 1) He prepared the eBlast input for the Pinellas Park meet which was sent to Tim Stier at TCA. 2) He posted Pinellas Park meet announcements on the OGR Forum, the TTML and Lionel Super O track groups, the Model Train Journal and the Tampa Bay Craigslist website. 3) He prepared the door prize coupon/attendee survey form for the Pinellas Park meet which was sent to Guy Ateniese to get copies made.

Mary Anyan requested: 1) photos be sent to her from the Fort Pierce meet. 2) photos be taken at the Pinellas Park meet of: the ladies at the registration table; children receiving door prizes; adults receiving door prizes; table holders and people with display tables; children playing at the drag strip; the food truck vendor; crowd shots; the meet host.

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Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, February 11, 2022, the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, Pinellas Park, FL (cont'd.)

3) When taking photos of children at any meet, always ask for parent/guardian permission for the photos to be included in the newsletter as well as the website, which is for anyone worldwide to view. 4) Items for the spring newsletter are due to her by March 1.

Guy Ateniese provided information regarding the Pinellas Park meet and stated everything is in place for a successful show.

The items previously stored in Steve Johnson's garage were discussed, and disposition has been/will be made after the Pinellas Park meet. Mike Mills reported that two SD members in the Village Walk community offered to store items until the next show. A discussion followed regarding several leftover 2020 convention items, and the board agreed on which should be used as door prizes. Steve Johnson reported that the SD still possesses 2020 convention water tower prototypes, and it was agreed that Steve Johnson and Bill Trappen will coordinate efforts to sell or auction these items. Mr. Johnson also reported that per TCA Convention Chairman Bob Keller, the Dixie Division agreed to sell some of the leftover 2020 convention items at the 2022 convention in Nashville and split the proceeds with the Southern Division.

Steve Johnson reported that an exact date for the fall 2022 train meet in Jacksonville has not yet been established, but it will be sometime during the month of September or the first week of October. Bill Trappen mentioned that the show should not be held on September 17 as The Villages is scheduled to hold a show on that date which would present a conflict for an SD show.

Mike Mills reported that the 2022 Orlando meet will either be held November 12 or 19. He continues to explore venues but reported that the Lake Nona School District is taking reservations for events, and he will follow up to possibly secure a date for the SD show that is the most cost effective and includes the necessities for a successful meet.

Mike Setzer reported that: 1) He provided an update regarding the letter he previously had received from an SD member requesting the SD hold a train meet in south Florida. He continues to be in touch with that member and will follow up with that member to secure a date and venue. 2) An SD member is willing to host a meet in West Palm Beach, and he will follow up. 3) In addition to a convention chairman/woman, an army of volunteers is needed for the TCA 2025 Convention in Jacksonville. He will speak with table holders at the train show tomorrow and urges all SD members to offer their services. 4) He is researching a potential SD members and guests train outing at the Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad Museum at Bushnell Station. He plans to visit Bushnell for further details, but the museum is only open on Saturday. 5) He is considering a Murder Mystery train ride in Ft. Meyers as a potential event for SD members and guests. He will take the train ride on February 19 and report to the board. 6) A potential event is the Automotive Museum in Clearwater, currently showing The Collection on Palmetto, which is a display of early American automobiles and industrial engines. Mike Powell had suggested this during the January 21, 2022, BOD meeting; however, this museum is only open Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday.

Bill Trappen reported that longtime supporter of the model railroad hobby, Bruce Pemberton again has graciously offered his home and outdoor layout for an SD members gathering of barbeque and train rides. This event will be held during the daytime on the Friday before a November Orlando meet.

The board discussed COVID-related increased travel costs for out of town guests and board members coming to train meets. A discussion followed regarding changing the start time of meets to later in the morning, and the board decided that decision should left to the discretion of each meet host. Board members will talk with table holders at tomorrow's meet to solicit their input.

<u>Motion</u>: Increase the stipend from \$100 to \$200 for each Southern Division Board of Directors member who travels more than 50 miles one way to a train meet. Motion unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted: Dienzel Dennis, Secretary

Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows, 2022

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

<u>Apr 2</u>: 76th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 10A-6P, <u>www.gserr.com</u> (**Golden Spike**)

<u>Apr. 2</u>: Railroad Day Festival and Classic Car Show, 45383 Dixie Ave., **Callahan** 32011, 1-8P, 904-879-3406, www.wnhsfl.org (West Nassau Historical Society)

<u>Apr 9</u>: Suncoast Model Railroad Train Show & Open House, 9A-3P (visit <u>www.suncoastmrcc.com</u> for show location and open house location) (Suncoast Model Railroad Club)

<u>Apr. 23</u>: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., **Pinellas Park** 33781 (Adults \$5.00, children under 12 free, EARLY BIRD reservation \$7.00, 8-9A, Hours 9A-2P, Vendors and Model Train Layout, lunch available, www.regalrailways.com) (**Regal Railways**)

<u>May 21</u>: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street, **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**)

<u>Jun. 4</u>: Melbourne Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P, call 321-805-1963 or visit http://schultzspacecoasttrains.com (Schultz Space Coast Trains)

Jun. 25: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park 33781 (Regal Railways)

*Jun. 25-Jul. 2: TCA National Convention, Nashville, TN https://www.tcatrains.org/event/2022-tca-national-convention/

<u>Jul. 9</u>: 77th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 10A-6P, www.gserr.com (**Golden Spike**)

Aug. 27: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park 33781 (Regal Railways)

<u>Sep. 3</u>: Melbourne Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935, 9A-2P, call 321-805-1963 or visit http://schultzspacecoasttrains.com (Schultz Space Coast Trains)

<u>Sep. 10</u>: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**)

<u>Sep. 17-18</u>: Summer Train Expo, Savannah Center, 1545 N. Buena Vista Blvd., **The Villages** 32162 (17th, 9A-4P, 18th, 10A-3P, Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, <u>sammathis1118@gmail.com</u> or Cecil Byrd 352-461-0422, <u>cecil-byrdjr@gmail.com</u>) (**The Villages Model Train Club**)

<u>Oct. 1</u>: 78th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724,10A-6P, <u>www.gserr.com</u> (**Golden Spike**)

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

Promotion and Attendance at Train Meets: In order to promote awareness and thus attendance, we list a schedule of upcoming shows on our Southern Division website as well as in each quarter's *The Layout.* We also promote these meets with flyers about upcoming shows available at other train shows, 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 Bill Trappen (bill9678@aol.com or phone 407-365-7860). Bill will get flyers to you to take to the meets and leave out for others. If possible, please give Bill at least 10 days' notice to ensure he has time to get the flyers to you. Thanks for your help.

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Don Fleishman, 772-281-2316

For Sale: 5 pairs O-22 switches, 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

For Sale: Williams #803 and #804. New York Central 80-ft. Painted and Plated 6-car Passenger

Sets. Mint/Never Run. Original New packaging. \$345 each. Shipping and insurance included! Stuart Horn, 860-543-9060, stujhorn@gmail.com, 7345 Marbella Echo Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33446

I am always looking to **buy** pre-war, postwar 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, alfredgalli@comcast.net

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