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Come One, Come All to the SD Outdoor Swap Meet Benefiting the Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad Museum in Bushnell!



On May 6 (next month!), the Southern Division is pleased to offer its active members and their guests an old-fashioned, outdoor swap meet at an exciting new venue for us in Bushnell, Florida.

The Bushnell Station (www.bushnellstation.com) is relatively new, having opened in March 2021. The station is the home of the Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad (GCCFRR) Museum, a non-profit that provides an educational model railroading experience. The museum occupies part of the building and has 20 trains running inside and outside including interactive exhibits and boasts hundreds of trains from all over the world. The rest of the building features operating layouts in all of the popular US model railroading scales and gauges from "Z" to "G," inclusive. Of course a 3-rail O gauge layout and a 2-rail S gauge layout are included which are the gauges that most of us Southern Division folks collect. In addition there are static displays of model trains in all those scales plus lots of railroad memorabilia and photographs and artwork hanging on the walls. In addition there is a well-stocked gift shop with train-related merchandise for rail fans of all ages. On the property outside the building are a large G-gauge "Garden layout" plus their largest and most entertaining "model" train which is a 1/8th scale 7½" gauge 16-hp gasoline powered train (pictured on the right) on which visitors can ride a ½-mile trip around the perimeter of the property with scenery and many amusing signs along the



route. This attraction is very well done, truly is a train lover's dream, and well worth the drive to visit.

And what could be better than visiting the museum and station? Well that would be visiting on the day of the TCA Southern Division Swap Meet! Our swap meet will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will be located in a large grassy area on the property inside the south loop of the outdoor riding train track.

TCA members – you may set up as many tables as you wish, and the cost will be a flat rate donation of \$15 regardless of how many tables you bring. You may bring your trains to sell but with the following stipulation: trains should be used or new old stock and NOT NEW CURRENT MERCHANDISE which would be in competition with what is sold inside the station. If you need electricity, there are a limited number of electrical outlets available in the outdoor area for an additional charge of \$5 so please make sure you reserve one when you pre-register. If you have a pop-up tent, it would be a good idea to bring it as there is not much shade in the area where the tables will be set up.

There is no fee for non-table holders who wish to attend only the swap meet, but a donation to the GCCFRR Museum is encouraged. All of this money will be donated directly to the museum, and you are encouraged to donate more if you are able.

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Bushnell Event (cont'd.)

Needless to say, you will want to visit the museum and also may want to ride the outdoor train. Regular museum admission fees vary by visitors' age, but the museum is offering us the following special discounted prices for preregistering: Adults (18 years and older) \$7.00 each; Children (4 to 17 years old) \$5.00 each. The prices are for pre-registering only; anyone who attends without pre-registering will pay the regular posted prices for admission to the museum which can also be found on their website using the link shown in paragraph two, above. There is no charge for children under 4 and no charge to ride the outdoor train.

There is also a modest concession stand with very reasonable prices. For pre-registering members, the museum is offering a special price of \$12 per adult which includes admission to the museum plus a box lunch consisting of a

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President's Perspective by Mike Setzer

Here we are in spring already. It seems that time is flying by faster than ever. Since the holidays my wife and I have kept busy traveling the country, buying and selling trains.

The Pinellas Park show in February was a great success. Many thanks go to Meet Host Guy Ateniese, his wife Ellen, and all who worked to make it happen. Also thank you to the SD members who purchased tables as well as your own marketing of this show. Enjoy the photos in this issue.

We're gearing up for the spring York show, as many of you probably are as well.

As you read on the cover page, the SD is offering an old-fashioned swap meet in Bushnell on May 6 (next month). This should be a fun event for those of us who remember the camaraderie of outdoor swap meets as well as for newbies to this long-overdue, bygone gathering. Be sure to get your registration form to Mike Mills not later than April 21.

In June, my wife and I will travel to the beautiful state of Vermont to attend the TCA National Convention in Burlington. Conventions always are an enjoyable time to reconnect with longtime friends and make new ones.

The division was sad to learn of the passing of Evan Earle, one of its veteran members. He was a heck of a good guy and was "spotlighted" in the Summer 2021 newsletter. Bill Trappen wrote a nice article with remembrances from other SD members (see page 4).

Hope to see you in York, Bushnell, and Burlington.

Mike

Bushnell Event (cont'd.)

Nathan's All-beef Jumbo Hot Dog, Chips, a pickle, and a bottled beverage of your choice (soda, iced tea, etc.). All proceeds will go to the museum. The price of museum admission and food without pre-registering will be the posted prices.

A pre-registration form is included with this newsletter to assist us and the facility staff in planning for the event. So if you're interested in bringing trains to sell at the swap meet or just attending without bringing trains, please complete the form with appropriate payment in full not later than **April 21**. Make checks payable to the "**GCCFRR Museum**" with a notation on the memo line: "Donation from SD Member" so that the museum knows how much was contributed by this event produced by the SD. Those attending without pre-registering will be encouraged to make a donation. Because the GCCFRR Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, your donation is tax deductible.

Bushnell is located right off I-75 about 50 miles north of Tampa and 15 miles south of the I-75/Florida turnpike intersection. But the station is located about 6 miles west of "downtown" Bushnell at 6470 West County Road 476, Bushnell 33513. To reach the museum from southbound I-75 get off at Exit #314, keep right at exit and follow FL-48 west for ½ mile. Turn left onto CR 616 and go ½ mile to stop sign. Turn right onto West CR 476 and go 3½ miles to the station on your right. From northbound I-75 get off at Exit #309, keep right at exit and follow 673 and 476B for 3½ miles to stop sign. Turn left and the station is just a short distance on your right. You will pass the well-known Florida National Cemetery on 476B where many military veterans are buried.

A special parking area will be provided for table holders close to the swap meet area. There will be a sign located along County Road 476 **before** the main entrance to the property directing vendors to the special parking area. <u>Visitors without tables</u> should use the main entrance located near the large red and blue sign (photo at right) and park in the regular parking lot. Handicapped spaces are available close to the building entrance. (continued on p. 4)

TRIBUTE TO EVAN EARLE



On December 11, 2022, the Southern Division lost one of the founding members of the division; in fact, Evan was the last remaining founding member still active in the division. Evan had been suffering for the last two years but he hardly ever missed an SD meet until then.

Evan was "Spotlighted" in the Summer 2021 issue (Volume 55, #3) of *The Layout*. In that article he talked about how his family had gotten tired of the cold weather and moved to Florida from New Jersey but his toy train had to be left behind because there wasn't enough room in their small Florida home. But just a year later he received an S-gauge American Flyer (AF) Hudson freight set for Christmas from an aunt, and the AF bug bit him for good and it never left him! So much so that he expanded his collecting interest to all sizes of AF & Gilbert trains including HO and pre-war O and "Wide-gauge" (AF's name for standard gauge). In fact, he liked AF so much that he became an AF service station, working out of his home. Fixing model trains was probably easy compared to his career work as an electrician having taken over the business started by his father. Evan joined the TCA in 1962 when Florida was part of the Eastern Division. He helped Chester Holley and others form the SD in 1966. A few years later Evan became president of the SD and helped produce and host the 1969 TCA National Convention in Clearwater when the division was only three years old.

As longtime member and Lionel collector Augie Staebler told me, he first met Evan at John Cressman's home in Melbourne when he joined TCA and the Southern Division in January of 1967. They would ride together to meets all over the state. Evan was not just an American Flyer expert but also quite a Florida rail historian. While sitting at Augie's table at meets they would talk trains, both toy and real. Evan told Augie a story that Chester once invited him over for dinner, and when dinner was over he asked Evan do some electrical wiring for him.

SD VP Mike Mills is an avid American Flyer collector and told me he relished seeing Evan at our SD meets. Not only was Evan's wealth of AF knowledge a benefit to him, but he was so very fair when they would make a deal on a piece from his collection. He seemed to have a "sixth sense" to bring a piece to a show that Mike just couldn't live without. I believe he wanted to extend the AF legacy with us. I will miss his friendship and his patience in answering all of my AF questions.

This writer, primarily a Lionel collector who has some older flyer s-gauge, had the honor of seeing his collection in person on a few occasions -- and that collection was fantastic! Evan was the first person I ever heard use the phrase, "Where there's smoke there's Flyer!" because AF steam locomotives smoked so much better than their post-war Lionel counterparts. Plus, I've personally benefited from his knowledge, experience and help as years later I acquired an AF wide-gauge passenger set containing a #4644 locomotive with all 4 wheels warped, among other problems. Evan told me where to buy replacement wheels and to bring it and the wheels to him and he would re-wheel it for me. A few months later he delivered it to one of our meets and not only had he replaced the wheels but he had rewired and serviced it, at no charge! It ran like a Swiss watch and has been running every year since then under our Christmas tree. I agree with Augie and Mike that Evan will be missed! May he rest in peace.

Bill Trappen

Bushnell Event (cont'd.)

Important Note: In the event of inclement weather on May 6th, the museum has also reserved the following Saturday (May 13th) for us, and we will reschedule this event to that day. In the event of rescheduling, it's very important that you list an email address if you have one and a cell phone number (or home phone number if you don't have a cell phone) on the pre-registration form so that we can notify you of the postponement as soon as possible ahead of time. If the event is rescheduled but we have inclement weather again on May 13th, the event will be canceled and there is a place on the form to indicate if you want your check to be shredded or sent to the museum as a donation.

This should be a very enjoyable, multi-event outing: an old-fashioned, outdoor swap meet; a museum tour; a train ride; and, perhaps most importantly, the camaraderie of spending time with other train enthusiasts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks so much to meet host Guy Ateniese, his wife Ellen, and their team for their tireless efforts in making this show a success. Each child who attended received either a Hot Wheels car donated from Guy's personal collection or a Beanie Baby donated from Ellen's personal collection.



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TCA 2020 Convention Pre-Production Sample Water Towers

The Southern Division was planning to host the 2020 TCA National Convention in June in Jacksonville, and that event was going to be jointly held with the Department 56 (D56) Collectors Annual Gathering. As you're well aware, the event was canceled in April 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. The TCA produced a group of "Convention Cars" for the train collector audience; and, in addition, a very special souvenir item with crossover appeal to D56 collectors also was designed by SD members of the Convention Committee and produced for us by Department 56. It is an industrial-style water tower which commemorates a real-life tower that was located at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station. One of the distinguishing and appealing features of the tower was an image of a Donald Duck nephew drawn by an artist at the Disney Company back in 1941 and designed by Walt Disney himself!

There were actually two versions of the tower produced by D56: a "regular" one with a navy blue superstructure and yellow tank of which only 212 units were made and sold to members of both collecting organizations; and a very special one with a gold superstructure, a navy blue tank plus a gold plate on the base with the inscription "Banquet

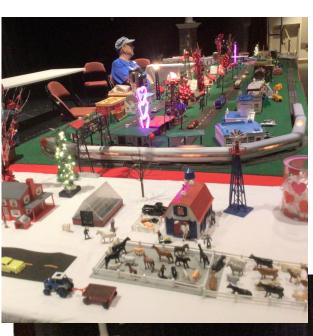
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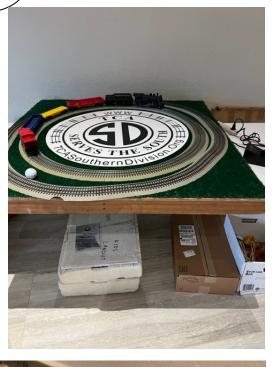


Left and right: Dienzel says,
"I found two things I can't live without - a vintage A. C. Gilbert Puzzle Parties game from the '20s and a rare,
post-war #91
Lionel circuit breaker."





Left, top and bottom: Tom and Jill Kaufman's Valentine themed s gauge operating layout











This meet was well attended.

The SD was pleased, table holders were happy, adult patrons were happy, children were happy, and the food truck guy was happy. The buzz was that folks are looking forward to the 2024 show!



TCA 2020 Convention Pre-Production Sample Water Towers (cont'd.)

Gift from TCA Southern Division" of which only 88 were produced. Because the banquet was canceled along with the convention, these towers were awarded to convention committee members and other volunteers as a thank you for their efforts in planning the convention. There are photos and more info on the towers on the SD website (www.TcaSouthernDivision.org).

Before beginning production of the towers, D56 sent us a pre-production sample tower of each version for our approval. The sample tower designs were approved with just very minor changes. Because all of the production towers were sold or otherwise distributed, the only two towers remaining are the pre-production sample tower of each version. The SD is planning to hold a sealed bid auction to sell these towers. Bids will be opened at our <u>Lake Nona (Orlando) train meet on November 11, 2023</u>, and bidders will be required to mail in their bids ahead of time. Therefore you will not have to be present to bid (or potentially win).

Stay tuned for more details in the next issue (Summer 2023) of this newsletter.

Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2023 Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center

A Train Collectors Association (TCA) Southern Division (SD) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was held February 10, 2023, beginning at 3:15 PM EST. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Setzer.

Secretary Dienzel Dennis called roll with the following board members participating - in person: President Setzer; Vice President Mike Mills; Secretary Dennis; and Treasurer Mike Powell; by phone: Communications Officer Bill Trappen and Past President Charlie Anyan. A quorum was present. Invited guests participated: Pinellas Park Meet Host Guy Atienese (in person) and *The Layout* Editor Mary Anyan (by phone).

Mr. Ateniese reported on the February 11, 2023, meet: 1) 25 table holders signed up, plus display tables, to utilize 83 total tables. 2) The Beach Bums food truck will be on site at 10:00 a.m. 3) Mr. Ateniese reported that next year's show will not include the drag races as the tables occupy too much space and do not seem to be well received. 4) He would like to have a Lego display and asked the board to make contact with anyone local that they know. Mr. Anyan volunteered to do so. 5) He heavily marketed this meet. The City of Pinellas Park listed the show on its outdoor electric sign which can be seen at the intersection of four, highly-traveled streets. 6) He requested that the following statement be included on all future Table Registration Forms (TRFs): "All checks will be cashed after the meet." This is the division's standard practice and will be included on future TRFs.

Mr. Setzer reported that an SD member contacted him regarding donating his train collection to the division, in exchange for at least 50% of any proceeds from the sale of those trains. The board unanimously decided that the division should not be involved.

Mr. Setzer advised he emailed TCA National Convention Chairman Bob Keller of the SD Board of Directors' decision to not host any of the 2025 convention in Jacksonville.

Mr. Mills reported that he received zero responses regarding the division's second Volunteer Request form mailed with the winter 2023 newsletter.

Mr. Dennis reported that as of this date, the SD Membership Roster reflects 298 Active, 509 Inactive, and 105 Deceased members.

Mr. Powell and the board reviewed the SD 2022 4Q Treasurer's Report and the November 19, 2022, Lake Nona Meet Income and Expenses Report, both previously emailed to the board. The approved SD 2022 4Q Treasurer's Report will be included with the spring newsletter.

<u>Motion</u>: The Southern Division Board of Directors accepts the SD 2022 4Q Treasurer's Report as written. Motion unanimously was approved.

Mr. Trappen reported on his Communications Officer's activities since the last board meeting. He: 1) prepared and sent the mailing list file for the winter newsletter to the printer for those members who do not receive the newsletter by email; 2) prepared the Southern Division input for the complimentary ½-page ad and calendar of meets column for the February issue of the TCA National HQ News; 3) posted meet announcements on the following on-line sites: Railserve.com; OGR Forum; Toy Train Mailing List io group; Lionel Super O Track io group; Model Train Forum; O Gauge Forum; and Tampa Bay Craigslist; 4) made copies of the Pinellas Park Meet Flyer, took them to The Villages train show, placed them on the information table, talked with TCA members to remind them of the meet, that tables were still available, and gave out a few table registration forms; 5) answered emails/calls/texts from: one TCA member wanting tables at Pinellas Park; one non-TCA member wanting tables – sent him TCA & SD Applications; one SD member inquiring about where to pay his SD dues as he is planning to attend the Pinellas Park meet and gave him Treasurer Powell's P.O. Box address; one SD member asking for the Pinellas Park meet address; and 6) called two SD members who forgot to pay their dues - both said they will mail them in ASAP.

Mr. Trappen read the SD Webmaster's Report which previously had been emailed to him by Bill Porter: "The PayPal "Here" account has been closed. It was opened for use in the 2020 Convention with Steve Johnson as the owner of record. Only purchases for the convention merchandise passed through the account."

Minutes - TCA Southern Division Board of Directors Meeting, February 10, 2023, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center (cont'd.)

Mrs. Anyan reminded the board that items for the spring 2023 newsletter are due to her not later than March 1. She asked that many photos of the Pinellas Park meet be taken and emailed to her ASAP after the events.

Mr. Setzer advised that he spoke with the previous, longtime meet host of January Fort Pierce shows regarding resuming his meet host duties in 2024. The gentleman advised that he primarily lives out of state and will be unable to do so.

The board discussed future meets in the Jacksonville area, and it appears there are no SD members willing to host or co-host.

Mr. Mills, Mr. Trappen and the board discussed the 2023 Orlando meet along with the possibility of the SD taking over the existing Palm Beach Gardens (PBG) show at St. Mark's Church tentatively scheduled the weekend of December 9-10, because that could impact the timing of the Orlando meet. Traditionally, the November meet has been held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. However because of Mr. Mills' seasonal job which starts on the weekend before Thanksgiving, the plan was to move the 2023 meet ahead one week to November 11th. But if the board decides to host the PBG show the 2nd weekend of December, the consensus is to move the Orlando meet back to September with a date of September 30th selected. Mr. Mills advised that he will make sure a venue is secured for both dates, and he is also considering other venues in addition to the Lake Nona Middle School. Discussions were held regarding the existing two-day format of the PBG show, hall rental cost, table prices, whether or not there are enough TCA members in that area who would take tables, and possible hosts. Regarding format, that always has been a two-day show, and Mr. Setzer advised that one condition of the show in the past was that church members be allowed into the show free of charge on Sunday. Discussions were held regarding: whether or not it will be a two-day show; if the SD only wants to sponsor on Saturday and not Sunday; whether or not SD Member Peter Willner wishes to host with Will Wagner's assistance; table prices (tables cost \$50 in 2022 and only 30% of the table holders were TCA members); SD would pay the church (venue) \$1000; and how much would go to the Derrick Dean Wagner scholar-ship fund. Mr. Setzer said he'll contact someone at the church to work on details and keep the board apprised.

The board discussed an SD member and guest outing to the Bushnell Station (https://bushnellstation.com). The proposed date is Saturday, May 6 and will include an old-fashioned, parking-lot swap meet from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Participants will be required to bring their own tables and chairs. In addition, for only \$10 per person participants will have an opportunity to tour the museum and also receive a box lunch. A train ride operated by the Gulf Coast & Central Florida Railroad also is offered. Details and a registration form will be included with the spring newsletter. (See updated information on the cover page of this newsletter.)

Mr. Trappen discussed the two, pre-production prototype 2020 convention souvenir water towers he has in his possession. The board recommended a silent auction be held for each tower. Mr. Trappen will take photos and generate a bid form for the first tower, and the form will be included with the spring newsletter. The forms will be mailed to Treasurer Powell, and the first set of bids will be opened during the May 6 Bushnell event. The bid form for the second tower will be included with the summer and/or fall newsletter, and those bids will be opened during the Lake Nona meet in either September or November. (See updated information in this newsletter.)

A discussion was held regarding future SD Board of Directors meetings being held via Zoom or in person. Two of the seven current board members (Charlie Anyan and Steve Johnson) no longer live in Florida and only can participate via Zoom or phone. As is the case with this (February 10) meeting, another board member was unable to attend in person but participated by phone. The board decided to hold future meetings via Zoom, three-four days prior to a meet. As necessary, all board meetings not related to a train show will be held via Zoom. The next meeting tentatively is scheduled to be held May 3, 3:00 p.m., prior to the Bushnell outing.

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:41 p.m. and exited at 4:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted: Dienzel Dennis Secretary

Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows 2023

For the latest updates, check first with the meet/show hosts by phoning or referring to websites.

- <u>Apr. 1</u>: 80th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724 (10A-6P, Charles Miller 703-536-2954 rrshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com) (Golden Spike)
- **Apr. 1:** Suncoast Model Railroad Train Show & Open House, visit www.suncoastmrcc.com for hours, addresses of show location (Pinellas Park) and open house location (Largo) (Suncoast Model Railroad Club)
- <u>Apr. 15</u>: 18th Railroad Day Festival and Car Show, 45383 Dixie Ave.,1000 Water St., Callahan 32011, 9A-4P 904-879-3406, <u>www.wnhsfl.org</u> (West Nassau Historical Society)
- <u>Apr. 29</u>: Toy and Train Show, Florida National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., **Crystal River** 344429 (Vendors and Model Train Layouts, lunch available, Adults \$5.00, children 12 and under *free*, 9A-2P, EARLY BIRD reservation (8-9A) \$7.00, <u>www.regalrailways.com</u>) (Regal Railways)
- <u>May 6</u>: SD Parking Lot Swap Meet, 6470 West County Road 476, **Bushnell** 33513 (Meet Story on the cover of this issue!) (**Southern Division**)
- <u>May 20</u>: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**)
- <u>Jun. 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>Jun. 10</u>: Train Show, First Christian Church, 1908 E. Ft. King St., **Ocala** 34471 (Bob, 352-694-6381; http://silverspringslionstrainshow.com) (**Silver Springs Lions Club**)

June 24 - July 2: TCA National Convention, Burlington, VT https://www.tcaconvention.org

- Jun. 24: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park 33781 (Regal Railways)
- <u>Jun. 24-25</u>: 32nd Annual Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale, 441 Paul Russell Rd., **Tallahassee** 32301 (Sat. 9A-5P, Sun. 9A-4P, Andy Zimmerman, <u>GNTrainman@comcast.net</u> (**Big Bend Model Railroad Assn.**)
- <u>Jul. 8</u>: 81st Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., **Deland** 32724, 9A-4P (**Golden Spike**)
- Aug. 26: Toy and Train Show, Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park 33781 (Regal Railways)
- <u>Sep. 2</u>: Melbourne Train Show, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., **Melbourne** 32935 (**Schultz Space Coast Trains**)
- <u>Sep. 9</u>: Toy and Train Show, Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., **Brooksville** 34601 (**Regal Railways**)

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

Promotion and Attendance at Southern Division sponsored 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 non-SD sponsored 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 407-538-9678). 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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SWITCH LIST

Selling a large collection of Post-War Lionel Trains.

Most are mint in box. If interested, email Mike Setzer:

setzermichael@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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, 772-219-7753, alfredgalli@comcast.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: 407-538-9678. 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.