

# Ozark Division Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Ozark Division Election
- HOA 2014 Layout Tour
- News From National
- Membership Renewal
- Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show

It is election time for the Ozark Division , in this newsletter you will be asked to vote for one of the individuals and approve or reject a change to the Ozark Division Constitution. Please read over the information and cast your ballot. Please follow the instructions that are on the Ozark Division Official Ballot.

The minutes from the annual membership meeting held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at The Pointe are included with this Newsletter. Following the meeting Don Miller, nominated candidate for vice President, asked to have his name removed from the ballot . The search was on to find a replacement candidate for Vice President. Thanks go out to Brad Marples, Vice President of Heart of America Chapter, to have his name placed on the Ozark Division Ballot.

The process took more time than expected as a number of individuals were contacted. All of those who were contacted would have made great candidate's and would have served the Ozark Division well.

**Heart of America Chapter 2014 Layout Tour:** Thanks go out to Don Miller for providing the report and pictures from the Heart of America Chapter 2014 layout tour. A nice afternoon brought out over 50 TCA HOA Members and friends for the 2014 Layout Expansion Tour on Saturday, October 18, 2014. The comments that I was able to hear indicated that all enjoyed each of the layouts. One mentioned that it was especially interesting to see three different approaches to layout building. Our thanks to the hosts, Russ Boersma, David Jacobs and myself for opening their homes and layouts to the tour.

You can view pictures taken by Andy Dubill, Richard Hamilton and Judy Miller by going to [www.tcahoa.org](http://www.tcahoa.org) then clicking on Photo Gallery, then click on link to TCAHOA photobucket, click on 2014 Activities and then click on Expansion Tour 10/18/14 to view the pictures.

**News From National:** Please welcome aboard to the individuals listed below who have become members of the TCA during the third quarter of this year:

14-70331 - Todd Becker, 9839 Sappington Rd, St. Louis, MO 6318

14-70274—John F. DeSoto, 9601 NE 100th St., Kansas City, MO 64157,  
[jfdkc@att.net](mailto:jfdkc@att.net), 816-415-0962

14-70393 - Rock Self, 1532 100th St. NW, Grove, OK 74344,  
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The following individuals residing within the Ozark Division boundaries have been dropped during the 3rd quarter: If you know any of these individuals let them know they are welcome back:

92-36000 Ellis L. Brady	08-63169 James R. Crouse	13-69449 Louis Degginger
85-22573 Eddie E. Gay	92-35862 Richard F. Gibbs	95-40676 Francis Haderthauer
86-24005 Dale Johnson	08-63073 Bob Jones	75-8375 Joseph Jones
75-8574 Adam J. Laffleur, Jr.	98-48564 Jim Laski	73-5417 Francis A. Smith
73-5066 David L. Stonecipher	95-40712 Jim Strassner	92-35720 Nick Stroda
90-32105 Dennis A. Taube	84-21006 James L. Wagner	12-68251 Rodney S. Waters

**'Tis the season:** 'Tis the season for those holiday trains, big or small. Here are a few of those venues who are featuring special holiday events in the Ozark Division. I recommend that you check websites for times and admissions, if any. The Kansas City Southern Railway probably has the biggest footprint within the Ozark Division as their Holiday Express will be traveling in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Here is their website for locations and times; [kcsouthern.com](http://kcsouthern.com). Here are a few more regional or tourist railroads that are offering special attractions for the holiday's. Arkansas & Missouri Railroad located in Springdale, AR, [am-railroad.com](http://am-railroad.com). The Abilene & Smoky Valley in Abilene, KS, [asvrr.org](http://asvrr.org) and Midland Railway Historical Association in Baldwin City, KS, [midlandrailway.org](http://midlandrailway.org). Missouri has several railroads and tourist lines with special events; Branson Scenic Railway, Branson, MO, featuring Polar Express excursions, [bransontrain.com](http://bransontrain.com); Columbia Star Dinner Train, Columbia, MO, [dinnertrain.com](http://dinnertrain.com); St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, Jackson, MO, [slimrr.com](http://slimrr.com). In Oklahoma The Polar Express is making its first appearance at the Bristow Depot, Bristow, OK, [eaternflyerpolarexpressride.com](http://eaternflyerpolarexpressride.com). Here are several museums that are featuring train related events; Oklahoma Railway Muesum, Oklahoma City, OK, [oklahomarailwaymuseum.org](http://oklahomarailwaymuseum.org) and the Museum of Transportation, Kirkwood, MO featuring the E. Desmond Lee Train Exhibit including the famous Famous Barr/Macy holiday window layout display, [transportationmuseumassociation.org](http://transportationmuseumassociation.org). Children's Illustrated Art Museum located at Chesterfield Mall, Chesterfield, MO featuring visual history of trains, operating O gauge display and play area for kids. For more information call Jeanne at 314-941-2097. Don't forget that St. Louis Union Station ([stlouisunionstation.com](http://stlouisunionstation.com)) and Kansas City Union Station ([www.unionstation.org](http://www.unionstation.org)) are holding special events during the holiday season.

**Membership Renewal:** It is time to renew your membership in the Ozark Division for 2015. The annual membership is \$10 and can be paid in person at any Ozark Division function or by mail by completing the enclosed Membership Application and mailing following the instructions. If you are not sure about your membership status check the mailing label on the Newsletter. If the number 14 or lower number appears it is time to renew your membership or if no number appears it is time to join the Ozark Division.

**Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show:** This is a reminder that the Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show is just around the corner, Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran School, 9733 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO 63132.

## OZARK DIVISION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

### Vice President

Bradley W. Marples, MD  
Topeka, KS  
Doctor Internal Medicine  
Cotton-O'Neil Clinic  
Topeka, KS Since 1987  
Married with 2 grown children  
TCA Experience:  
Member since 1995  
Vice President of Heart of America Chapter  
Member of LCCA, LOTS, Ives Society, Lionel  
Railroader Club  
Repair trains for a local hobby shop and  
people around Topeka.  
Collects prewar O and Standard Gauge.

### Secretary/Treasurer

Jon R. Lundvall  
Ballwin, MO  
Retired—Spent 40 years in the insurance  
business; presently 3rd shift yard driver for  
Railcrew Xpress  
Married with 2 grown children, 3  
grandchildren  
TCA Experience:  
Member since 1975  
Ozark Division President 1981-1982  
Ozark Division Secretary/Treasurer 1986 to  
Present  
Banquet Chairman, 1981 TCA National  
Convention  
General Chairman 1992 TCA National  
Convention  
Facilities Chairman 2013 TCA National  
Convention  
President St. Louis Gateway Chapter 1980  
Member of LCCA since 1975

Charles E. Madinger, Jr.  
Innsbrooke, MO  
Retired—Owned Madinger Wines for over 40  
years  
Married with 3 grown children, 3  
grandchildren  
TCA Experience:  
Member since 1999  
Treasurer 2013 TCA National Convention  
An avid collectors and can be seen at train  
shows around the region wearing his hat  
“Magic and Make-Believe RR” hat.



**OZARK DIVISION**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT 2014**

**Voting Instructions:** 1) Place your mark next to your candidate of choice or write-in a different choice. Place your completed ballot into the enclosed self-addressed envelope. 2) Please make sure you place your TCA National Membership number on the upper left corner of the envelope with your return address otherwise your ballot will be disqualified. Do not include anything else in the envelope. 3) All ballots must be postmarked December 4, 2014. Ballot envelope will be opened and counted on Saturday, December 6, 2014. The candidates will be notified of the results just as soon as the ballots are verified and counted.

**Vice President:**

**Bradley W. Marples** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write In Candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

**Jon R. Lundvall** \_\_\_\_\_

**Charles E. Madinger, Jr.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write In Candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Constitution Revision:** The purpose of the proposed Ozark Division constitution is to separate the office Secretary/Treasurer into two separate offices; the office of Secretary and office of Treasurer. If this change to the Constitution is approved it will go into effect beginning January 1, 2017. The second proposed Constitution will change the wording in Article 8, Section 1 to two-thirds (2/3) of active voting members. If this change to the Constitution is approved it will go into effect January 1, 2015.

**Shall the Ozark Division Constitution be changed to separate the office of Secretary/Treasurer?**

**For** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against** \_\_\_\_\_

**Revise Article 3, Section 1, A to read Secretary and Treasurer from Secretary/Treasurer; Revise Article 3, Section 2, C to read Secretary from Secretary/Treasurer; Article 3, Section 2, D to read President, Secretary and Treasurer from President and Secretary; Article 3, Section 3, A to read Secretary and Treasurer from Secretary/Treasurer and Section 3, C to read Secretary and Treasurer from Secretary/Treasurer; Article 4, B to read Secretary from Secretary/Treasurer and Article C to read Secretary from Secretary/Treasurer**

**Shall the Ozark Division Constitution be change wording of Article 8?**

**For** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against** \_\_\_\_\_

**Article 8, Section 1 to read two-thirds (2/3) of active voting members from two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership.**

**A copy of the proposed Constitution can viewed at the Ozark Division website [www.ozarkdivisiontca.org](http://www.ozarkdivisiontca.org).**

I owe you and explanation why the Fall Ozark Division Newsletter is late getting out. We had a difficult time in recruiting a replacement candidate(s) for Vice President. I made a number of member inquiries and was politely turned down. I am sure that President James did the same and got the same results. Thanks go out to Brad Marples for his commitment to serving the Ozark Division membership needs if elected.

I am wondering now if separating the office of Secretary/Treasurer is in the best interest of the Ozark Division? I say that since we have had a hard time seeking candidates.

I hope everyone will take a few minutes and review the Ozark Division Official Ballot and then vote. If the Ozark Division Constitution changes are approved they will be the first since January 1, 2007.

The Ozark Division Fall Newsletter has been mailed to all Ozark Division members who are in good standing.

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#### **TCA Mission Statement**

To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history – Tinplate Toy Trains – through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy model, and scale trains.

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**MINUTES – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OZARK DIVISION  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014  
THE POINTE, BALLWIN, MO**

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Dennis James at 9:15 am.
  
2. Opening Remarks: President Dennis James thanked everyone who took time to attend and participate in the business of the Ozark Division. President James opened the meeting with comments from the informal membership meeting was held during the Train Show on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran School, Olivette, MO. He said since there was no quorum there were no minutes from the annual membership meeting held on September 21, 2013. From the March meeting there was discussion that the office of Secretary/Treasurer should be separated into two offices, Secretary and Treasurer. A change to the Ozark Division Constitution and/or By-laws would be required. President James also commented on the annual Board of Directors Meeting held at the 60<sup>th</sup> TCA National Convention. His full report appeared in the latest Ozark Division Newsletter. He said they had 2 days of meetings and a special meeting held just prior to the annual TCA General Membership Meeting. It was announced during the special meeting that several committee chairpersons have been relieved of their positions; Carol McGinnis, Library & Museum; Fred Hunter, Convention Guidelines and Jim Marski, Convention Cars, needless to say it was a surprise to everyone.
  
3. Roll Call of Officers & Directors  
President Dennis James  
Secretary/Treasurer Jon Lundvall  
Director David Osborn

It was determined a quorum was present.

4. Treasurers Report: Treasurer Jon Lundvall reported the Ozark Division had a balance of \$11,192.77 as of 6/30/2014 and that will be updated at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (9/30/2014). Treasurer Lundvall reported that all income to the Ozark Division this year (2014) has come from membership dues collected and train show admissions (vendor table sales). The 59<sup>th</sup> TCA National Convention certainly had an impact on revenue, the sale of the TOFC, convention attire and the Ozark Division convention share were certainly a boost to income. The Ozark Division no longer has that income and will have to rely on membership dues and train show admissions. There was some discussion about the postage expense, explained that all TCA members within the Ozark Division have been sent newsletters regardless of member status. This has been an ongoing effort to keep all members informed about the activities within the Division. E-mail is used for Ozark Division members, only a few Ozark Division members do not have e-mail access. It was suggested that we stop sending Newsletters to those who do not join the Ozark Division. The miscellaneous expense was questioned; back service charges are included here. Business checking accounts have higher fees than personal accounts. Also used for train show change. Report was approved.
  
5. Membership Report: Secretary Jon Lundvall reported the Ozark Division membership was 165 (8/31/2014) down from the 2013 membership of 225. The 59<sup>th</sup> TCA Convention probably impacted the Ozark Division membership. The Ozark Division started 2014 with 506 TCA members residing within the boundaries. At the end of the second quarter (6/30/2014) that number had dropped to 435. That does not include the 10 new members through 6/30/2014. The Ozark Division has been complemented by National on our on-going retention efforts of notifying the members who are dropped. According to President James the Association is very concerned about the loss of membership as the Board has spent much time on that issue. TCA national membership stands at 25,564 for all classes of membership, regular 24,297, life 258, honor roll 1,009, and honorary 0, (6/30/2014) which is down from the previous year with a net loss of 2,259. It would appear new memberships haven't been able to wipe out the deficit. Report was approved.

6. Old Business: Status of 501 C 3 Filing – Secretary Jon Lundvall reported waiting for the EIN number. President James sent information about filing for 501 C 7 instead of 501 C 3. The 501 C 7 specifically states “hobby clubs” and may be less costly to file. Will review.

7. New Business:

Ozark Division election of new officers for the term of 2015 – 2016; President James reported he had a hard time finding individuals who would serve if nominated and elected. The following individual Don Miller has been placed in nomination for Vice President. He is currently President of the Heart of America Chapter. The following individuals were nominated for Secretary/Treasurer; Jon Lundvall and Charles Madinger. The position of Sergeant of Arms will be dropped.

In addition to the election of officers the ballot will include an Ozark Division Constitution By-Laws change separating the office of Secretary/Treasurer into separate offices not to go into effect until January 2017.

All nominations were seconded and approved by a voice vote of those in attendance. President requested that an official Ozark Division ballot be prepared and sent to all Ozark Division members in good standing. The ballot will be included with the next newsletter.

Other: President James suggested that the Ozark Division contribute to the TCA Annual Appeal an amount equal to \$1 of membership dues based on the total membership at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (9/30/2014). For 2014 the contribution would be \$165 which was approved by voice vote of those in attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Moe Berk; Second by Greg Krenski. Meeting adjourned 10:20 am.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jon Lundvall, Secretary