

# Ozark Division Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Annual Membership Meeting
- Presidents Report form 60th TCA National Convention
- Collectors Clinic
- News from National

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** All Ozark Division members are invited to attend the annual membership meeting to be held just prior to the Ozark Division Train Show and Swap Meet scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014. The Meeting and Show will be held at The Pointe, 1 Ballwin Commons Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011. Show times 9 am to 2 pm—members only from 9am to 10 am, open to public at 10 am. Admission \$3 per person.

Admission for all Ozark Division members who are in “good standing” will be free and that includes one vendor table. All tables are on a first come basis, additional tables may be available at \$5 per table. Bring a box of trains and who knows someone may want that train.

The annual Ozark Division Membership Meeting will be conducted prior to the Train Show Swap Meet. Your attendance and participation is requested; it is election time for new officers for 2015—2016. You will be asked to nominate individuals for Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Sargent at Arms. The current Ozark Division Vice-President assumes the position of Ozark Division President. In addition discussions will be held about making some changes to the Ozark Division Constitution and Buy-Laws. This is your “club” make your voice heard.

**REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** The annual Board of Directors and Membership Meetings are held in conjunction with the annual Train Collectors Association Convention. The BOD meetings were held on June 25, 26 and 28, 2014. Here is my report to the Ozark Division and for a complete copy of the meeting minutes can be accessed on the TCA website ([www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org)) or from the National Headquarters News.

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Train Collectors Association was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hills, NJ beginning Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 9:15 A.M. EDT.

There were several decisions, but not all, made for the betterment of the Association. A long road remains but steps have begun to meet the needs of what we can foresee in the near future. Remarks concerning the ending of “just kicking the can down the road”, meaning that we can no longer put off things for future Boards to take care of.

We had two full days of meetings and had to add another short meeting before the General Membership meeting on Saturday. A lot was accomplished and much more remains.

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Over the past two years I have been involved in several conference calls where we discussed one issue per call so that we take less time at the BOD (and thank goodness we did or we might still be in session). As you who are aware, I ask for input from you so that I know where the Ozark Division stands on issues, and thanks for that input. Obviously there are times when time does not allow for that and I am forced to make the decision from my point of view and I hope that I have given due diligence to the membership of the Ozark Division.

New Business highlights:

Motion to require Honor Roll members to pay regular members' dues. Failed

Motion to begin advertising upcoming conventions earlier. Passed (1)

Motion to investigate internet voting for elections. Passed

Motion to eliminate the early-buy program for Convention Cars. Failed

Motion that Article VII, Section 1 of the By-Laws be rewritten to remove the words "prior to February 15", and that Article VII, Section 2 be rewritten as: Section 2, The immediate Past President, as Chairman of the Nominations and Election Committee, shall cause a ballot with a provision for write-ins to be prepared and distributed to all members with the March 15 issue of the National Headquarters News (NHN). To be valid, ballots must be completed and returned to be tabulated by April 1, and as further directed by the Board of Directors. Passed

Motion that the TCA Executive Committee investigate the possibility of forming Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP) with other train related Museums and organizations that would entitle TCA membership to special admission privileges and discounts at other participating organizations. Passed

Motion to allow newly elected Division Officers to attend Board of Directors meetings including executive sessions. Failed (2)

Motion to allocate 50% of paying members' dues to the National Toy Train Museum and the TCA Library. Failed

Motion to continue a search for an Operations Manager and in the meantime, expand and define the new position of Office Manager to carry out the duties until an Operations Manager is hired. This will be the case for one year. Passed (3)

Withdrawn Motions:

Motion to allow rejoining the TCA with original number after paying a \$25 fee.

Motion to allow a new membership category of E (for internet) be added at a discounted rate.

Footnotes:

- (1) The advertising of upcoming conventions earlier did not set well with me because it is difficult enough to get members to attend now and I feel it may confuse some members about future locations. I do think that listing the upcoming convention sites but keeping the advertising at the present level.
- (2) Presently any member can attend the Board of Directors meeting but cannot attend executive sessions.
- (3) Not hiring an Operations Manager and hiring an Office Manager at this time will save \$60,000 this year.

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That savings will allow the TCA to operate at a small profit this year.

- (4) There is no membership level for this now. Discussion concerning this issued centered on the fact that the TCA does not presently have the capability to support this at the present time and that, even if we did, it should continue at full membership dues.

Respectively Submitted,

Dennis R. James, President

**HEART of AMERICA CHAPTER — COLLECTORS CLINIC:** The annual Collectors Clinic was held on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Twenty four members and guests were present to participate in the activities. HOA Vice President, Brad Marples, opened the session with introductions by the attendees.

Brad then introduced Don Miller who gave a presentation on the design and construction of his Dakota Southern Railroad. Don, who has been playing with trains for almost 60 years, has designed and built several train layouts, including his work with Trainland USA in Colfax, Iowa. Topics covered included; setting goals for your layout, designing to make the layout visitor friendly, tips for those that are forgetful (record keeping) and construction techniques used on the Dakota Southern. Don has taken photos of the building of his layout from its inception in 2003. Several pictures were shown that depicted before, during and after stages of construction. Don finished his presentation with a short video of the latest addition to the Dakota Southern.

Following Don's presentation, Brad facilitated the distribution of door prizes and a break. After the break, Brad introduced HOA board member Steve Dickerson. Steve presented a brief overview of the TCA HOA grading standards slide show. He then asked those attendees who brought trains to place them on the table in front of themselves. Each train item was numbered and the attendees were invited to come forward and determine their estimation of the grade of each train items. Finally, each member was asked by a show of hands, what grade had been given to each item. Needless to say, a spirited discussion resulted. The attendees agreed that this was a fun and educational way to discuss grading standards.

HOA President Don Miller concluded the session with a few brief announcements. Included was the announcement that a Layout Tour has been scheduled for October 18, 2014. The tour will include David Jacobs' newly expanded O and On3 layout. David's layout will be featured by the National Narrow Gauge Convention this September. The second layout on the tour will be Russ Boresma's High Rail layout. In part of his basement Russ has recreated a 1950s hobby shop including a Lionel Dealer Display layout. He is also building a large high rail layout. The layout is still under construction, but trains will be running and you will have a chance to see the construction process. The final layout on the tour will be Don's Dakota Southern. Don has recently completed the fourth and final phase of the layout. The new section includes the town of Brennanville, Miller's Slough, Al's Amusement park and the Christmas Village.

You can see pictures of the Collector's Clinic by accessing the Photobucket Album Link from the Heart of America website [www.tcahoa.org](http://www.tcahoa.org).

Thanks to HOA President Don Miller for providing this great report, looking forward to the layout tour.

**NEWS FROM NATIONAL:** Please welcome the following new Train Collectors Association members residing within the Ozark Division boundaries:

14-70245—Frank Dugan, 7500 W. Frontier Rd., Salina, KS 67401, [dfrank7076@yahoo.com](mailto:dfrank7076@yahoo.com) 785-825-4696

14-70256—Craig C. Gerard, 2011 Aztec Dr., #1605, N. Little Rock, AR 72116, [craiggerard\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:craiggerard_2000@yahoo.com), 501-835-6758

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14-70169—Tom James, 358 Greenbriar Ln., Ballwin, MO 63011, trjames1@charter.net 636-256-2937

14-79981—Richard Rands, 438 Morgan Woods Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, berkshirevalley@yahoo.com, 636-343-1152

Listed below (see attachment) are the members residing within the Ozark Division who have been dropped by National. They are certainly welcome to come back and take advantage of all the features and benefits of membership in the Train Collectors Association.

The Train Collectors Association is one of the largest and most respected collecting societies in the world. Their focus is on toy trains—the hobby of collecting and operating them, the fun of members buying, selling and discussing them, the study of their characteristics and the history of their production. Those features and benefits should be enough for you to restart or renew your membership to the TCA. All you need to do is complete the attached TCA Membership Application and send it off the Train Collectors Association or join by going to the TCA website, [www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org).

For more information about the TCA please go to the website [www.traincollectors.org](http://www.traincollectors.org).

**CALENDAR of EVENTS:** Ozark Division; September 20, 2014, The Pointe, 1 Ballwin Commons, Ballwin, MO 63011, 9 am to 2 pm. Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show, December 6, 2014, Immanuel Lutheran School, 9733 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO, 9 am to 3 pm (See attached for details)

Central Missouri Chapter; November 8, 2014, Columbia Senior Center, 1121 Bus. 70 East, Columbia, MO, 10 am to 3 pm (See attached for details)

**MEMBERS CORNER:** The train collection and layout of Ray Moulis was featured in the May 2014 edition of 30WEST a monthly publication featuring the people and activities of suburban Milwaukee, WI. Ray talks about how he got started collecting building his layout and operating his trains. The article features several photos of his layout. Great human interest story. Ray is a long time TCA and Ozark Division member,.

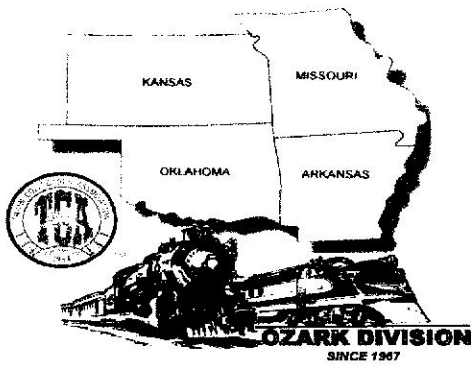
**IN the NEWS:** There has been a lot of news about Union Pacific Big Boy 4014 being restored but there are several other steam locomotives that may be coming back to life. Famed Norfolk & Western Class J 611 has been moved from the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke, VA to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC where the restoration work will be done. Maine Central No. 470 4-6-2 may be restored to life, it was sold to New England Steam Corp by the city of Waterville, ME. New England Steam Corp. is a non-profit organization with plans to restore and operate the engine. An East coast Mallet is set to return, a deal between B & O Railroad Museum and Western Maryland Scenic Railroad who will receive Chesapeake & Ohio 2-6-62 1309. The tourist railroad aims to restore the locomotive to operation by 2016. Wouldn't it be great to see 1522 under steam again?

**ATTACHMENTS:** Please see the attachments to the electronic version of the Newsletter. This is your Newsletter, I need your input; thanks to Ray Moulis for supplying the story about his trains.

Please feel free to contact me if you have something of interest.

Jon Lundvall, Editor ([jonlstrains@netscape.net](mailto:jonlstrains@netscape.net) or 314-239-7996)

**POSTSCRIPT:** Don Millers' Dakota Southern Railroad was featured in the March 2012 Classic Toy Train magazine. For those who are keeping score the TCA has 1,002 Honor Roll members.



Dennis R. James, President  
Edwin L. Eggerding, Vice-Pres.  
Jon R. Lundvall, Sec./Tres.  
David L. Aholt, Sgt.-At-Arms

**GREAT ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS  
TRAIN SHOW & FOOD DRIVE  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 6, 2014  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
9733 OLIVE BLVD.  
OLIVETTE, MO 63132  
9 am to 3 pm  
ADMISSION \$5 PER PERSON  
(\$4 WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM)  
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE  
REFRESHMENTS  
ATTENDANCE PRIZES  
OPERATING DISPLAYS  
ALL GAUGES REPRESENTED**

All vendor space is available on a first come basis – no telephone registrations accepted. **ALL TABLES ARE \$16;** no split tables and no more than two helpers per vendor. Vendor set from 7 am on show day morning. Please complete the lower portion and mail with your payment as directed; please include a stamped self-addressed envelope for show conformation. Please make your check payable to Ozark Division and mail to Ozark Division, 810 Windmill Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011. **CANCELLATION PROCEDURE** – All vendor cancellations must be in writing and must be postmarked five days before show day. No shows will forfeit their registration fee. Refunds will be made only when the show is canceled by the host facility or show producer. Show will go on regardless of weather.

For more information about the show contact Jon Lundvall at 314-239-7996 or at [jonistrains@netscape.net](mailto:jonistrains@netscape.net)

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

HELPER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TABLES: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

**TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:**

I agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Ozark Division and the Train Collectors Association. I agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or other persons at any Ozark Division – TCA sponsored train show, train meet, swap meet or any other event shall be sold on the basis "I represent all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition; otherwise any such item will be appropriately marked as a restoration/and or reproductions per TCA National Condition & Grading Standards".

<http://www.tcamembers.org/standards/condition.htm>

Signature of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

*St. Louis Gateway Chapter - Central Missouri Chapter - Heart of America Chapter*