

# THE DIXIE FLYER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### New Year and Division Meet

As we enter into this New Year I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year. During this holiday season I hope you found time to run some trains either with kids and grandchildren or running the train under the Christmas tree. I find that these winter months I play more with my trains than any other time of the year.

We are having a Dixie Division train meet on **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Catoosa Colonnade in Ringgold Ga. Bill Stitt and his crew have always worked hard to put on a great meet. In the past, we have enjoyed excellent

attendance and he always sells out all of the tables that are available so please register early so you will not be disappointed. Even if you do not have trains to sell, please make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship and maybe you will find an item that you cannot leave without. For information about this and other meets, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

### 2016 Division Election of Officers/Directors

The Dixie Division is having an election for officers and directors this year. The term of the office is from July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2018. We have already received some nominations for the different officers. We still need nominations for at least two different officers.

The following is a list of people who have already put their name in nomination.

President: \_\_\_\_ (nominee needed) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: Ed Bonnell

Treasurer: Alan Evans

Secretary: Don Webb

Director: Dave Rogers

Director: \_\_\_\_ (nominee needed) \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to have your name placed in nomination, please contact me or a member of the nominating committee which consists of Arno Baars, Ron Hirst, and Bill Teppenpan Jr. We will make sure that your name is on the ballot. The only qualifications are that you are a current member of TCA and that you live within the Dixie Division boundaries.

If we receive only one nominee for each position by the March 5<sup>th</sup> train meet, we will request a motion from the floor that these people be elected by acclamation. If we receive more than one name for any position, then we will mail a ballot for you to vote. We must have this election completed by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### Some Final Reflections

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President. I have been President of the Dixie Division since 1992, except for the six years

when I was a National Officer.

Compared to other divisions, this is the best Division to represent. Our members always demonstrate the highest qualities of what TCA was founded on: honesty, fair trading, and good fellowship. I have often said that the best thing that you can obtain by being a member of TCA is not the train bargain but the friends you make over the years. I have been very fortunate over the years to make a lot of friends for life.

I look forward to seeing you on March 5<sup>th</sup> and please think about running for one of these offices. It is not hard nor does it take a lot of time.

In closing, I would like to call your attention to the **2016 TCA National Convention**. It is being held at the Marriott Westchase Hotel in Houston, TX on June 18 - 26, 2016. Please go to TCA's website <http://tcaconvention.org> and find information on the tours, layout tours and other activities. If you have never been to a TCA national convention, I can assure you that it is more than looking at and buying trains. It is a family vacation event with something for everyone. You will meet new friends and make some friendships that will last for years to come.

Regards,

Bob Keller  
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Dixie Division President

**DIVISION UPDATE - TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**JANUARY 1, 2016**

Beginning Balance:	<b>\$3,631.03</b>
<b>Income:</b>	\$1,254.09
Subtotal:	\$4,885.12
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$1,140.69
Closing Balance:	<b>\$3,744.43</b>
George H. Baltz, Treasurer Dixie Division-TCA	

**DIVISION/CHAPTER UPDATE**  
**UPCOMING MEETS**

**March 5, 2016** Dixie Division, Catoosa Colonnade, Old Mill Road, Ringgold, GA. Info: **Bill Stitt**, 423-894-1284.

A copy of the Registration form for this meet may be obtained at the Division website, <http://dixiedivisiontca.com>. Click on the "ANNOUNCEMENT & EVENTS" link at the upper right of the home page and then on the link to this meet under "Events" in the "Dixie Division" section of the website.

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**April 2, 2016** Music City Chapter, Donelson First Baptist Church, Nashville, TN. Info: **Vic Petrone**, 615-646-2232.

A copy of the Registration form for this meet may be obtained at the Division website, <http://dixiedivisiontca.com>. Click on the "ANNOUNCEMENT & EVENTS" link in the upper right of the home page and then on the link to this meet in the "Future Chapter Events in the Dixie Division" section of the website.

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**May 14, 2016** Terminus Chapter, Acworth, GA. Info: **Tommie Turner**, 770-339-4246.

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**December 10, 2016** Music City Chapter, 23rd Annual Christmas Toy Train Show. Nashville, TN. Info: **Vic Petrone**, 615-646-2232.

The Dixie Division website is updated periodically to include information regarding upcoming meets. Please visit the website at <http://dixiedivisiontca.com> periodically.