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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that our opportunity to host the TCA National Convention is less than a year away. Our Convention Committee has been working for the last five years on this project to make sure that we have an outstanding Convention. As time has gone by the committee have spent more and more time together planning for this event.

The Convention will be held at The Waverly Renaissance Hotel in Marietta, Georgia beginning **June 24th 2012 thru July 1st 2012**. The Committee picked this location because of its easy access to I-75 and I-285 and US 41. There are numerous

restaurants and shopping malls within walking distance for those attending the convention. Parking is free at the hotel.

We have an outstanding array of tours including The Tennessee Valley Railroad, USAF Museum at Warner Robbins, GA, Blue Ridge Railroad, The Laser Show at Stone Mountain and many more. Eight of our members have volunteered their homes for layout tours. Several of these layouts have been featured in national magazines. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans on attending as many events as possible. We are promoting this Convention as a family vacation.

As time grows closer we need your help both financially and as a volunteer to help in different areas. Financially you could help us by supporting our Convention Store. We have a number of items that we are selling to raise money for this convention including shirts, tote bags, miniature pick-up trucks, Christmas ornaments and magnets. In addition, if you have a new train item that you can donate, these

donations would be greatly appreciated. Our Division needs all of us to help in this area.

We also need volunteers in the following areas: **Thursday** to help our members with unloading their items for the Trading Pits. **Friday and Saturday** for security at the Trading Pits Doors, and Saturday in assisting our members with getting Trains out of the Trading Pits and to the Loading Docks. We are hoping that we can have enough volunteers that each person will only have to work a few hours. We will also need tour guides on **Friday night** for the layout tours that are familiar with our members' home and familiar with the Atlanta area.

In closing I would ask that you support your Chapter and Division Meets with your participation. At the last couple of meets we have had a small turn out which is making it a little more difficult in meeting our convention budget.

I hope to see you at our next train meet.

Bob Keller
Dixie Division President

ATTENDANCE CONTEST

As previously reported, the Division BOD voted in May, 2009, to begin a contest for all members of the Dixie Division. Each time a Division member attended a Chapter or Division train show beginning November 7, 2009, the member received two points for each show attended for the balance of 2009. In 2010 and 2011, a Division member attending a Chapter or Division show receives one point for each meet attended.

A member from each Chapter with the most points will win a prize for attendance. In addition, the one member throughout the Division with the most points will win a prize for attendance. No member of the Division BOD is eligible to win. Prizes awarded will be associated with the 2012 National TCA Convention in Atlanta.

DIVISION WEBSITE

www.dixiedivisiontca.com

The Division and Chapter leadership make every effort to provide advance notice and specific information on upcoming meets. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure locations at a reasonable cost for the members. Hence locations and dates may change. Please check the Division Website for the most current meet information. You can access the Division website at www.dixiedivisiontca.com.

DIVISION UPDATE - TREASURER'S REPORT GEORGE H. BALTZ — TREASURER JUNE 15, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,816.82
Income:	
Music City 3/26/11 Meet Div. Support	52.00 5,868.82
Expenses:	
Memory Station Door Prizes 8/27/11 Meet	100.00
Due West Methodist Church 11/26/11 Meet	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 5,468.82
2012 TCA Convention Fund	\$ 1,910.29
Subtotal:	\$ 7,379.11
Dixie Division CD	\$5,832.57
Regions Bank 12 month CD @ 0.5% APR, Matures 7/15/2011	
TCA Convention Fund CD	\$5,284.62
Regions Bank 12 month CD @ 0.5% APR, Matures 7/25/2011	
Total:	\$ 18,496.30

(Details related to this report will be available at the Dixie Division meet.)

UPCOMING 2011 TRAIN SHOWS WITHIN THE DIXIE DIVISION

Saturday, August 6, 2011

The **Music City Chapter** hosts a train meet at the Donelson First Baptist Church, Donelson, TN. See the **Division Website** for the meet announcement.

Saturday, August 27, 2011

The **Dixie Division** hosts a train meet at the Catoosa Colonnade in Ringgold, GA. Tables are \$15.00 each and registration is \$7.00. Dealer set up begins at 7 AM and trading follows the 9 AM business meeting until the meet ends at 1 PM. During the show, door prizes will be drawn for members and a raffle for a TCA boxcar will be conducted. Those attendees who order a pre-paid lunch will have it available around Noon without having to leave the trading area. See the **Division Website** for the meet announcement.

Saturday, November 5, 2011

The **Volunteer State Chapter** hosts a meet at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville, TN. Check the **Division Website** for details in coming weeks.

Saturday, November 26, 2011

The **Dixie Division** hosts a post Thanksgiving meet in the Atlanta Area at the Due West Methodist Church, 3956 Due West Rd., Marietta, GA. Tables are \$15.00 each and registration is \$7.00. Dealer set up begins at 7 AM and trading follows the 9 AM business meeting until the meet ends at 1 PM. Door prizes will be drawn for members as well as a raffle for a TCA boxcar. Check the **Division Website** for details in the coming weeks.

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Music City Chapter Details and location to be announced. Check the **Division Website** for details in the coming weeks.