



I hope everyone is doing well and has enjoyed their summer. It is hard to believe that the Fall season is here and before you know it the Holiday season will be here.

Jacksonville Convention Update

I would like to thank the Dixie Division members who attended the Jacksonville Convention in June. The convention went well. I would like to personally thank Alan Evans, Ed Bonnell and Reed Dickerson for their extra hard work during the convention. They did this on a voluntary basis, and we could not have had success without them and their wives who also volunteered their time.

Upcoming Train Meets.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming train meets:

Terminus Chapter December 5th and 6th at the VFW in Acworth. Please check the website for additional information.

Music City Chapter – December 13th. Please check the website for additional information.

Dixie Division – February 6th and 7th, 2026 at the Colonnade in Ringgold, GA. More information to follow.

Loss of Member

I am sad to report that Wendell Tipton passed away September 10th at the age of 99. Wendell was a member of the Music City Chapter. He also served 2 terms as President of the Chapter.

Treasury Report

Checking account \$697.95

National News

On August 27, 2025, the TCA Board of Directors met and dealt with the issue of the ballot sent to the membership on August 15th. Two significant motions were adopted.

First, A motion was made “that the ill-conceived, poorly constructed and highly confusing ballot that was sent out on August 15, 2025, be and it is hereby immediately rescinded, nullified, terminated, and shall have no further effect.”

The motion was seconded. The vote was 17 yes and 2 no. The motion passed.

A second motion was made “that the President, the Officers, the members of the Board of Directors, the entire staff of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) be, and they are hereby directed to immediately cease any and all efforts, communications or discussions pertaining to or in any way related to selling leasing, mortgaging any property of the TCA, including, without limitation any and all real and personal property or any fixed assets.

The motion was seconded. The vote was 16 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions.

After these 2 motions passed, the Board of Directors felt that a letter should go out to the TCA members explaining the ballot situation. As your Dixie Division President, below is the letter that the majority of the BOD approved to be sent to the TCA members:

On August 27, 2025, your TCA Board of Directors met and dealt with the issue of the ballot sent to the membership on August 15th. This ballot was sent out prematurely, which is unfortunate, and was rescinded by an overwhelming vote.

Rest assured your TCA Board of Directors are responsible for anything that resembles sales or offers for any TCA Properties. We have a Fiduciary Responsibility to the TCA Membership and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which includes “due diligence” to all members.

In the near future, the TCA BOD will be dealing with other internal issues, including financial transparency that you requested regarding the museum property. Please, rest assured, that our wonderful club is in a very good financial position.

In the coming weeks the TCA BOD will take steps to give updates to the membership, reflecting a positive update on the financial status issue.

If you have any questions concerning the ballot issue, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you at the next train meet.

Bob Keller

President, Dixie Division