

# Ridge Lines

Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

February 2017

Dundee, Florida

## CALENDAR

<b>North East Florida Winter Meet</b>	<b>Wednesday-Sunday</b>	<b>February 1-5, 2017</b>
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 4, 2017
<b>Big Boots &amp; Western Winter Meet</b>	<b>Monday-Sunday</b>	<b>February 6-12, 2017</b>
<b>Largo Central Railroad Winter Meet</b>	<b>Friday-Monday</b>	<b>February 10-13, 2017</b>
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 11, 2017
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
<b>Manatee Central Winter Meet</b>	<b>Friday-Monday</b>	<b>February 17-20, 2017</b>
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 18, 2017
<b>Tradewinds Winter Meet</b>	<b>Saturday-Sunday</b>	<b>February 18-19, 2017</b>
<b>Ridge Live Steamers Winter Meet</b>	<b>Thursday-Sunday</b>	<b>February 23-26, 2017</b>
<b>FLS Board Meeting &amp; Banquet</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 25, 2017</b>
<b>Central Pasco &amp; Gulf Winter Meet</b>	<b>Sunday-Tuesday</b>	<b>February 26-March 6, 2017</b>
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 4, 2017
<b>North East Florida Winter Meet</b>	<b>Friday-Sunday</b>	<b>March 9-12, 2017</b>
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 11, 2017
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
<b>Sebring Systems</b>	<b>Friday-Sunday</b>	<b>March 17-19, 2017</b>
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 18, 2017
<b>Tradewinds</b>	<b>Saturday-Sunday</b>	<b>March 18-19, 2017</b>
<b>Ridge Live Steamers Spring Meet</b>	<b>Thursday-Sunday</b>	<b>March 23-26, 2017</b>

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**Newsletter of the Ridge Live Steamers, Inc.**

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Submissions: Ridge Lines welcomes articles, news items, digital photos, and other contributions. Please contact the Editor.

Membership: Anyone interested in joining the Ridge Live Steamers should contact the Secretary.

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**General Membership Meetings** will be held the fourth Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted. They will be held at the pavilion after lunch. This is to satisfy the Requirements of Article 1, Section 4 of the Ridge Live Steamers By-Laws.

**Board of Director Meetings** are scheduled on the second Saturdays of every month, subject to cancellation with at least one weeks notice by the President. This is to satisfy the Requirements of Article II, Section 3, Paragraph (1) of the Ridge Live Steamers By-Laws.

**Name Badges.** Please wear your name badges when at the track, especially during run days, so that we may all learn the names of members we don't know, and new members may get to know us. Additional, or new, badges may be purchased for \$7.50.

**The Florida Live Steamers** is an umbrella organization that coordinates the railroad activities around the state. If you don't belong, it is time you did. If you do belong, dues are due. \$20.00 a year should be mailed to FLS, 9111 Erie Lane, Parrish, FL 3421

**EDITOR NEEDED.** I have been publishing this newsletter for more than fifteen years and my pen has gone dry. I will publish and distribute if you will write the articles for the newsletter.

**FRONT PAGE NEWS, “Want a Train? Here, take mine.**

The Ridge Live Steamers are the delighted recipients of Stan Wells’ donation of his entire Santa Fe “War Bonnet” train. Complete with two car carriers, two “T-bar” riding cars, Engineer’s riding car, Conductor’s riding car and Caboose. This train will be used exclusively for conducting visitors on a tour of the railroad and in card order sessions. The engine is a GE Dash 8 – 40GW built by Duncan Herring. Because of some unique features of the engine engineers will need to be “checked out” in the proper operation of the engine. In addition the train came complete with storage/transportation racks, a portable hydraulic lift, all the track and switches. The Ridge Live Steamers are indebted to Stan for this fantastic donation.



**Ridge held its second Ops Session of the year on January 21st.** Good weather was with us on Saturday but wind and threat of rain curtailed operations on Sunday.

The Saturday session was well attended and we fielded 24 freight runs. We had 2 passenger trains running the schedule with their set out and pick up of REA cars. We had 10 trains running at the same time including transfer/interchange runs. Switching was done in Yeehaw, Pine Level, Hays Hill, Pine Level Ridgeville/Tiley and Bowen Branch.

Our next session is scheduled for March 17 - 18. Join us!!

Some pictures from the January Op Session.



It's that time again, time to gather up those train parts, tools, etc. that have been gathering dust because you just don't use them anymore. Bring them to the Winter Meet for the "Switch Yard Sale" and get some cash for those items. The sale will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 and Sat. Feb. 25, 2017 only. See below for detailed information.

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Ridge Live Steamers, Inc.

# Switch Yard Sale

## Terms and Conditions

1. Items brought for sale on consignment should be railroad or hobby related.
2. The Yard Sale manager has the right to refuse to accept any donated or consignment item for any reason.
3. If you bring an item to sell on consignment, 10% of the selling price or \$1.00 (whichever is greater) will be retained by RLS as commission.
4. You may donate an item for sale. 100% of the sale price goes to RLS.
5. You must establish a suggested selling price for any donated or consignment items. You may indicate a minimum selling price for consignment items.
6. Any consignment items not sold must be picked up by the consignor as soon as possible at the end of the sale. RLS will not be responsible for items remaining beyond the close of the sale.
7. Consignment items may be brought to the Yard Sale location no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on Friday of the meet. Unsold items must be picked up by the consignor no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. RLS will not be responsible for any items brought in prior to the start of the sale on Friday nor items left after the close of the sale on Saturday.
8. The Switch Yard Sale will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

(RLS SYS T&C 02/16)

# Switch Yard Sale

The items listed below are being left with the manager of the RLS Switch Yard Sale

On CONSIGNMENT

As a DONATION to RLS

(CIRCLE ONE)

I agree to allow RLS, Inc. to retain 10% of the sale price of any items sold on consignment as a sales commission with a minimum commission of \$1.00 per item. I further agree that RLS, Inc. shall not be responsible for any unsold items that I do not take back by 4:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon of the Meet weekend.

I agree that any donated items may be used, sold, or disposed of by RLS, Inc. at the discretion of the Switch Yard Sale Manager and/or the RLS Board of Directors.

Item # (for SYS price mgr use)	Description	Suggested selling price	Minimum selling
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Member's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the terms and conditions of the RLS Switch Yard Sale for the items listed above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(RLS SYS form 02/16)