

# Ridge Lines

## Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

January 2014

Dundee, Florida

### CALENDAR

RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 1, 2014
West Toccoi & Bostwick Winter Meet	Friday-Monday	Jan 31-Feb 3, 2014
Big Boots & Western Winter Meet	Tuesday-Sunday	February 4-9, 2014
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 8, 2014
Largo Central Winter Meet	Sunday-Friday	February 9-14, 2014
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 15, 2014
Manatee Central	Thursday-Tuesday	February 13-18, 2014
Ridge Live Steamers Winter Meet	Thursday-Sunday	February 20-23, 2014
FLS Annual Meeting (at Ridge)	Saturday	February 22, 2014
Central Pasco Winter Meet	Sunday-Monday	Feb 23-March 3, 2014
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 1, 2014
Harris Chain of Lakes Steamboat Meet Whooton Park, Tavares, FL	Thursday-Thursday	March 6-13, 2014
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 8, 2014
Sebring System	Thursday-Sunday	March 13-16, 2014
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 15, 2014
RLS Spring Meet	Friday – Sunday	March 21 – 23, 2014

**Card Order Meet January 4, 2014.** The second Card Order Meet this winter was held on Sat., Jan. 4, 2014 with about 20 participants. Twelve trains were put out by the yard crew headed by Yardmaster John Forte. Two passenger trains, engineered by Chris Forte and Donovan Lewis, kept the main lines busy as they maintained their schedules. The weather was cool, but pleasant and many were shedding jackets by the afternoon. Trainmaster, Bob Moutray, involved several new participants as he filled train crews and all seemed to enjoy the session. Several members helped set up on Fri. and a few even stayed to put everything away after the meet on Sat.

A great big THANK YOU to Fred DeLoach and Allen Newcomb for their behind-the-scenes work which made the Card Order Meets possible. Fred created the data and spreadsheet for creating waybills and car cards. Allen worked tirelessly tracking down cars and owners to print and laminate the card cards.

**Final Card Order Meet.** The third and last Card Order Meet for this winter started on a chilly morning on Sat., January 18, 2014 and ended on a pleasant afternoon. The meet was ably headed by Dispatcher/Trainmaster Bob Moutray and Yardmaster Bob Hill. Two steam engines run by Tim Meyer and Chris Forte were part of the group of ten engines that participated in the meet. Chris Forte and Jim Reid were passenger engineers who kept their trains on schedule to make freight jobs more interesting as the main needed to be clear for the priority passenger trains.

The operating system used was a track warrant-ABS scheme and the station agent was pretty busy keeping the station boxes worked as Bob Hill and the yard crew put out fourteen freight jobs during the meet. Approximately twenty-five people braved the cool morning and all had a great time moving revenue around the track.

Thanks to Rich Dobler for these articles.

**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.

**Nomination of Officers** At the December Membership meeting, Nominating Committee Chairman, Tim Meyer, presented the slate of nominees for the 2014 election. For Treasurer, John Forte; for the three positions as Directors: Jim Burby, Mitchell Hardy, Tom Pfister and Mort Tiley. At the January meeting nominations from the floor were closed with no additional nominations. Ballots are attached for Regular members voting. See details on the ballot.

**Electronic Distribution.** Help the Treasurer and the Secretary/Editor to save money, and time. If you do not already get the newsletter e-mail, please e-mail me at [allenpn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:allenpn@tampabay.rr.com) with your e-mail address. Please be sure to add me to your mailbox so that I won't be blocked. Please be assured that only RLS mail will be sent to you and it will be as a "blind copy" to prevent anyone else gaining access to your computer. In addition, and very important, please advise us if your e-mail address changes.

**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 \$6.00.

**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 34219.

**Gauge-One Track - Routine Maintenance.** In order that the Members and Visitors who attend the forthcoming Winter Meet may enjoy a problem free running session on the Gauge-One track railroad layout, a number of routine tasks have been completed:

- ° All switches have been cleaned and lubricated to ensure easy operation.
- ° All rail joiners and power pickup points have been checked, and tightened if required.
- ° All three loops of the track layout have been cleaned (including the rails cleaned with a proprietary cleaner, and the wooden base-boards power washed), then checked by running locomotives to ensure that the tracks are free from any obstructions, raised pins etc.
- ° All loose track baseboard timbers have been re-secured where necessary.
- ° All bumper stops have been re-painted.
- ° All Gauge-One cars owned by Ridge Live Steamers have been cleaned and trucks lubricated, prior to them being run on the track, to check they are serviceable and in good operational order.
- ° All Gauge-One locomotives owned by Ridge Live Steamers, have been cleaned, the trucks lubricated, and then run, to check that they are serviceable, and in good operational order.
- ° The four trestle tables have been re-painted.

The work was completed by David Howarth and Jim Reid. Special thanks to David for the article.

## **President's Page**

By Bruce M. Rauch

The Winter Meet is upon us. RLS will be a virtual railroad city from February 20 to 23, 2014. All members are encouraged, urged, cajoled to volunteer to help with this massive undertaking. Danna Bliss, Meet Superintendent, is the man to see. He will direct you to a task or to a person who can help you find your niche in the big picture.

Since I have turned the Emporium over to the capable hands of Allen Newcomb, I am now free to move on to other endeavors. At first, I thought I would take a vacation. That didn't seem appropriate. The Switch Yard Sale (SYS) needed a proprietor. With no takers, I decided to fill that void. John Abbott has agreed to assist in the sale tent. The SYS will be operational on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The following terms and conditions apply.

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 meet. RLS will not be responsible for items remaining beyond the close of the meet.
7. Consignment items may not be brought to the club prior to the first day of the meet.

Please note – the terms and conditions apply to items sold through the SYS only. They DO NOT apply to vendors operating from their own tables, trailers, etc.

A Consignment/Donation form is included in this newsletter so that you can prepare the paperwork prior to the actual sale. Nothing will be accepted for sale without the completed form.

## Ridge Live Steamers, Inc. 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 Sunday 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 # <small>(for SYS mgr use)</small>	Description	Suggested selling price	Minimum selling price
_____ / _____	_____ / _____	/ \$ _____ / \$ _____	/ \$ _____ / \$ _____
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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 10/09)

# BALLOT

## Vote for Officer and Board of Directors Members

Each Regular Member receives one ballot (Family Memberships have two Regular members)

Mailed Ballots must be received by Tom Pfister, 416 Lake Daisy Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884,  
NO LATER than Saturday, February 22, 2014. Please mark "Ballot" on the envelope.

Ballots may be delivered to a RLS Officer in an envelope marked "Ballot" on the envelope NO LATER than  
Sunday, February 23, 2014, by 2:00 pm.

### Treasurer (Vote for One)

\_\_\_\_\_ John Forte

### Board of Directors (In Alphabetic Order) Vote for Three

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Burby

\_\_\_\_\_ Mitchell Hardy

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Pfister

\_\_\_\_\_ Mort Tiley