

Ridge Lines

Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

January 2016

Dundee, Florida

CALENDAR

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RLS Work Day	Saturday	January 30, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 6, 2016
Big Boots & Western Winter Meet	Monday-Saturday	February 1-13, 21016
North East Florida Live Steamers	Thursday –Sunday	February 4-7, 2016
Largo Central Railroad	Sunday-Wednesday	February 12-17, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 13, 2016
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
Manatee Central Railroad	Wednesday-Wednesday	February 17-24, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 20, 2016
RLS Winter Meet	Thursday – Sunday	February 25-28, 2016
RLS Annual Meeting	Sunday	February 28, 2016
Central Pasco & Gulf	Sunday-Sunday	Feb 28-March 6, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 5, 2016
Sebring System Railroad	Thursday-Sunday	March 10-13, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 12, 2016
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 19, 2016
RLS Spring Meet	Friday – Sunday	March 25-27, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	April 2, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	April 9, 2016
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	April 16, 2016
RLS Run Day	Saturday	April 23, 2016
General Membership Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	April 30, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	May 7, 2016

WINTER MEET IS HERE

Never mind the thermometer, the calendar says the Winter Meet is Here.

Plans are well under way for the 2016 Ridge Live Steamers Winter Meet. Most everything is the same. We will have our own "Roach Coach" again this year thanks to Bob Moutray and the ladies. The major difference is the Banquet; it will be at a new location, closer to the track and larger for more people to enjoy. It will be at Camp Endeavor, 1301 Camp Endeavor Blvd, Dundee 33838.

If you haven't made your RV parking reservations yet I suggest that you do. With larger rigs it becomes harder for Dana Bliss to fit you piece if the puzzle into the big picture.

There will be a Switch Yard Sale in one of the tractor sheds this year. The Terms and Conditions as well as the Consignment/Donation form at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Kitchen” Rehab –Thanks to Louise Moutray, Gail Bliss, Gillian Forte and Jan Golding the “so-called” kitchen was torn apart, washed down, new shelving, containers labeled and put back together again. Let’s hope everyone tries to keep is neat and clean. IT LOOKS FABULOUS.

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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



Ric Golding's Diary of a January "Op Session." Jan 1 - Today, we setup for Car Card/Waybill Ops this weekend at the Ridge Live Steamers in Dundee, Florida. 80 freight and Passenger cars, which include some ride on cars. Took most of the day to get them spread out over the acreage at all the sidings. Operations is basic, 5 car trains with 2 ride on cars for up to 4 crew members, an engine and a caboose. So 9 or 10 cars depending on the power. Interesting, takes time to get the cars out of the storage buildings and gathered at the main yard. Then matching car cards with a waybill and placing on the cars. It takes time to cover the railroad, place the cars at the industries, and get the rolling stock to stay where you want it. 5 major switching areas out on the railroad, plus 2 interchange tracks. Each switching area location has 6 cars pre-staged. Interchange tracks hold 4. That's what we did today. Tomorrow, the plan is to make up a train with 5 cars. The switching locations each have a waybill box. The 5 waybills you bring with you go in the back of the box and you take the front 5 cards and figure out their location in the switching area. That's the gist of what I know now.

Jan 2 It does look like a spaghetti bowl on a track diagram or from an areal view. But the terrain is quite varied and locations are isolated by elevation or vegetation. It was daunting at first, but you do get used to the locations and can see one location following another along the line.

The first day of Ops is complete and was very interesting. We ran with 4 person crews and I was allowed to be the conductor on 6 different trains. Most were turns or extras with the train going out and returning to the same yard. All were freight trains and made up of an engine, forward riding car for engineer and forward brakeman, 5 freight cars, a back riding car for the switch man and conductor and then a caboose. A waybill/car card box was at each switching location and it contained the cards of the equipment already there at the labeled industries. The 5 cars that were brought in were exchanged with the first 5 cars in the car card box and then the inbound car cards were placed at the back of the box upon being set out. Destinations were either a track or a

specific location on a track at a loading platform or warehouse door.

A passenger train ran to a timetable in each direction. They had an arrival and departure schedule for each location and the freights had to respect and stay clear of the passenger schedule. The two passenger trains ran their complete loops each direction in an hour's time. The passenger schedule was without an hour marking and only distinguished minutes of each hour for both station arrival and departure. This was a new experience for me, but easy to catch on to. You looked for your location on the passenger timetable and checked the time the passenger trains would be at that location. The rest of the time the track was yours, but you had to guard front and back, for other traffic, if not in an industrial trackage area.

It is all well thought out and well done. Lots of thought and effort was put forth to get the operations this far. Not all of the club members embrace the "operations" logic and so it is currently only run a few times a year. But switching districts, clear of main line running will allow everyone to share in the fun at the same time, as things progress.

Jan 3

Today, we had rain predicted about 3 pm and a cold front was coming through. Trust me a cold front is not what Jan and I know as a COLD front. Anyway, not near as many people showed and nobody wanted to get wet, so all the rolling stock was brought back to "Elston Yard" from all the locations and sorted as to ownership and which barn they went in. Then everything was put away and buttoned up. Almost as much fun as the last two days.

Rain came in about 2 pm EST and things got quiet. What a great weekend and experience.

Coachwhip Cut Rebuild



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 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.

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)

