

Ridge Lines

Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

November 2013

Dundee, Florida

CALENDAR

RLS Work Day	Saturday	November 16, 2013
RLS Run Day	Saturday	November 23, 2013
And General Membership Meeting		
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 28, 2013
RLS Work Day	Saturday	November 30, 2013
RLS 1 st Card Order Op Session	Saturday	December 7, 2013
See details below		
RLS Christmas	Saturday	December 14, 2013
Sebring Systems Fall Meet	Friday-Sunday	December 13-15, 2013
RLS 2 nd Card Order Op Session	Saturday	January 4, 2014
RLS 3 rd Card Order Op Session	Saturday	January 18, 2014
RLS Work Day	Saturday	January 25, 2014
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
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 OPERATING SESSIONS. The first of three Card Order Operating Sessions will be held on Sat. Dec. 7, starting at 10:00 A.M. Train crews will consist of an engineer, conductor, and brakeman. The passenger train will operate on a schedule and the station agent will ride the passenger train to work the station boxes. If you are planning to attend and operate, please let Rich Dobler know, so an appropriate number of trains can be made up in the yard.

If you have never done this before, please give it a try as we are all learning about the operating sessions. Just show up and we will put together the crews as people come for this first session. We will need the following jobs filled:

- Passenger engineer
- Passenger conductor
- Station agent
- Yard switcher engineer
- Yard switcher brakeman

Let Rich Dobler know if you will fill any of these jobs. There are about 50 industries on the railroad to switch, so there is plenty of opportunity for all of us to have a fun day at the railroad.

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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.

Ridge Model Railroad Club Annual Outing. On Saturday, October 12, the weather was great, three passenger trains made several trips with happy club members. More riders than any of the previous outings. 26 small track and big track folks were treated to a steak dinner for lunch.

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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 \$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.

President's Page

By Bruce M. Rauch

Fall Meet Reprise: The fall meet was one of the best I've ever experienced. The weather was just about perfect, attendance was better than many previous fall meets, the few problems were minor and easily corrected, the Saturday night pot luck was enjoyed by everyone. In short, a good time was had by all.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the meet. The track and property were in the best shape since the beginning of the rainy season due to many people who came out to cut grass, pull weeds, trim trees and bushes, and generally spruce up the place. I heard many compliments on the condition of the track. I'm not sure if we are doing a great job or other tracks have more problems. Everything is relative. Thank you to everyone who made the pot luck dinner the usual success. I love pot lucks.

Emporium News: I have now retired as the Emporium manager. Allen Newcomb has agreed to take full control of the "store". If you want any shirts, hats, etc. between meets, contact Allen. He'll be happy to accommodate you.

New Life Member: In recognition of her many years of tireless service to RLS, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to make Sue Bissett a life member.

Christmas night run and pot luck: Saturday, December 14, 2014, we will have our second annual Christmas Night Run. For those of you who didn't attend last year, it works like this: come to RLS any time during the day and decorate your train, the pavilion, a building, etc. At 5:00 p.m. we will have a pot luck supper. Make your favorite recipe for this festive occasion. After the pot luck, we light up the decorations and the trains for a magical (sorry, I worked at WDW) train ride through the cool, dark night. Last year some of us waited until the last minute and couldn't find the lights and decorations that we wanted for our trains. The stores are stocking more and more Christmas decorations each day. Get your supplies now while there is much to choose from.

Work to be done: The Board has approved a "to do" list of jobs that can and should be done in the coming months. Some of the jobs have been completed and others are well under way. As the snowbirds arrive and look for ways to stay busy, the pace of work quickens. We are at the time of year when you can find people working at the property virtually every day of the week. So, don't be concerned if you can't join us on a Saturday, Monday, or Wednesday. Come any day you have available. Your talents will be well used.

Across the miles: Pete Petrillose, a founding member (I think) of Adirondack Live Steamers, and a member of RLS who likes to make coffee at our winter meet, has had a heart attack. Anyone who knows Pete knows how stubborn he is. He walked to the ambulance and gave the crew a hard time about taking his rubber boots off. The last I heard, he's had four stints inserted and is resting comfortably. We wish Pete and Helena a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them in February.

Just for fun: Have you seen Lindsay Raley's picture on a carton of Florida's Natural orange juice? Lindsay, a prominent citrus grower, is a member of the co-op and shares the carton space with other growers. I picked up a carton with Lindsay's picture on it and headed for the check-out counter. The cashier looked at the carton and mentioned that she didn't know they were doing that on orange juice cartons. I proudly told her that Lindsay is a friend of mine. To which she replied, "I'm so sorry, how long has he been missing?" Rim Shot.....