

Ridge Lines

Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

November 2015

Dundee, Florida

CALENDAR

RLS Work Day	Saturday	November 7, 2015
RLS Work Day	Saturday	November 14, 2015
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	November 21, 2015
RLS Run Day	Saturday	November 28, 2015
General Membership Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	December 5, 2015
RLS Christmas Run	Saturday	December 12, 2015
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
Pot Luck Dinner, 5:00 PM, followed by night running		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	December 19, 2015
RLS Run Day	Saturday	December 26, 2015
General Membership Meeting		
Card Order Session	Saturday-Sunday	January 2-3, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	January 9, 2016
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
Card Order Session	Saturday-Sunday	January 16-17, 2016
RLS Run Day	Saturday	January 23, 2016
General Membership Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	January 30, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 6, 2016
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 13, 2016
Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting		
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 20, 2016
RLS Winter Meet	Thursday – Sunday	February 25-28, 2016
RLS Annual Meeting	Sunday	February 28, 2016
RLS Spring Meet (Tentative)	Friday – Sunday	March 25-27, 2016



Mort Tiley's Memorial



Mort's Great-Great Grand-daughter
Paige Pratt

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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 34219.

January Card Order Sessions, have been expanded to two days. This will allow the organizers to distribute the cars and ready trains for dispatching in a more relaxed manner. Why, because they will not have to race around at the end of Saturday to retrieve the cars around the layout. The second day will allow for more operation for those that want a little more, and allow the organizers a more relaxed collection of cars.

Fourth Annual Christmas Night Run, Pot Luck Supper and (NEW) Grab Bag.

Continuing on with the annual Christmas Night Run train owners are reminded to decorate your trains with lights, etc. See the enclosed flyer.

2016 Dues Notices are enclosed.

Dues are due by January 1, 2016

Annual Waivers are also enclosed, please sign and return with you dues payment.

At the dedication of the memorial for Mort Tiley, his daughter-in-law Sherri gave the following dedication, “ Thank You for gathering here to remember Mort Tiley. He was ‘quite the man.’ Full of fun and laughter. He has had a love for ‘Steam’ engines all his life. As a young man he loved to prank the town of Essex, Connecticut, where he was raised, by putting outhouses in the town square. He always loved a good joke and the funny papers.

He moved to Tavares in the early nineties looking for a retirement hobby. He tried fishing and woodworking, not for him although he left us some wonderful cabinetry. He needed his lawnmower blades sharpened, and that was all it took to find Henry Walter and his trains. Mort’s new hobby, TRAINS.

Mort grew up working in his dad’s machine shop in Connecticut, so seeing all of Henry’s machines brought back many memories. He and Henry became like brothers. You rarely saw one without the other.

Mort loved every minute he spent at the track whether it was running trains, building track or tunnels or bridges. He was one of the people who helped buy the track property here in Dundee and although the club was supposed to return the money when funds were available he donated his share back to the club. He was generous in his donations to the track every year. Being at the track always put a smile on his face.

We, his family, miss him terribly, but he only asked one thing of us and everyone who knew him, ‘Always remember me smiling,’ riding the rails just steamin’ along.

His Great grand daughter, Paige Pratt, read the following poem,

Engine, engine number nine,
Comiin’ down the railroad line ...
Hop in the car and don’t look back,
‘Cause Poompa’s taking us down the track.
Over the bridge, around the bend,
To Tiley Corner, but that’s not the end.
His face covered in soot, his eyes a ‘gleam.
Poompa is running it at full steam.
Through the tunnel and up the grade,
Adding coal to the fire, on the engine he made.
The ride comes to an end, as he pulls in the station,
Poompa is pleased with his work and dedication.

Engine, engine number nine,
Comin’ down the railroad line ...
Poompa, how we had such pride,
And we always enjoyed every ride.
We love you and we miss you so,
But we find comfort as we know
You are up where you belong,
Up in Heaven, still chugging along.

Sherri then closed with this prayer, ‘God and gracious God, Bless those who are here today with your glorious love. I pray Lord for safe travels for those who have gathered here. We lift Mort’s spirit to You knowing that he is safely in Your arms. In His name we pray, Amen.’”

**Fourth Annual
Christmas Night Run, Pot Luck
Supper, & (NEW) Grab Bag**

Won't you join us for this festive tradition?
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 - Come to RLS,
decorate your train with lights, etc.. At
5:00 p.m. we will enjoy the Pot Luck.
Bring your special dish to share. You may
bring your own beverages (no alcohol
please) or use our soda cooler. After
supper, we will light up the trains and
enjoy a very special night run.

Optional Grab Bag - Bring a wrapped item
and take one home. Please limit value to
less than \$5.00.

