

Ridge Lines

Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

November 2018

Dundee, Florida

RLS Run Day	Saturday	November 24, 2018
	Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM	
	General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM	
RLS Work Day	Saturday	December 1, 2018
RLS Card Order Session	Saturday - Sunday	December 8, 9, 2018
RLS Christmas Run	Saturday	December 15, 2018
RLS Run Day	Saturday	December 22, 2018
	Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM	
	General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM	
RLS Work Day	Saturday	December 29, 2018
RLS New Year's Day Picnic	Tuesday	January 1, 2019
RLS Card Order Session	Saturday - Sunday	January 5, 6, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	January 12, 2019
RLS Card Order Session	Saturday - Sunday	January 19, 20, 2019
RLS Run Day	Saturday	January 26, 2019
	Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM	
	General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM	
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 2, 2019
Big Boots & Western Winter Meet	Monday-Monday	February 4-11, 2019
North East Florida Live Steamers	Thursday-Saturday	February 7-9, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 9, 2019
Manatee Central Winter Meet	Friday-Tuesday	February 15-19, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	February 16, 2019
Trade Winds Winter Meet	Saturday-Sunday	February 16-17, 2019
RLS Winter Meet	Thurs through Sunday	February 21 - 24, 2019
	Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, Saturday, 11:00 AM	
	Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, 1:00 PM	
Pasco Central Winter Meet	Sunday-Sunday	Feb 24-Mar 3, 2019
Sebring Systems Winter Meet	Friday-Sunday	March 1-3, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 2, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 9, 2019
RLS Card Order Session	Saturday - Sunday	March 16, 17 2019
RLS Spring Meet	Friday, Saturday Sunday	March 22, 23, 24, 2019
	Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM	
	General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM	
RLS Work Day	Saturday	March 30, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	April 6, 2019
RLS Work Day—Ridge MRRC Cookout	Saturday	April 13, 2019
Manatee Central Spring Meet	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	April 13 - 15, 2019
RLS Work Day	Saturday	April 20, 2019
RLS Run Day	Saturday	April 27, 2019
	Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM	
	General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM	

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 fourth Saturday 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 34219-9049

CARD ORDER OPERATION The next Card Order Operation session is scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9, 2018. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for the fun. We will start at 9 A.M. on Saturday and we will work you in when you arrive any time after that.

SUPPORT FLS Florida Live Steamers, Inc. is an umbrella organization that coordinates live steam activities throughout the state. Dues are \$20.00 per year and membership can be obtained by sending your check to Joan Smith, 9111 Erie Lane, Parrish, FL 34219-9049.

FLS WINTER MEET The FLS Winter Meet information packet will be sent in December. This year the door prize activity at the banquet will be concluded in less than five minutes with larger and fewer door prizes. Banquet tickets and RV parking require advanced registration as both are limited, so return those registrations as soon as possible.

9th Annual New Year's Day Picnic

January 1, 2019

Lunch at 1:00 pm

Ridge Live Steamers Pavillion

Please bring a dish to pass.

Judy and Harvey Ulch will furnish the meat.



Join us for food, fun, and trains!

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***7th Annual Christmas
Night Run and pot luck
Saturday 12/15/2018***

It's time to deck the halls and the trains as we transform RLS into a Christmas wonder-land. Decorate your train during the day. At 5:00 p.m. enjoy a great pot luck supper. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. As the sun goes down, the trains light up and the magic starts.

Field Trip Recently four members of RLS took a field trip to the new location of the Northeast Florida Live Steamers at the Florida Agricultural Museum at Palm Coast. The location is just north of Palm Coast off of US Hwy 1. Harvey Ulch, John Bortz, Dana Bliss, and Richard Dobler drove to Palm Coast, found the museum, and spent most of the day preparing roadbed and laying track. One turnout was positioned and several loads of fill were leveled for roadbed in the track laying process. NEFLS has a lease for approximately 19 acres at the museum site and has about 600 feet of 7 ½" gauge track on the ground. The track is located in north Florida piney woods on a beautiful property owned by the museum and president, Frank Woodard, hopes to have the first loop completed for the FLS Winter Meet.

Dues Date Changes RLS By-Laws were changed at the October, 2018 membership meeting to make the dates for the collection of RLS dues coincide with the RLS fiscal calendar. Beginning now, RLS dues will be collected AFTER January 1 and will be overdue on March 1 of each year. Treasurer John Forte will send dues notices beginning January 1, 2019. Please do not send dues until after January 1.

2018 Fall Meet The RLS Fall Meet was held in October with great weather, great trains, and great people. There were 10 steam engines, including two large steam engines, and about 10 or so other pieces of motive power on the track. 63 people were fed at the Pot-Luck dinner on Saturday evening and there was night running on Friday and Saturday nights. The 2018 Fall Meet was one of the better attended Fall Meets and there was plenty of train traffic on the layout.



Chris Forte and loco 573 on the gauntlet track at Black Widow Gap.



Train rides tire some people out.



Chris Colby and his Mountain at Wixson.