

# Ridge Lines

## Voice of the Ridge Live Steamers

October 2018

Dundee, Florida

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| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | October 6, 2018                 |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | October 13, 2018                |
| RLS Work Day—Ridge MRRC Cookout                           | Saturday                        | October 20, 2018                |
| <b>RLS Fall Meet</b>                                      | <b>Friday, Saturday Sunday</b>  | <b>October 26, 27, 28, 2018</b> |
| Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM           |                                 |                                 |
| General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM                      |                                 |                                 |
| <b>Boots - 15th Anniversary &amp; Fall Meet</b>           | <b>Monday - Sunday</b>          | <b>Oct, 29- Nov.4, 2018</b>     |
| <b>Sebring System</b>                                     | <b>Friday, Saturday, Sunday</b> | <b>November 2, 3, 4, 2018</b>   |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | November 3, 2018                |
| <b>Manatee</b>  | <b>Friday, Saturday, Sunday</b> | <b>Nov 9, 10, 11, 2018</b>      |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | November 10, 2018               |
| <b>Central Pasco &amp; Gulf Fall Meet</b>                 | <b>Friday, Saturday, Sunday</b> | <b>November 16 - 18, 2018</b>   |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | November 17, 2018               |
| 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 Work Day  | Saturday                        | December 8, 2018                |
| RLS Work Day  | 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 Work Day  | Saturday                        | January 5, 2019                 |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | January 12, 2019                |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | January 19, 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                |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | February 9, 2019                |
| RLS Work Day  | Saturday                        | February 16, 2019               |
| <b>RLS Winter Meet</b>                                    | <b>Thurs through Sunday</b>     | <b>February, 21 - 24, 2019</b>  |
| Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, Saturday, 11:00 AM |                                 |                                 |
| Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, 1:00 PM                |                                 |                                 |
| <b>RLS Spring Meet</b>                                    | <b>Friday, Saturday Sunday</b>  | <b>March 23, 24, 25, 2019</b>   |
| Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting, 11:00 AM           |                                 |                                 |
| General Membership Meeting, 12:15 PM                      |                                 |                                 |
| Manatee Central Spring Meet                               | Friday, Saturday, Sunday        | April 13 - 15, 2019             |
| Manatee Central Memorial Day                              |                                 | May 26 - 28, 2019               |
| Manatee Central Fall Meet                                 | Friday, Saturday, Sunday        | November 9 - 11, 2019           |
| RLS Card Order Session                                    | Saturday - Sunday               | December 8, 9, 2018             |
| RLS Card Order Session                                    | Saturday - Sunday               | January 5, 6, 2019              |
| RLS Card Order Session                                    | Saturday - Sunday               | January 19, 20, 2019            |
| RLS Card Order Session                                    | Saturday - Sunday               | March 16, 17 2019               |

### **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

### **Planning ahead 2019 Winter Meet Schedules**

BB&W - Winter Meet Feb. 4th-11th

NEFLS – Feb 7, 8, 9 (to be confirmed)

CPGRR -

LCRR -

MCRR - Feb 15 - 19

TARR - Feb 16 - 17

Banquet & General Meeting Feb 23 RLS

Sebring – Mar 1, 2, 3

**Thanks to Jesse and John** for their work on getting club engine 1998 back in service. Jesse Perkins replaced an insert in the side frame and John Bortz put the engine back together after checking oil, etc.

**The Fall Meet** is Fri., Sat., and Sun., **October 26, 27, and 28, 2018**. The campground is open prior to, during, and following the meet for those who want to stay at the track. There will be a **Covered Dish Supper** at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday and night running each night. The Emporium will be open on Saturday for the purchase of Ridge items. Running will be one direction due to signals not quite being ready for the meet. **Please** join us for this event.

**Notice of Proposed By-Laws Changes** A By-Laws change was approved for the amendment process of 15 day notification followed by a vote of the membership at an appropriate regular or special membership meeting. In this case, the vote would occur at the regular membership meeting on October 27, 2018 and, by the nature of the proposal, a second change will be necessary. The first change involves moving the date that annual dues become due from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>. That change also moves the non-payment of dues date from March 1 to May 1 in a second section of the By-Laws.

The proposed amendments are: (changes or additions are underlined)

ARTICLE IV SECTION 1 would be changed to read:

ANNUAL DUES AND ADDITIONAL FEES SHALL BE SET AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>.

ARTICLE IV SECTION 6 would be changed to read:

ANY MEMBER WHOSE DUES ARE NOT PAID BY MAY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CORPORATION'S MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.

**WIXSON** Jimmy Humerez has been working hard at Wixson in the heat to make progress before the Fall Meet. He has set the silo at the farm and will be putting the exterior and details on it. There also will be a new structure to replace the small building that covers the power supply. Wixson is a great feature on the railroad and many thanks go to Jimmy and his wife for the many, hot hours that they have put in there.

**RIDGE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB COOKOUT** We will host the Ridge Model Railroad Club for their annual cookout on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at noon. They will feed RLS members in attendance, so if you think you will be at the track on that day, please let John Bortz know ahead of time so we can give them a head (mouth) count.

**SIGNALS** John Forte has worked and is working many hours toward getting the signal system automated. Lightning and design changes have made progress slow down, but he feels that he is gaining on it and the system should be up by the card order sessions.

**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.