

SERO South Eastern Railcar Operators, Inc.



**Florida Midland Railroad
Florida Central Railroad
Florida Northern Railroad**

Motorcar Excursion March 28, 29 & 30, 2008

South Eastern Railcar Operators, Inc. will sponsor a motorcar excursion on the Florida Midland, Florida Central and Florida Northern Railroads, all of which are a part of the **Pinsley Railroads** group who have graciously allowed us to operate.

FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2008 - Florida Midland Railroad - Lake Wales, FL NEW TRACK FOR THE HOBBY. Set On will start at 09:00 A.M. Ample parking is available adjacent to the Set On location at E. Stuart Ave. East of N. Scenic Highway. We will make a reverse move (back the cars) North about 1/3 mile, where, after clearing a switch, we can proceed to West lake Wales near the CSX connection. We will turn on a paved crossing and return to the point clear of the switch, turn the cars again on one of several paved crossings in a city park, then proceed South to Lake Wales for a lunch break.

Lunch facilities are available at several restaurants close to the set-on location along Stuart Avenue. In the afternoon we will run South through rolling hills and orange groves to Frostproof and turn near the end of track. We will run about 34 round trip miles. Aftersset-off where we will have the opportunity to visit the ACL railroad Depot Museum.

There are not many hotels in the Lake Wales area and it might be best to drive the 58 miles to Winter Garden where more accommodations are located along highway 50 (Colonial Drive) within a few miles of Saturday's set-on location. Accomodations in this area include:

Red Roof Inn, 11241 West Colonial Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761 (407) 347-0140
Holiday Inn: Orlando West, 10945 West Colonial Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761 (407) 656-5050
Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Ocoee, 10971 West Colonial Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761 (407) 573-1010
Orlando Winter Garden Campground Resort, 13905 W. Colonial Drive Winter Garden, Fl. 34787 (407) 656-1415

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008 - Florida Central Railroad - Winter Garden, FL Our set-on location is on South Main Street just East of the railroad museum in the old depot in the city center. We will be treated to an "Old Fashioned" pancake breakfast starting at 06:30 by the Central Florida Chapter of the NRHS. Set on begins at 07:00 We will Leave Winter Garden at 08:30 and run to Wooten Park in Tavares with a "pit" stop at the railroad headquarters in Plymouth. (**NOTE:** *In previous years, we have always set-on in Wooten Park and run to Winter Garden. Due to an antique wooden boat show and construction in the park, our normal parking is not available, hence we will do the reverse of what has been done on past runs.*) Lunch is your choice in one of the several restaurants near the park or street vendors at the boat show which we will visit during our lunch break.

In addition to wooden boats, the show also features wooden body cars. Our motorcars will be of as much interest to them as their boats and cars are for us, so be ready for lots of questions about our activities. We will return to Winter Garden in the afternoon. Round trip distance is about 57 miles.

After setting off, we can again visit the railroad museum before heading for Sunday's run in Ocala. It's an easy 65 miles trip via the Florida Turnpike (entrance only about 2 miles from set-off) and I-75 to Ocala. Ocala's many hotels include:

Days Inn of Ocala, 3811 N US-27, Ocala FL 34482 (352) 629-7041
Ramada Inn, N US-27, Ocala FL 34482 (352) 732-3131
Holiday Inn Express of Ocala, 1212 SW Pine Ave, (Hwy 441, 301 & 27) Ocala FL 34474 (352) 629-7300
La Quinta Inn and Suites, 3530 SW 36th Ave, (near SR200 & I-75) Ocala FL 34474 (352) 861-1137

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2008 - Florida Northern Railroad - Ocala, FL We will set on in downtown Ocala, Florida, North of Highway 40 grade crossing in an area where the track runs down the middle of the street for several blocks starting at 08:00. Departure at 09:00. We will run South to Candler (14 miles each way) and return to the set on location for a lunch break. Anyone on a tight schedule can set off at this time. In the afternoon, we will run North to the end of the track near Lowell (11 miles each way). It is a very pretty run. There are a number of busy crossings that we will have to flag. We will also have to cross the CSX main on the diamond at the Amtrack station in Ocala.

Schedule	Schedule	Schedule
Friday - March 28, 2008	Saturday - March 29, 2008	Sunday - March 30, 2008
09:00 Set on - Lake Wales, FL	07:30 Set-on Winter Garden	08:00 Set on - Ocala, FL
09:45 Safety Briefing	08:15 Safety Briefing	08:45 Safety Briefing
10:00 Departure	08:30 Departure	09:00 Departure
11:00 W. Lake Wales - Turn Cars	10:00 Rest room stop - Plymouth	10:30 Arrive Candler - Turn Cars
12:00 Return to Lake Wales	11:15 Lunch - turn cars, Wooten Park, Tavares	12:00 Return to Ocala
13:00 Depart Lake Wales	13:00 Depart Tavares	12:30 Depart Ocala
14:00 Arrive Frostproof - Turn Cars	14:00 Rest room stop - Plymouth	14:00 Arrive Lowell - Turn Cars
15:30 Return - Lake Wales - Set Off	15:45 Return - Winter Garden, Set Off	15:30 Return - Ocala - Set Off

Do not set on any track before checking in on any day

NARCOA Insurance is required.
NARCOA Operating Rules and Regulations will be in effect.
A NARCOA Certificate of Examination is required.

Cost is \$135.00 per Motorcar for any or all three days. Make checks payable to:

Kathy Pults,
PO Box 867,
High Springs, Florida 32655.

BE SURE AND INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS

All confirmations, etc. will be by email.

Coordinators:
Charles Pults 386-454-4659 rrequip@alltel.net
Keith Mackey 352-347-0770 keithm@gate.net

Other interesting information

If you are viewing this document on a computer with an internet connection, you can click in the square outlined boxes which are links to visit the described web sites.

Pinsley Railroads Home page

<http://pinsly.staging.ashtonweb.com/florida/index.html>

Pinsley Railroads in Florida - A map that will help orient the locations of our excursion:

<http://pinsly.staging.ashtonweb.com/docs/FloridaSystemMap.pdf>

Bok Tower Sanctuary - an interesting attraction near Lake Wales

<http://www.boksanctuary.org>

Chalet Suzanne - A very upscale Inn and wonderful restaurant in Lake Wales - not for those on a tight budget.

<http://www.chaletsuzanne.com/>

Central Florida NRHS Railroad Museum - Winter Garden - our set-on location

<http://www.cfcnrhs.org>

Lake Wales Depot Museum - We'll have a chance to visit this museum

<http://www.cityoflakewales.com/depot>