

# ***SERO*** South Eastern Railcar Operators, Inc.



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

## **Motorcar Excursion March 26, 27 & 28, 2010**

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 - Florida Midland Railroad - Lake Wales, FL** 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 proceed South through rolling hills and orange groves to Frostproof and turn near the end of track. A second round trip will be planned for the afternoon. Each round trip is about 28 miles.

Lunch facilities are available at several restaurants close to the set-on location along Stuart Avenue. After set-off we will have the opportunity to visit the nearby ACL railroad Depot Museum.

There is a Hampton Inn on US 27 just north of Lake Wales. Phone number is 863-734-3000. Otherwise, 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. If you chose to stay in the Winter Garden area Thursday night be sure you allow at least one hour to get to Lake Wales on Friday morning. An RV Park is located nearby. Accommodations in the Winter Garden 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 - 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. Set on begins at 06:30 We will Leave Winter Garden at 08:00 and run to Wooten Park in Tavares with a "pit" stop at the railroad headquarters in Plymouth. 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 - 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.

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

**SPECIAL NOTE:** All cars must be on the track and inspected prior to the Safety Meeting. This means you need to arrive at the set-on location at least 30 minutes before the scheduled Safety Meeting.

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

<b>Schedule Friday</b>		<b>Schedule Saturday</b>		<b>Schedule Sunday</b>	
09:00	Set on - Lake Wales, FL	06:30	Set-on Winter Garden	08:00	Set on - Ocala, FL
10:00	Safety Briefing	07:45	Safety Briefing	08:45	Safety Briefing
10:15	Departure	08:00	Departure	09:00	Departure
11:15	Arrive Frostproof - Turn Cars	09:45	Rest room stop - Plymouth	10:30	Arrive Candler - Turn Cars
12:00	Return - Lake Wales	11:15	Lunch - turn cars, Wooten Park, Tavares	12:00	Return to Ocala
	A second round trip is planned	13:00	Depart Tavares	12:30	Depart Ocala
		14:00	Rest room stop - Plymouth	14:00	Arrive Lowell - Turn Cars
		15:45	Return - Winter Garden, Set Off	15:30	Return - Ocala - Set Off

Cost is \$145.00 per Motorcar for any or all three days. Make checks payable to:

Mackey International  
c/o Keith Mackey  
9000 SE 70th Terrace,  
Ocala, FL 34472

**BE SURE AND INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS**

All confirmations, etc. will be by email.

Keith Mackey 352-347-0770 keithm@gate.net

On the day of the meet contact us at 352-317-1666.

**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>

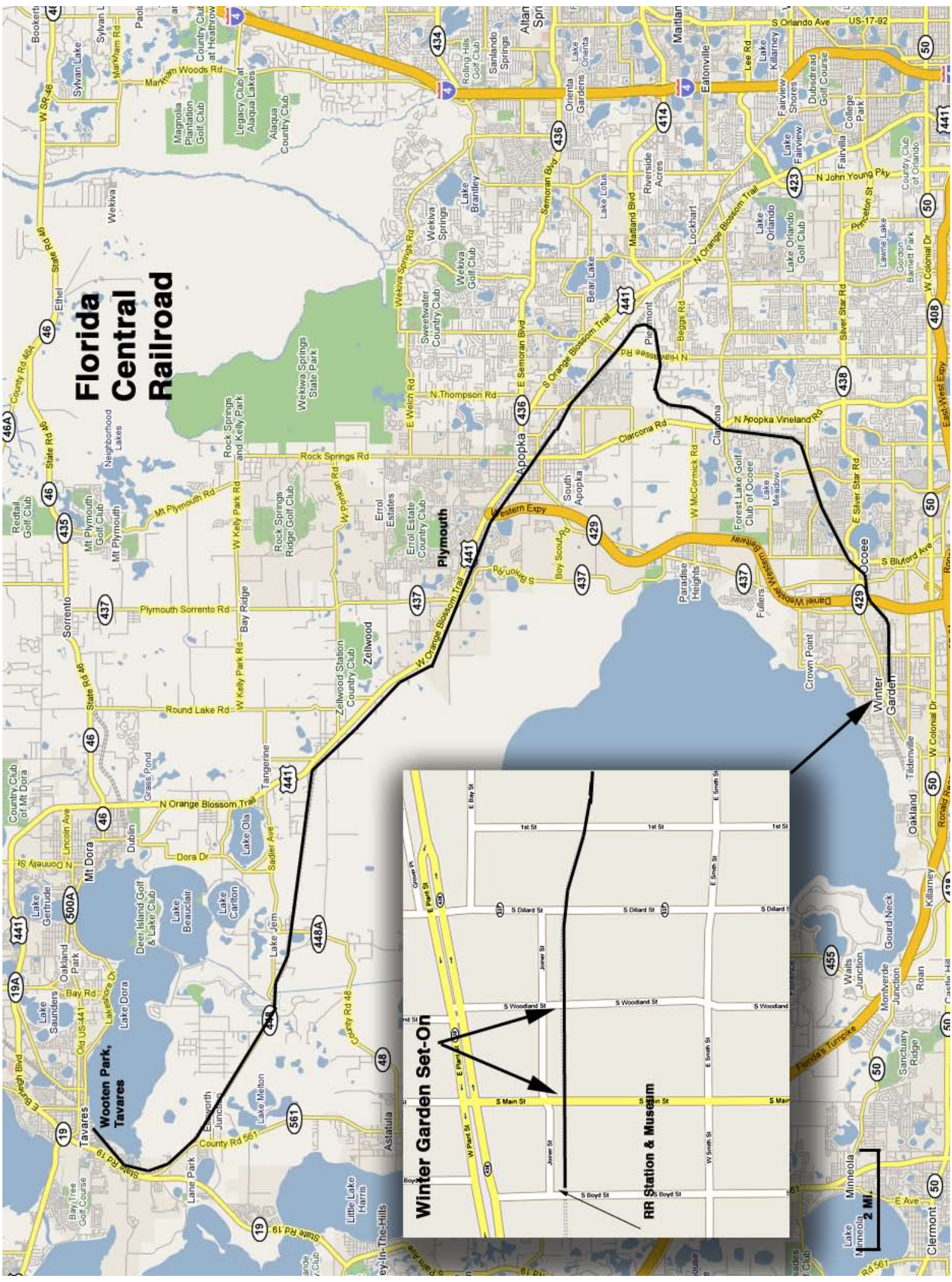
**Lake Wales Depot Museum** - We'll have a chance to visit this museum

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





# Florida Central Railroad



Winter Garden Set-On

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