



DIVISION NEWS

ALL ABOARD !!!

By: Stan Kotas

Come One – Come All! This is an invitation from the Tampa Bay Div. to all FGRS members in all 3 Divisions to join us on a train ride at the Florida Railroad Museum departing from Parrish, FL on Saturday, June 16th at 3:30 PM. **Boarding will begin at 3:15 PM for an on-time departure.** Watch for additional details in upcoming Newsletters.

The fare will be \$5.00 per person – young or old alike. We will have seating for 150 passengers on this train reserved exclusively for the Florida Garden Railway Society. The consist will include the L & N Lounge/Club car #3051, two passenger cars and possibly a flatcar with additional seating. This train will run Rain or Shine! Additional info on the Museum and their equipment can be found at: <http://www.frrm.org>

Plan on spending a couple of hours with us. The normal 1.5 hr. round trip will be extended to allow us to view property and equipment at the Willow end of the run. While there, we will share a “Pot Luck” meal. We will have the crew join us and while they are getting things ready for the return we will finish eating. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share on the train – we will supply bottled water. This meal could be a late lunch or early dinner or just a light snack.

But Wait! That’s not all! There will be a special raffle! Tickets (available at Parrish) at \$5.00 each will be sold for a drawing of 2 lucky winners who will enjoy a ride in the cab. The 1st winner will enjoy the cab ride going out to Willow and the 2nd winner will ride in the cab on the way back.

What a great way to support the FGRS and the Florida Railroad Museum. Use this opportunity to treat Dads or Granddads to a pre-Fathers Day event. Or just bring the whole family out for a great day of fun riding the train.

To assure yourselves a seat, please contact Stan or Irene Kotas at 813.689.0461 or by e-mail at dasfolks@hotmail.com. Seating will be on a first come – first seated basis. Payment for the trip must be received by June 9th. Checks may be made payable to F.G.R.S. and can be sent to the Kotas’ or Bruce Boyle (Treasurer of the Tampa Bay Div.).

We want to take this opportunity to thank Les Smout for bringing the Florida Railroad Museum and the FGRS together for this great event.

Remember the Trolley Ride and Car Barn Tour you missed last year? Don’t miss this one – it’ll be a lot of fun!!!!

Directions: Watch upcoming Newsletters for details and a map.