



## DIVISION NEWS

### ALL ABOARD —TRAIN RIDE FINAL UPDATE— !!! By: Stan Kotas ( 5/23 )

We are less than a month from the Train Ride at Parrish on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>! To date, we have reserved 132 seats and have room for more. We thank all who have paid in advance! We will be able to accept reservations up to the 3:15 PM boarding time.

Don't forget the chance to ride in the cab. Two lucky people will have this opportunity. Raffle tickets costing \$5.00 each will be on sale at Parrish on the 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 PM. The Winning tickets will be drawn at 3:00 PM.

There will be water available for all passengers. A limited selection of soft drinks will be available for sale at the Baggage car/ Gift Shop prior to the trip and will be available on the train.

For clarification – there will be no food lines on the train. If you bring a picnic type meal it can be eaten on the train or at the Willow terminus before we return. There are no eating facilities at Willow so we encourage you to consider eating on the train.

Once we get to the Willow terminus we will be able to get off the train and view the work and storage facilities for all of their current and future restoration projects. This is a feature of this trip that is not a part of the regularly scheduled train trips. A real plus for the FGRS and it's friends.

You are encouraged to visit the Gift Shop prior to the trip as it will likely be closed when we return. Great stuff for souvenirs.

Once you see what is being accomplished by this dedicated group of VOLUNTEERS you will be tempted to join their ranks. The Florida Railroad Museum is like the Marine Corps – Always looking for a few good men and women! Consider accepting their invitation to join their ranks.

Contact Stan or Irene Kotas at 813.689.0461 or [dasfolks@hotmail.com](mailto:dasfolks@hotmail.com) for reservations or if you have any questions. SEE YOU IN PARRISH!

Directions: From anywhere –

Take I-75 to Exit # 229 (Moccasin Wallow Rd.)

Go East on Moccasin Wallow Rd. 5 mi. to U.S. 301 (it dead ends at U.S. 301)

Turn Right (South) on U.S. 301 and go 0.2 miles.

Turn Left and proceed to parking area at the Florida Gulf Coast Railroad

Look for the FGRS crossbucks near the shelter to check in.

