Amtrak rides Florida East Coast rails

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A passenger train is finally on the Florida East Coast Ry. once again. At about 8:15 a.m. today, Amtrak took a trip southward from Jacksonville to Miami and passed over the St. Johns River Bridge, milepost 0.0. Engine No. 1 is leading, a GE P-42 with about 4,000 hp. The second unit is No. 67. On Saturday, the train will return to Jacksonville making five-minute stops along the way to pick up and drop off VIPs and media. Saturday “will be the first time that an FEC passenger train will leave downtown Miami for points north since January 22, 1963,” says FEC historian Seth Bramson. The three-car train is scheduled to stop north of St. Augustine at 5th Street about at about 4:05 p.m. and arrive Amtrak station Jacksonville on Clifford Lane at 5:25 p.m.

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