

## **RIDGE LOCOMOTIVE WORKS EXPANDS**

Marty Knox of Ridge Locomotive Works has been designing and supplying miniature boilers to the live steam hobbyists for thirty-plus years. His expertise in portable fire-tube boilers has become well-known through his work with such operations as the Huckleberry Railroad, the Steam Railroading Institute, various state agencies, and a large group of live steam clubs.

Ridge Locomotive Works can do production runs of current boiler designs or take your profile requirements and develop a boiler to your specific needs. A new, and exciting, development is that they can now offer code boilers built in partnership with Eagle Mechanical of Youngstown Ohio. This arrangement allows the customer to acquire a new code boiler and makes “R” stamp certification available.

Building new boilers is not the only program available. Ridge Locomotive Works can do a complete inspection of locomotive boilers from ride-on scale miniature engines to full-size railroad locomotives. Using sophisticated, non-destructive inspection procedures, like ultrasonic imaging and internal visual inspections using a C-snake, the true condition of an existing boiler can be determined. From those reviews, a reconditioning or replacement program can be determined thus offering the customer the most efficient and expedient solution to boiler issues.

To accommodate the new services, Ridge Locomotive Works, LLC has expanded their facilities. “We have moved from a 1200 square-foot pole barn to a 2000 square-foot shop in an industrial park in order to allow us to build larger groups of boilers, and to offer better services.” Marty says. Due to the move their phone numbers have changed. The new shop phone is (989) 695-2850. The cell phone remains the same at (989) 714-4671. The street address of the new shop is 8828 Carter Road, Suite C, Freeland, MI 48623. The business mailing address remains the same - 9961 Buck Rd Freeland MI 48623. The website is still [www.ridgeboiler.com](http://www.ridgeboiler.com)