

# THE FLAGMAN



...a semi occasional newsletter of the Tri-State Model Railroaders, Inc.

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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Monday (YES, MONDAY), April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Mineral Bluff Depot

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:** Saturday, April 18th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mineral Bluff Depot

**WORK SESSIONS:** Wednesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9-Noon

**HO LAYOUT CLEANING PROGRAM:** Many thanks to the members who showed up on March 18<sup>th</sup> to super-clean the layout. It looks great! Future cleaning work sessions will be held every three months; the next one is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 17, 2015**. The purpose is exclusively to clean the layout track, buildings, scenery and rolling stock of dust, cobwebs, insects and any dirt. The cleaning of other areas of the Depot will not be on the agenda and will be done at other appropriate times. Thanks Ken Kelley HO Superintendent

P.S. - Please contact me ([patchboom@aol.com](mailto:patchboom@aol.com)) with any comments...

**OPERATING SESSION (SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>):** First of all, my apologies. I mistakenly listed the Op Sessions as starting at 10 a.m. – but when I arrived at 10 a.m., I discovered it started at 9 a.m. That may explain why I'm not in any of these photos! Turn-out was excellent; a lot of learning was going on. By the way, it must have been going smoothly, otherwise, how do you explain that grin on Yardmaster Jerry Kibler's face???





## EVENTS:

**TRAIN SHOW (HICKORY, NC):** April 11, 2015 - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Railroad Expo, Hickory, NC Metro Center, directly off I-40 and Exit 125 (Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission: \$5 Adult, under 12 Free. Free parking. This show features operating model layouts, and 250+ tables of railroadiana, video, shirts, collectibles and models. For more information call - (828) 527-6520, email Matt at [matt@tarheelpress.com](mailto:matt@tarheelpress.com), or click the following link: [www.tarheelpress.com/Trainshow/](http://www.tarheelpress.com/Trainshow/).

**SOUTHEASTERN REGILN CONVENTION (Palmetto Excursion) :** June 5 & 6, 2015, Greenville, SC. For complete information, go to: [www.palmetto-excursion.org](http://www.palmetto-excursion.org)

**BIRTHDAYS:** *We're collecting birthdays (month and day only to protect us old guys), so please let Thomas Roskelly ([thomasroskelly@gmail.com](mailto:thomasroskelly@gmail.com)) have that information...Thanks.*

**REMINDERS:** Annual Dues are still due...still \$65 for current members. Jerry has sent out reminders...please make checks payable to "TSMRI" while you still have money. Yes, April 15<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner...and you know what THAT means!

**THANK YOU...**to our members who participated in our Silent Auction and the "White Elephant Sale" at the Train Show in Atlanta in March. Altogether, TSMRI netted just over \$90.00. **AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU...**to Wyatt Swilley for all his recent work updating our website. Take a look ([www.tsmri.org](http://www.tsmri.org)) and see what he has accomplished...so far!

