

THE FLAGMAN



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

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, April 4th, Mineral Bluff Depot, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT OPERATING SESSION: Saturday, April 9th, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9 a.m. (Please note change of date.)

SILENT AUCTION/WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: All purchases made at the Silent Auction on March 5th need to be paid in full at our April 4th meeting. Sales results of both events have been posted on the Bulletin Board; checks will be issued for the Silent Auction at our monthly meeting; checks for sales at the Atlanta Model Train Show will be issued as soon as a few disputed items are cleared up at the Piedmont meeting on Tuesday, April 12th.

WORK SESSIONS: Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 at the Depot, 9 a.m. – ‘til hungry. We thank those who make the effort to come out on Wednesday mornings to help make our layout better and better all the time. We want every TSMRI member to be proud of what we have accomplished so far...

CONGRATULATION, TOM KLIMOSKI: Tom, our resident literary giant, has an article appearing in the Model Railroader’s Special Issue - Model Railroad Planning, 2016. Tom wrote the article and provided excellent photos; a copy of this outstanding piece is posted on our Bulletin Board.

PROJECT GREENE 2.0: Several members have expressed interest in helping Juanita Greene (Bud’s widow) to continue development of the HO scale layout. Yes, she’s a model railroader, too! With her permission, we will arrange a “work session” (*tentatively, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. – to be confirmed*) to ascertain just what we can do for her over the next few weeks and months to get the layout up and operating. Please consider lending your time, talent and assistance to this project. This is a worthwhile project...and it’ll make you feel good, too! Let Thomas Roskelly know if you can participate at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

MODULAR LAYOUT/BLUE RIDGE DEPOT: We have submitted our proposal for the construction and operation of a modular DC layout inside the Blue Ridge Depot (home of the Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad). We understand approval must be at the highest

executive level in Jacksonville, Florida...the same wonderful folks who cancelled RTR!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS: *Please mark your calendar*

Saturday, April 16 – Monthly Open House – M.B. Depot, 10 am-2pm; volunteers will be needed.

Saturday/Sunday – Great Scale Model Train Show – Timonium, Maryland (Outstanding Show)

UPDATE ON “RIDE THE RAILS” – Don’t get your hopes up, but we’re not dead yet! An appeal has been made to Carol Comer, Director-Intermodal, Georgia Department of Transportation with copies of our letter to several high ranking political figures (including Governor Deal. We have posted a copy of this correspondence on the Bulletin Board for your information. Keep your fingers crossed!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

You’re kidding, right? None???

F.Y.I.: Thomas Roskelly is working with Mayor Bill Hughes of Murphy to establish **The Murphy Railroad Heritage Museum.** The Mayor has taken on the role of “collector-in-chief” as we are in the process of gathering railroad memorabilia (photos, timetables, old stock certificates, passes, oil cans, lanterns, etc. to be donated – OR – loaned for display. Our focus, of course, is on early railroading in the Western Carolina, North Georgia, East Tennessee region although we have already received “stuff” from Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range and Southern Pacific...plus photos of “Big Boy,” UP’s giant locomotive. Plans for public access are incomplete at this time, but will become firmed up when we have some notion of the validity of our display. TSMRI is listed as a cooperating organization.

THE PINS ARE HERE: **Jerry Kibler** wants every member to know that the handsome TSMRI pins are now available. Regular price is \$5, but members receive a 20% discount...just \$4.

This is just one of our fund-raising projects to replace RTR revenues...we hope we can count on your support.

