

THE FLAGMAN



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

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, August 3rd, Mineral Bluff Depot, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, August 15th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mineral Bluff Depot

WORK SESSIONS: Wednesday, August 5, 12,19, and 26, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9-Noon

HO LAYOUT: On Saturday, July 18th, several members participated in the bi-monthly Operating Session. Although the combined skill level was “two clowns short of a circus,” a good time was had by all...and a lot of learning by doing took place!

THANK YOU: A *tip of the hat* to Gordon Tuenge and Ken Kelley for setting up the session. Hopefully, that job will be made much easier with the off-budget purchase of an extensive software package known as “Ship It!” Once the learning curve is mastered, this program will help us operate our railroad like the prototype...and *nevermore* create an operating session by hand. It literally will get rid of all the paperwork except the switchlist. Orientation sessions are being scheduled now. If this interests you, please contact Gordon (gotrains@yahoo.com).

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS: *Please mark your calendar*

August 8 - 49th Atlanta Model Train Show, North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta, GA

September 19/20 – 11th Annual “Ride The Rails” Festival

October 10 – Grand Opening “Gala” for Free Time Hobbies which provides us with a fund-raising and membership recruitment opportunity. Plans underway - stay tuned...

November 1 – Piedmont Pilgrimage – We host from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We’ll need plenty of volunteer help on that day...so please sign up at the next meeting.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

14 – Jim Bell

15 – Bob Faye

17 – David Cape

19 – Tom Klimoski

25– William “Bud” Greene

26 – Phil Abernathy

We’re collecting birthdays (month and day only to protect us old guys), so please let Thomas Roskelly (thomasroskelly@gmail.com) have that information...Thanks.

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT OUR WEBSITE LATELY? Please take a look (www.tsmri.org) and see what Wyatt Swilley and others on the committee have accomplished. You will be impressed and there’s lots of good information on the site...including a “Members Only” section especially for YOU.

