

# THE FLAGMAN



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

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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., Mineral Bluff Depot

**OPERATING SESSIONS:** Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m., Mineral Bluff Depot

**WORK SESSIONS:** Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9-Noon

## EVENTS:

**CHATTANOOGA LAYOUT:** Last chance to view the Chattanooga Area Model RR Club's layout on the second floor of the Chattanooga Choo Choo, 1400 Market Street in Chattanooga. The Model Railroad is 174 feet long and 33 feet wide at its widest point. It includes over 3,000 feet of track, 320 structures, 150 switches, 120 locomotives of all types, 1000 freight cars, 80 passenger cars, three major yards, two small yards, and four passenger stations. This model railroad exhibit ranks as one of, if not the largest, in the world open to the public. A self-guided tour will allow you to browse the landscape at your own pace with plenty of time to read about the history of Chattanooga trains and the unique features of this display. Admission is \$5 for adults. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind experience! ***It will close forever on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> with demolition starting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.***

**HOESCH LAYOUT VISIT (MURPHY, NC):** Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. This layout represents a time when coal was "King". The topography was a major challenge in the acquisition of the "Black Diamond". To meet this challenge railroads had to build and maintain iron horses that could conquer the mountains and deliver their precious cargo. From the extensive engine facilities; the town that supports it; to the coal fields beyond; come see and feel the ambiance of when life was simpler but harder.

### Chuck & Mary Ann Hoesch (Hush with an "E") – Layout Visit

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**Directions To Chuck and Mary Ann's Home:**

- 1. From Mineral Bluff Depot, proceed north on Spur 60
- 2. Proceed to next stop sign (aprox 13 Miles) Dead ends into 64/74 in NC
- 3. Turn right at this stop sign (east) and take to 1st stop light which is Route 19/129. (about 1/4 mile)
- 4. Turn right (south) and proceed about 1 mile to 1st left which is Hedden Rd.
- 5. Turn left onto Hedden and proceed on Hedden to 1st stop sign. (twisting & turny road )
- 6. At stop sign you will see the fire house on the left and the community dump on the right. At this stop sign turn right onto Martins Creek Road.
- 7 . Proceed to 1st left which is Brasstown Rd. (Little league Field on SE Corner.)
- 8.. Turn left onto Brasstown Rd to 2nd road that you can turn right. (you will pass the Martins Creek Elementary School and a Solar Array on your right).
- 9. The second right is Pinhook Rd. . Turn right onto Pinhook and as you look out to the right you will be able to see the house with the white wrap around porch . (US)
- 10. !st right from Pinhook is Birchfield Rd. . Turn right and come to the 1st driveway on the right....You are here!

FYI - Cell phone reception is iffy at best. Probably a good idea to call (828-837-9686) if our directions confuse you...in case we need to come meet you. We have done a very good job of hiding ourselves! You're very welcome...

**IMPORTANT – IMPORTANT – IMPORTANT**

**...PLEASE LET THOMAS ROSKELLY KNOW (828-361-2210 OR E-MAIL: [thomasroskelly@gmail.com](mailto:thomasroskelly@gmail.com)...IF YOU PLAN TO VISIT NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AS WE DO NEED TO PROVIDE OUR HOSTS WITH A HEADCOUNT ASAP.**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lee Jenkins - February 8<sup>th</sup>. *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 due...still \$65 for current members. Make checks payable to "TSMRI"

**WHAT'S NEW:** We pleased to welcome new members Bud Greene (Blairsville), Marty and Kathy Harn (Morganton), and Rowal Kurtz (Blairsville). Welcome aboard!

