

# THE FLAGMAN



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

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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Monday, May 4th, 7 p.m. Mineral Bluff Depot

**NEXT OPERATING SESSION:** Saturday, May 16th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mineral Bluff Depot

**WORK SESSIONS:** Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9-Noon

**HO LAYOUT:** We are very encouraged by the increasing number of members who are showing up on the Wednesday work sessions. There is plenty for everyone to do as we prepare the layout for some important photo sessions. **Ken Kelley** is our HO Superintendent; please check in with him for any specific assignment he may have for you. He has a plan of action and a system to accomplish it. Regardless of your skill level, Ken will have you doing something to benefit our layout and our Club. Making trees is high on his list...and even yours truly can make trees! If you have an hour or two to spare on Wednesday mornings, please consider taking part in our work sessions. Thanks..

## EVENTS:

**THE VALLEY RIVER MODEL RAILROAD CLUB** invites you to our monthly **Open House** on Saturday, April 25th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the L&N Depot in Downtown Murphy, North Carolina. Admission and parking are FREE. Come see our operating layout and “Murphy In Miniature” plus a historic photo display of area railroading in yesteryear. For more information, please call 828-361-2210 or 828-644-3229.

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

**SPECIAL NOTE:** *Early registration discount for the Palmetto Excursion is still available through May 2<sup>nd</sup> ...act now and save \$20.*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SPECIAL JUNE MEETING:** For several years, Jim and Gayle Steed have graciously hosted TSMRI members and their spouses for a good old-fashioned get-together and semi-social event. This year is no exception...but it's going to be a little different this time with a very exclusive opportunity to visit the Misty Mountain Railroad. Here are the details:

**DIRECTIONS:** Cabin, Jim & Gayle Steed, 156 Arkaqua View, Blairsville, Ga. 30512 Cell [706 835 7129](tel:7068357129). Starting at the old Courthouse Square, downtown Blairsville, on US 19/129,,,,Go south on US 19/129 (toward Vogel State Park) for 2 1/2 miles. Turn left on Towncreek School Rd. (Note gas/convenience/Amish store on left). Then go 2 1/2 miles and turn left (just over hill) on Lower Trackrock Rd. (Note black fence and cattle farm on left,, comes up fast). Then go 4/10ths mile and turn right on Pineridge Rd. Then go 2/10ths of a mile and turn right on Everetts View (Cheyenne Meadow Subdivision) a gravel Road. Go to back of Subdivision, about 3/10ths of a mile, and turn left on Arkaqua View (our road). Continue through split rail fencing to end of road, cul-de-sac, and park. You have arrived. Welcome!

Parking all around cul-de-sac, and on each side of road. May want to angle or head-in park to make room for everyone parking. Walk in driveway, enter left side of Cabin/porch/walkway to back side. Enjoy large back porch, creek, long range view of Blood Mountain looking East. Drive time from Blueridge approximately 35 minutes. From Murphy apx. 30 minutes. From the Courthouse Square/Blairsville approximately 10 minutes. **Arrive 5:30 pm.** **Bring nothing but a good appetite and attitude.**

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Directions to Misty Mountain RR, Misty Mountain Lane. (Town creek School Rd.) Pia Kluth, owner, Charles Griffin's daughter-in-law. [mistymountainmodelrailroad.com](http://mistymountainmodelrailroad.com) **Open 4:30 - 5:30 pm**, \$5 donation. (Pia will join us for dinner at Cabin.) Same as above,,,South out of Blairsville on US 19/129 for 2 1/2 miles and turn left on Town Creek School Rd. Go 3 1/2 miles out Towncreek School Rd. ( One mile past Lower Trackrock Rd. on left). See Misty Mountain Model RR sign on right. Turn right in driveway and follow sign up the hill to parking in rear. For back to Jim & Gayle's Cabin, turn left out of driveway and go back the way you came on Towncreek School Rd. (one mile) to Lower Trackrock Rd. on right, and turn right. Follow directions above on Lower Trackrock Rd. Note: Do not guarantee GPS, as in some cases it just does not get you there in these hills.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Gordon Tuenge – May 23; Tom Watkins – May 24; Bob Murphy – May 28

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.

**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! You will be impressed.

