

# THE FLAGMAN



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

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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - REMINDER...**Our November meeting will be a **CHANGE OF TIME AND DATE!** We will meet on the first SATURDAY, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. This change remains in effect until April, 2016. Please mark your calendar.

**NEXT OPERATING SESSION:** Saturday, November 21st, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9 a.m. – ‘til.

**WORK SESSIONS:** Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18 (not the 25<sup>th</sup> – day before Thanksgiving) at the Depot.

**HO LAYOUT:** Work continues to make our layout better and better and we thank those who make the effort to help out. Ken Kelley has an ambitious program to get it ready for our Holiday Open House (public relations opportunity) on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SHIP IT! UPDATE:** Under the tutelage of Gordon Tuenge, several members are working on getting the Ship It! software program operational. For anyone who has – or is – working on this, you know that there’s a whole lot of data entry and balancing shippers and consignees that must first take place...but hopefully, new switch lists will be implemented for one of the upcoming Operation Sessions. Stay tuned! If this interests you, please contact Gordon (gotrains@yahoo.com).

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please mark your calendar

**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.

**November 26** – Thanksgiving Day...we should all be thankful for the good life, family and friends!

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

**5 – Bob Bivens**

11 – Bill Odendahl

21 – Carl Reinhardt

24 – Jerry Hicks

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

The club published a listing of rules and standards back in 2009, but with the influx of new members (thank you very much), we thought it might be a good idea to remind everyone of just what they are...so:

## **TRI-STATE MODEL RAILROADERS**

### **MINERAL BLUFF HO LAYOUT**

#### Rules and Standards

1. Only DCC equipped locomotives are to be operated. No analog/DC locomotives are to be run without the permission of the HO Superintendent.
2. All rolling stock will be equipped with clean metal wheels. Plastic wheels are not permitted.
3. Kadee or Kadee clone couplers are required on club rolling stock and on all rolling stock used during operating sessions. They are strongly recommended on all rolling stock for improved performance and reliability.
4. Club Rolling stock and all rolling stock used during operating sessions should be weighted to NMRA recommended weight. It is strongly recommended that all rolling stock be weighted to NMRA recommendations for improved performance and reliability.
5. Any children 16 years old or younger allowed to run a train must be closely supervised by a responsible adult club member. They must use a utility throttle ( UT-4), rather than a full featured throttle (DT-400). Children are not allowed to power up or shut down the railroad.
6. All locomotives and rolling stock belonging to an individual member must have an identifying mark establishing ownership. **Anything other than locomotives and rolling stock that is added to the layout will become the property of TSMRI. (Emphasis added)**

7. Any person responsible for damage to the layout or equipment will be liable for the cost or repairs or replacement.
8. Coffee, drinks, food ARE NOT to be placed on the layout. Special holders and portable tables are available for that purpose.
9. Following work sessions, all tools, accessories, scenery items, glue, paint, etc. are to be returned to the appropriate storage area.

As approved by BOD at August 2009 meeting; revised 10-24-2015

