## THE FLAGMAN



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

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Monday, October 5th, Mineral Bluff Depot, 7:00 p.m.

**REMINDER...**Our November meeting will be a <u>CHANGE OF TIME AND DATE!</u> 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, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Mineral Bluff Depot, 9 a.m. – 'til. **NOTE: Operations sessions are scheduled for BOTH October and November.** 

WORK SESSIONS: Wednesdays, October7, 14, 21, 28 at the Depot.

**HO LAYOUT**: Work continues to make our layout better and better. Ken Kelley has an ambitious program to get it ready for the Holiday Open House (public relations opportunity) in December

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:** <u>Please mark your calendar</u>

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.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

5 - Ed Clements

6 - Thomas Roskelly

7 – John Steinmueller

10 - Jerry Kibler

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We are hoping the bulk of our discussion (and our program) at the October monthly meeting will center on an assessment of this year's *Ride The Rails Festival*. It is, after all, our major opportunity to present the TSMRI to the public in the most favorable manner. Your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas will be most welcomed. Please come and participate in this discussion.

**HELP NEEDED:** Also, we are in need of a few N-Scale structures to round out the appearance of our portable N-Scale layout we will be using as a recruitment tool at the Free Time Hobbies Grand Opening. We do not need many...perhaps an industry or two; a farmohuse or large house. Any helpers?





