



# The Flagman



**...the official newsletter of the  
Tri-State Model Railroaders, Inc.**

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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 On Line thru Webex, 7:00 p.m.

We will hold our meeting with the regular format, but please be as concise as possible so that we may keep the meeting as short as possible and yet cover everything we need. I will send out a meeting format prior to the meeting.

**NEXT OPERATING SESSION:**

**NEXT PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:**

**WORK SESSIONS:** Our work sessions have been productive as you can see by the progress on the helix and Murphy. The helix is complete to the upper level with a temporary trestle at the loop. We are now running locos and trains up and down tweaking the track as needed. We have decided not to close the mountain in anytime soon as we want it to settle in. Tweaking after the mountain is built will be problematic. Murphy is looking better and better as the scenery is taking shape and should be complete soon. The North end of Copperhill Yard and the North end of Tennessee Copper Company are next on the list for scenic work. This past Saturday was spent on a monumental task of checking every car on the layout to make sure they were up to NMRA Car Specifications. A check line was set up with Jonathan and Daniel Tarrant checking to make sure the wheels were steel and that they were in gauge. Tom Patterson and Ron Long set up a line to check couplers, car weight, and make sure the cars rolled to spec. Mike Tarrant, Ken Kelly, and Chris Hayes Took cars that did not meet roll and coupler spec and brought the car to spec. It took from 9 am until 3 pm to complete and was a really great team effort and I thank everyone involved. This Wednesday we will go through the cars in the boxes and bring them to spec. We could use some help if you are comfortable coming to the depot.

**AMAZON SMILE:** When making a purchase – When ordering from Amazon, don't forget to use Amazon Smile instead and make TSMRI the charity you wish to donate to. Simply log into <http://smile.amazon.com> and make Tri-State Model Railroaders Inc. your charity.

**OPEN HOUSE RESULTS:**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me for meeting information or Phil for Webex info.  
Thanks and stay safe.  
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