

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

THE MON VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB OF WV, INC.
NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2011



EDITORS NOTE

My fellow members, we have had a great start to the clubs new year. The Operating session on New Years day was went off without a hitch. The trains ran smoothly all day and everyone had a good time. The Winter Open House held on January 15 was a rousing success! The club was crowded with visitors all day long. We made over \$280 in just one day. This will go a long way in relieving some of our financial problems. Now we must get moving completing scenery on the upper level and the lower levels wherever possible. July and Kids Day are just around the corner! I wish to express a big thanks from the Officers and myself to all that have helped out with the Open Houses and all the other events during the past year. Two thumbs up to all of you! Happy new year and may our club keep growing in 2011.

Sincerely, Rich Henderson



MINUTES

of the

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

January 6, 2011

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Gary Deavers, President. There were no guests, three officers and 11 members in attendance.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December meeting with the following amendment.

**The Treasurer's report should have read as "November" instead of October.*

The motion was made by Rich Henderson and Seconded by John Lindsay.

The motion passed.

Keith DeVault was not available to give the Report for December. A motion was made by Frank Bender to defer The Treasurer's report to February's business meeting. John Lindsay seconded the motion which was voted on and approved.

Committee Reports:

Caboose committee: No Report

Pulpwood car Committee: Jim has several cars in the paint shop and is presently working on the mold for the pulpwood.

SCHEDULE

February 3, 2011
Business Meeting

March 3, 2011
Business Meeting

April 7, 2011
Business Meeting

May 5, 2011
Business Meeting

June 2, 2011
Business Meeting

July 7, 2011
Business Meeting

Kids Day
July 16, 2011
10am til 2pm

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Ad Car Committee: No response from Old Colony after Frank delivered the renewal and spoke with them. Rich and Dave are working on the micro-printing required for Nationwide Insurance.

DCC Committee: Bill reported that no recent improvements have been made, but during the OS he was able to identify some of the problems that were causing shorts. This will help with planning what has to be done to fix the problems. He also reported that a problem exists with the Auto-Reverse functionality.

Lighting and maintenance: No action

Modular layout:

The modular remained up and ready for the next Open House.

Publicity Committee: Rich reports all publicity is out including 50 fliers to Fairchance Pharmacy and Dave's Hobby Stop for the Upcoming Open House. Tom Kirby suggested information be sent to the hobby shop in Connelsville.

Non-profit status: To be discussed at the Board Meeting

Membership Committee: No action

Old business:

BSA Railroad Merit Badge: John Hebb requested members volunteer to teach or instruct on different aspects of the merit badge. John will do more prep work to identify time and assets required to support such a project. Scott suggested John return at the next meeting with a plan and requirements to submit to the club.

January Op Session: A success. We need to get back to clearing engines Thursday night prior to the OS. Mike Hohn reported a broken turn out at Wilson's Mill. Tracks need to be cleaned more frequently. A question

was raised about the makeup of class 2 trains...Freight Vs. Passenger. Some work needs to be done on the West End of Wilson's Mill in the future. Frank stressed the need for train crews to OS. The Operator's Class held prior to the OS paid off as communication and orders between the dispatcher and the various operators improved the efficiency and realism of the OS. Bill said we could use some 9volt batteries for the controllers as well as at least one more UT4.

Mon Valley RR Club shirts: No update is available at this time. Rich Henderson presented an alternative that involved silk screen printing as opposed to embroidery.

M&K shirts: Cost will be about \$7.15 each. Shirts will require two weeks for production with 2 color printing. This issue is to be brought up again at the May business meeting.

December Open House: Was a success

New Business:

Open House:
January Open House will be from 10-6 on January 15, 2011
Gary has sauce
Frank will bring buns
Lou Lemelle will bring 2 packs of wieners
John Hebb will bring soda pop
Dave will bring cookies and donuts
Rich will handle the Raffle table with the drawing that evening at 6pm.
We need someone to man the food table at all times.

Announcements:

Budget:
Gary stated the Board will develop a budget and recommendations for Timonium will be made at the next business meeting.

Timonium Train show:
The Timonium (Maryland) State Fair Grounds is hosting a train show

February 5 and 6 of 2011. The club is not sponsoring a van, but club members should co-ordinate among themselves.

At exactly 8:30pm Mike Hohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Lindsay seconded and the motion was carried.

Addendum:

The January issue of Model Railroad Hobbyist is available and can be downloaded for FREE. MRH is now a monthly magazine. Check this out at <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/>

Railroad Model Craftsman is now available off the rack from the Barnes and Noble book store at the Mountaineer Mall They also carry Model Railroader, O scale Modeler, O gauge Modeler, Great Layouts and other model railroad related periodicals and magazines.

The Timonium show is February 5 and 6, 2011.

The Midwest Narrow Gauge show and meet will be March 24, 25 and 26 in Washingtonville Ohio

The Mon Valley RR Club will host the NMRA Div 2 meeting on June 26, 2011, the 4th Sunday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted Lew Matt,
Secretary

Thanks to Greg Malnikoff for taking down the minutes in Lew's absence.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2011

Beginning Balance December 1, 2010	\$1,119.04
Expenses:	
January Rent	\$ 265.00
Allegheny Power	\$ 49.92
Total Expenses	\$ 314.92
Income: Tanners Alley	\$ 30.00
Henderson's Dues	\$ 120.00
Hines Dues	\$ 30.00
Dec. Open House	\$ 433.31
Total Income	\$ 643.31
Ending Balance December 31, 2010	\$1,447.43
Certificate of Deposit	\$1,804.20

Keith DeVault, Treasurer

Editors Note: This Treasurer's Report must be voted upon at the February business meeting due to the absence of Keith at the January business meeting. Also, please remember that the Financial report seen here is for December 2010. The Financial Report printed in the newsletter is always one (1) month behind due to having our business meetings at the beginning of every month.

CLUB & LAYOUT UPDATES

Work on the scenery of the main layout continues. Bridges, abutments and other scenic details have been added in the big loop that Michael Hohn is coordinating. Trees, grass and details are currently being placed.

Frank Benders and Steve Raque have been working on the backside of the loop adding in a road and ramp for a limestone loading facility. Looking good guys!

Hills, grass, roads and other details are being added from the coal mining town toward Wilson Mills under the direction of Rich Henderson. The Fan House for the mine has found a permanent home about halfway between the coal mine town and Wilson Mills. A rock ledge has been finished as a hand hold for the lift out section.

Jim Kubanick has been unable to continue work on the scenery to the large mountain/valley curve at the front of the layout due to his shoulder injury. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We have renewed all but two Boxcar Ad cars, and there are several new cars in the works!

Last, but not least I would like to invite any members that have not been down to the club for awhile to come and see what's been happening at your club. Come on down, join in all the fun, renew your interest in model railroading, renew old friendships and make some new friends. Help us make our club the best it can be!

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