

# TRAIN OF THOUGHT

THE MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
NEWSLETTER - JULY 2011



## **EDITORS NOTE**

Kids Day was a GREAT success!! Visitors starting coming through the door before our 10am opening time. Many told members that this was not their first time and that they look forward to seeing the layouts every year! In my humble opinion this is the best news we could ever receive from the local public.

We were busy all day. The crowds of people just kept coming and coming. We ran out of the fifty (50) Kids Day packets right after noon and scrambled to collect the few remaining separate items to give out to the children.

Sales of Chance tickets were brisk and the Little Engineer hats and whistles also sold well.

Many thanks to all who helped make this Kids Day a great success. Special thanks to Greg Malnikoff for dressing up as an engineer again this year and passing out flyers to people up on High street.

This is what we are all about, working together to spread the word of model railroading and the history of railroads throughout our community.

Sincerely, Rich Henderson



## **MINUTES of the JULY BUSINESS MEETING July 7, 2011**

The meeting of the Mon Valley RR Club, Inc. was called to order by Gary Deavers. There were 12 members of the Mon Valley RR Club, Inc. present for this meeting, including 4 officers. There was 1 guest.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved by a motion by Dave and seconded by Greg. The vote was unanimous.

Keith presented the Treasurer's report with a final closing balance on June 30 of \$2,332.61 in the check book and \$1,804.20 in the certificate of deposit. There is \$700.00 in imminent debt so we really only have working capital of \$1,632.61. This report was approved by a motion made by Dave and seconded by Greg. The vote was unanimous.

### **Committee reports:**

(It was decided to discontinue the pulpwood car committee since the cars are all finished.)

**AD car committee:** Reported by Rich. Star furniture was added to the list along with 2 renewals. Jon Hebb also purchased a car for his new business venture, Morgantown Tours. Rich revamped the Tanner's Alley car. There are now 24 Ad cars on the layout.

## **SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

August 4, 2011  
Business Meeting

September 1, 2011  
Business Meeting

September 3, 4 & 5  
Rowlesburg  
Railroad Day  
Labor Day Weekend

October 6, 2011  
Business Meeting

November 3, 2011  
Business meeting

December 1, 2011  
Business meeting

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**Passenger Car committee:** The train is almost complete but won't be ready for Kid's Day. John Lindsay and Rich assured us that the train will run at Rowlesburg.

**Publicity Committee:** Kid's day info is out to the press. The budget for Kid's Day is \$299.00. Most of the cost has been donated. For the project, Greg will get the pop, Keith will get pencils and erasers, Gary will get the punch and John's sister will bake the train cookies in red and blue.

#### Old business

**Non-profit classification:** We have to rename our group (again) to comply with the 501c3 rules, and drop the word "club.". Our new name will match the 501c3 requirements for a non-profit (professionally sounding) organization, so we had to remove the word club. After much debate over a list of 15 names supplied by Keith, we will henceforth be known as the "Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc." The final selection of this name was proposed by Greg and seconded by Lew and the entire group approved it. Since we had about half of the members present, and the name was accepted unanimously, we will be using this new moniker in the future.

**Club T shirts:** These will not be available until we can adjust the design to the new name. John Lindsay agreed to revise the logo, again (he did look just a little frustrated).

**M&K T shirts:** These will be available in a few weeks. A sign-up sheet was put on the desk for people to order their shirts. Contact Rich by e-mail if you want to reserve a shirt for yourself.

**NMRA Meeting:** Mike and Keith thanked the club profusely for the help and enthusiasm the club provided for the NMRA Region II meeting. It was a big success.

#### New Business

Rich outlined the details of the plan for Kid's day. A sign-up sheet is available for the activities. If you want to help, please contact Rich by e-mail. Next Thursday will be the last day we can prepare for this Saturday's coming event, so come on out to help.

#### Addendums

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

July 16, 2011 is Kid's Day in Morgantown. The club will be open.

Next Timonium Show -- October 29-30, 2011 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium MD

Meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm.

### **JULY FINANCIAL REPORT** July 7, 2011

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	
June 1, 2011	\$2,324.79
<b>Expenses:</b>	
July Rent	\$ 265.00
Allegheny Power	\$ 52.18
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 317.18</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Division 2 Host Check	\$ 50.00
Star Furniture Ad Car	\$ 35.00
Chevrenick - M&K Shirts	\$ 200.00
J.Hebb Ad Car	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>

<b>Ending Balance</b>	
June 30, 2011	\$ 2,332.61
Certificate of Deposit	\$1,804.20

*We have in balance \$300 for IRS Fee & \$400 for M&K Shirts. Working capital of \$1,632.61*

*Keith DeVault, Treasurer*

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### **LAYOUT UPDATE**

Work is progressing on the main layout. Mike Hohn and his team are adding a new plaster rock face around the second curve. Styrofoam and sculptamold are being added from the mining town towards Wilson Mills. More trees, shrubs, people and animals have been added in many locations.

Come see what's happening and join in the fun!