

# TRAIN OF THOUGHT

THE MON VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB OF WV, INC.  
NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2010



## ***MARCH MINUTES***

April 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:26 by Gary Deavers, President. Four (4) officers and seven (7) members were in attendance.

The minutes of the March 2010 meeting were corrected to reflect the dates of the Treasurer's report to read February instead of March. The minutes with the amendment were then approved by a motion by Dave Hines and seconded.

The Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$2,333.30, was reported by Keith DeVault. A detailed and comprehensive Treasurer's report was submitted by Keith DeVault.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Caboose committee:** Lew Matt will be bringing a caboose or two to the next meeting. The committee is waiting for the lettering designs to be forwarded to Lew Matt.

**Constitution Committee:** Rich Henderson reported that Lew Matt mailed all the members a copy of the revised Constitution and ballot. We are waiting for all the ballots to come in. Lew has received seven ballots to date. Rich requested an executive meeting to count the ballots for the constitution revision, and a meeting is scheduled to be held at 6:30 pm, March 6, 2010, before

the monthly meeting. By-laws will be reviewed at this meeting, too.

**Ad Car Committee:** Dave Hines and Rich Henderson, reviewed the upcoming expiration of ads and new subscriptions. They are developing a strategy to streamline the renewal of advertisers.

**DCC Improvement Committee:** Bill Hudak reported that there was some minor adjustment to improve the system but no new wiring was added. Lew Matt will be loaning the club an NCE, 3 amp., DCC system to use with John Hebb's computer system for programming and consisting locos separately from the layout. The existing program track will remain where it is.

### **Old Business**

**Lighting:** AJ Watson and Don Henderson are moving the layout light switches to the stairwell. One section of the layout lighting can now be controlled from a switch at the stairs.

**Op Session:** A new Op Session is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 0900. Sign up to crew a train on the board provided.

**Pulpwood cars:** There are now five (5) pulpwood cars on the layout. Mike Hohn is going to schedule a workshop at the club to build pulpwood cars. No date or time has been established.

## ***SCHEDULE***

April 17, 2010  
Division 2 Jamboree  
[www.keystonedivision.org/](http://www.keystonedivision.org/)

May 6, 2010  
Business Meeting

May 13-16, 2010  
Coalfield Express  
[www.coaldivision.org/  
coalfield\\_express.html](http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express.html)  
NMRA-MCR Convention

June 3, 2010  
Business Meeting

July 1, 2010  
Business Meeting

July 17, 2010  
Kid's Day  
Open House  
10am til 2pm

August 5, 2010  
Business Meeting

Web Page: The President thanked Jon Hebb for volunteering to work as webmaster. He will work with Eric Hansmann to transfer the web page site to a new ISP.

Newsletter: The President thanked Rich Henderson for volunteering to take over the newsletter. The March newsletter is now online.

**New Business:**

Jim Kubanick, the previous club secretary, received a letter from Broadway Ltd. informing our club that we had won a new BLI, NW Y6B 2-8-8-2 locomotive. Immediately after the letter, Jim received a package containing the loco. This is a highly detailed die cast engine with sound and smoke. (the members ran this loco after the meeting, and an impressive sight it was! Thanks to Jim for taking the time to enter the contest on behalf of the club.) There was some discussion of the nature of the contest but no one could remember what it was about. If anyone has information, please share it with us.

Mike Hohn brought a visitor, named O Ki No, a Japanese exchange student from WVU, to view the layout. The young man was extremely impressed with the entire program and was urged to return Saturday to try his hand at operations.

Keith DeVault presented a lively description of the Prototype Modelers Meet in Valley Forge PA last week. Much discussion ensued.

**Announcements:**

The next Timonium Show will be Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, 2010. (Several members talked about carpooling to the show on Saturday but nothing was confirmed)

The Central Ohio Prototype Modeler's Meet will be held at Marion Ohio on April 23 and 24, 2010 For more information, contact Eric Hansmann, eric@hansmanns.org or Dennis Blake, La Costa Dr., Marysville OH 43040.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society (PRRT&HS) annual meeting will be held at the Penn Harris Radison hotel in Camp Hill, PA, April 29 through May 2, 2010. Contact Lew Matt lmatt@windstream.net for more information.

The Mid-Atlantic Narrow Gauge Modelers meet will be held at Kimberton (Valley Forge area) May 21 and 22, 2010. Contact Lew Matt lmatt@windstream.net for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm  
Submitted by Secretary Lew Matt

***MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT***

March 1, 2010

**Beginning Balance : \$ 2434.16**

**Expenses:**

Rent: March \$ 265.00  
Allegheny Power: \$ 35.86  
Total Expenses \$ 300.86

**Income:**

Dues Paid: Hannsman, Crawford, Colvin, Kite \$200.00

Total Income \$ 200.00

**Balance as of 3/31/2010 \$ 2333.30**

**Bank Certificate value: \$ 1801.06**

***LAYOUT UPDATE***

The Coal Mining Town & Wilson Mills by Rich Henderson

Work is progressing on the Coal Mining town. The liftout area has been secured so if a train derailed in the hidden siding we can easily lift and slide out that section to fix the problem. Three new houses have been built and the older houses have been touched up. Styrofoam land forms have been added and Sculptamold has been smoothed over the foam to finish the basic land. More foam and Sculptamold will be added over the coming weeks, along with paint and colored ground foam.

Wilson Mills is coming together nicely with a new restaurant, hotel, bank, general store, hardware, Doctors office and shoe repair shop. Brick streets, sidewalks, trees and other details will soon be added to complete the scene.

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