

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

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



EDITORS NOTE

Fellow members, as I write this the Mountainlair Show has just ended. Boy, was it a busy weekend! Friday was fairly calm as far as visitors. The modular layout ran flawlessly. Saturday saw a continuous flow of people, lots of good comments and fairly brisk chance ticket sales and donations. Everyone seemed to enjoy our handiwork and the displays of collectable HO & O gauge trains. Sunday saw more visitors and a few minor railroading problems. We will have to work on the modules track to correct these problems before the Holiday Open House. As usual, the Mountainlair exhibit is not a great money making venue for us, however, it more than makes up for that with the good PR we get from the public. I know that I am exhausted and so is everybody who helped out. Many thanks from all of the officers to everyone who participated!

Sincerely, Rich Henderson



MINUTES

of the

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

October 7, 2010

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Gary Deavers, President. 2 guests, 5 officers and 11 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the Sep 9, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved by vote from a motion made by Dave and seconded by Lou.

The Treasurer's Reports for August and September were presented in detail by Keith. The Aug report was motioned by Rich, seconded by Jon and approved unanimously.

The September report uncovered a bank error. The corrected report was motioned by John, seconded by Lew and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Caboose committee: No action.

Pulpwood car Committee: 2 more cars are painted.

SCHEDULE

November 11, 2010
Business Meeting

December 2, 2010
Business Meeting

Holiday Open House
December 11 & 12

Winter Open House
January ??

January 6, 2011
Business Meeting

February 3, 2011
Business Meeting

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Ad Car Committee: Gary thanks Dave for diligently pursuing the Ad Car work. Tanner's Alley, Mainstreet Morgantown, Old Colony and Fairchance Hobby all need to be revisited.

DCC Committee: Continuing to work on St. George

Lighting and maintenance:

Some ongoing discussion on moving lighting..

Modular layout: Lou gave a report on interchangeable scenery which he is using on some modules. Keith made a motion to be reimbursed for purchasing Merchant's Row, first by Dave and second by Lew, approved unanimously. Any one who wants to do a module should contact Gary.

Publicity Committee: No action.

Non-profit status: Rich will procure a 501c3 application form.

Membership Committee:

Application accepted from Gavin Lantz, age 14, sponsored by Rich. Mike 1st, John 2nd and approved unanimously.

Old business:

BSA Railroad Merit Badge Jon requested that we move this to November's meeting so he can do more research. [From October: we should discuss a proposal for helping the BSA administer Railroad Merit Badge. There is an interest from the BSA and possible funding from NMRA Region 2.]

Mountain Lair: November 4th is set-up. The show will run November 5, 6 and 7, 2010. Tear down will be Sunday afternoon. Garry will start a sign-up sheet for this. Rich will prepare a hand-out.

Mon Valley RR Club shirts were ordered at the October meeting, a sign up sheet was passed around.

There was considerable discussion at the meeting for the printing of M&K shirts for Rowlesburg in 2011. Jon described several designs and there was considerable discussion. Jon will research details and bring the info back to the next meeting.

New Business:

We discussed the free software from JMRI that would enable us to use cell phones as throttles. <http://www.jmri.org/help/en/package/jmri/jmrit/witthrottle/UserInterface.shtml> Jon suggested that we already have some of these capabilities with the existing software.

Housekeeping: Gary suggested that we need to be aware that we may receive too many donations of unusable trains.

Work on scenery: Mike led a discussion about the need for scheduling scenery. Each group doing scenery should explain what is going on in their areas and what work needs to be done. Gary gave an update on the signals he is installing

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Addendum:

The November business meeting will be moved from November 4th to November 11th

The Club open house is scheduled for December 11 and 12, 2010. The second open house date in January has not yet been selected.

The November-December issue of Model Railroad Hobbyist is available and can be downloaded for FREE. 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. (Lew badgered them all year to get them to carry the magazine) They also carry Model Railroader, O scale Modeler, O gauge Modeler, Great Layouts and other model railroad related periodicals and magazines.

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



OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1, 2010

Beginning Balance September 1, 2010	\$1037.18
Expenses:	
October Rent	\$ 265.00
Allegheny Power	\$ 107.43
Total Expenses	\$ 372.43
Income:	
Boxcars	\$ 390.00
Rowlesburg	\$ 225.00
Stanley Dues	\$ 30.00
Rowlesburg sale items	\$ 74.00
Total Income	\$ 719.00

Bank Error in our Favor \$ 20.00

Ending Balance
September 30, 2010 \$ 1,403.75

Balanced with bank 10-6-10

Certificate of Deposit \$1,803.67

Keith DeVault, Treasurer

CLUB & LAYOUT UPDATES

We have another new member, Gavin Lantz is our newest Youth member. Several of us met Gavin & his mother at Rowlesburg. They came down to the club the following Thursday evening and Gavin jumped in to help Mike Hohn with scenery. Gavin likes logging and coal mining railroads. He has been helping out every night and asking lots of questions about modeling. So, welcome Gavin.

Scenery continues on the main layout. The new bridges and abutments look great! Plaster rock casting, trees, grass and other scenic details continue to be added in the big loop that Michael Hohn is

coordinating.

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.

More trees, a clothes line with clothes and basket have been added to the coal mining town. Hills continue moving 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. Telephone poles are under construction along with other details.

All but three Advertisement Boxcars have been renewed!!!

So come on down and see what's been happening at your club. 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!



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