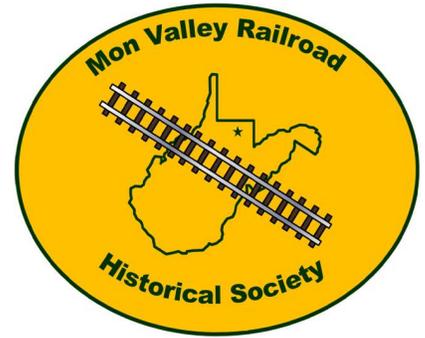


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

JULY 2016



EDITORS NOTE

Kids Day has come and gone. It was a rather disappointing crowd this year. Just a few visitors straggled in all day, but everyone seemed to enjoy seeing our layouts. Most promising were two people who said they would be back and are interested in joining our Society. The Henderson farm scene is almost finished. Just a few more details to be added. Those visitors that saw it really liked those details, pointing them out to their children. We also had good remarks on the new coal mine area. Visitors enjoyed seeing the process of building a layout from building the base, adding track, etc. There were several questions about how we create the scenery. I was happy to see the interest in how we create our version of reality in miniature. Several people were surprised to hear about our probable move due to the building being sold. Most remarks were "How are you going to move all this". Hopefully, our search will be brief. We have strong support in the community and I am confident a new space will present itself at the right time. Keep Searching!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting July 7, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, eight (8) members present. Minutes of the June 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes with a correction (Eric Hopkins added that Alex & Scott Chevernick also have helped on the new Coal mine development). Motion by Frank Benders, Second by Ken Colvin, Approved.

New President, Gary Deavers thanked everyone involved with the election of new officers, thanked the retiring officers, Frank Benders & Lou Lemelle & expressed his appreciation for all the hard work. He thanked Ken Colvin for stepping up to be our VP, and Treasurer, Keith DeVault & Membership Director, Rich Henderson for their continuing support.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault, All bills are paid, Keith purchased & paid for new lights. We paid the \$100 to the Friends of the Morgantown History Museum (our share in the Grant). No income for June. We are still in the Black. Motion to approve by Rich Henderson, Second by Lou Lemelle. Approved

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**August 4, 2016
Business Meeting**

**August 27 & 28, 2016
Back to School
Open House
Saturday 10am til 4pm
Sunday 12 noon to 4pm**

**September 1, 2016
Business Meeting**

**October 6, 2016
Business Meeting**

**Mountaineer Week
October 28, 29 & 30, 2016.
Setup will be on Thursday
October 27, 2016.**

**November 3, 2016
Business Meeting**



Committee Reports:

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: Rich Henderson said that the Farm scene is basically finished, the garden is in, flowers, shrubs & most trees. Some fencing still needs added, more cows, horses, people. But it is good to go for Kids Day. Eric Hopkins said most tracks are in for the coal mine scene. The tippie base was put on backwards and had to be fixed so cars could be loaded correctly. Scott Welch said he has almost finished with ballasting.

Publicity: Publicity for Kids Day - The PSA's & Community calendar notices have gone out and so did the notice for Boxcar Advertisers. Newspaper articles & pictures go out tomorrow (Friday, July 8, 2016). The "Fun Packs" for Kids Day are ready except for putting the pencils, erasers & crayons in the envelopes. Rich will bring them down next Thursday.

Ad cars: No Change.

Donations: No new donations.

Old Business:

The M&K exhibit at the Morgantown History Museum has been a success. Several members have gone to the other presentations. Ian Gray's final presentation will be this Saturday, July 9th at 7pm at the museum. Gary added that the ceremony down at the old Railroad depot went well. The rain held off while the shovels of dirt were turned where the sign will be placed.

New Business:

Kids Day is right around the corner on Saturday July 16, 2016 from 9am til 3pm. We need to clean up and

make the clubhouse presentable. We need workers to pass out the Fun Packs, direct visitors around the layouts, help sell Chinese Auction tickets and White Elephant table items. Also, people to answer questions and of course to "Run Trains". We don't need any food items except for a bag of ice for the cooler.

Gary let every one know of the days for several of our upcoming events. The Back to School Open House is on August 27 & 28, 2016 from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and 12 noon to 4pm on Sunday.

Mountaineer Week event is on October 28, 29 & 30, 2016. Setup will be on Thursday October 27, 2016.

The Holiday Open House will be on December 10 & 11, 2016. This is when we will give away our Chinese Auction train sets & books. Our annual OP session is set for January 1, 2017 beginning at 9am. If you go to church come down when you can.

The Spring Open House will be on March 11 & 12, 2017, IF we are still in the building.

We will be hosting the March NMRA Division 2 meeting on Sunday, March 19, 2017 (whether we are in the building or not). Keith said we will find a place to have it.

Our building is for Sale. Rich Henderson found this out after the May business meeting had adjourned. One of the Black Bear owners asked if we had heard the news. Pamela Ball of the Morgantown History Museum also asked if we knew of the sale at Keith's presentation. We have not been formally notified of the possible sale. Lou Lemelle said he has talked with the two brothers who are also business partners that are thinking of buying the building. If they buy the

building their plans are to tear it down and build apartments for Morgantown area residents (Not Students). So we need to start looking for a new home. Rich made a draft letter and passed it around to officers & members. He asked for ideas of other items to add or subtract from the letter. It would be used as a last resort in the newspaper as a plea for help in finding us a new space. Tom Kirby said we needed to add details about our public events. Keith DeVault said we needed to remove the part about paying all utilities, make that negotiable. Also add how long we have been an organization in Morgantown. The BOD may meet later to work out details. Anyone with knowledge of a place for us and the owners of such a building should contact them with our needs and try to help us find a place to move. We may have to pack up everything and rent storage buildings. How long of a notice would we have? Thirty (30) days by State codes. Dave Edwards added that it can take as long as 180 days if lawyers become involved. Keep your eyes and ears open for any information about a building that meets our needs.

For the Good of the Order:

Frank Benders said there are staging yards under the St. George yards that are filled with freight cars. Check and see if any belong to you and take them home. Keith said he thought most belonged to Marty Knouse (former member). Rich or Keith will contact Marty to have him come and get his cars.

Several members are going to the Greenberg Train Show in Monroeville, PA on Sunday, July 17. If you want to go let someone know ASAP so we can car pool.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm
Respectfully,

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRRHs

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 11, 2016
Mon Valley Railroad
Historical Society, Inc.**

Meeting called to order at 1:55pm by Frank Benders, outgoing President, with Gary Deavers, Vice President, Lou Lemelle, Secretary & Rich Henderson, Membership Director present. Also present Ken Colvin incoming VP, Dave Edwards incoming Secretary. Keith DeVault, Treasurer was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Rich Henderson said we needed to make minor changes to our constitution & bylaws. The BOD is permitted to do this under Article 7, Section 7.5 of the constitution and under Article 8, Section 8.5. The words "Member At Large" are changed to "Membership Director" in both the constitution & Bylaws to be in keeping with State codes and banking laws. Rich had to sign the paperwork as "Membership Director" several years ago because we were told there must be at least one person on a Board of Directors designated as a "Director". Also we found two (2) places where the word "club" was still present and that has been changed to "society". Our documents are now up to date and correct. Approved unanimously.

We clarified the dates for several events. The Back to School Open House is on August 27 & 28, 2016.

Mountaineer Week event is on October 28, 29 & 30, 2016. Setup will be on Thursday October 27, 2016.

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OP session is tentatively set for January 2, 2017. Changes will be

taken up by all the membership, nothing is or has been chosen yet and will be determined in our future.

March could be our next Open House weekend, second weekend of March so stated by President, Gary Deavers.

Rich Henderson made a Motion to adjourn. Meeting closed at 2:34pm

Lou Lemelle, Secretary
MVRRHHS



ARTICLES WANTED

Space is available for members to write an article for the newsletter. It may be about your model railroad, a new model you just built or acquired, a railfan trip you recently took or about a any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

Please allow two (2) weeks before the next newsletter is published.

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