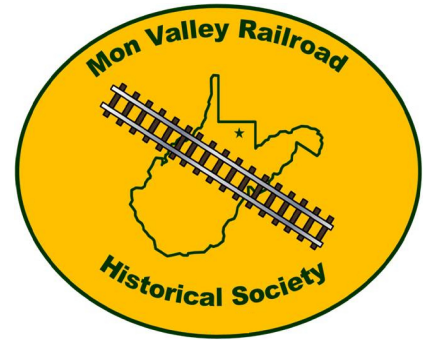


# TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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## **EDITORS NOTE**

As I write this note it is Thursday, September 22, 2016, the first day of Fall or Autumn as you like. The days are growing shorter and the nights cooler, soon we will be into our most hectic time of the year. The Mountainlair Show is coming up at the end of October and is listed in our Schedule of Events to your right. I hope everyone will be on hand to help take apart, transport & put back together the modular layout. Also, please set aside some time to help work the show. This is one event that people really look forward to attending.

I must also apologize for not being at most of the August & September meetings. Things have been rather hectic in my life. For the most part I have been working on custom made (painted & decaled) models of my Marx trains, both locomotives & freight cars. I will bring some of them to the clubhouse for members to check out in the near future. I'm making them to show off at next Summers Marx Train convention in Wheeling. See you all at the business meeting if not before.

Happy Training,

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



## **Minutes of the Business Meeting September 1, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, six (6) members & one guest (Gavin Lantz) present. Minutes of the August 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Rich Henderson, Second by Frank Benders, Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Keith DeVault, All bills are paid. We are still in the Black. Approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Modules:** Dave Edwards finished new umbilical connections, Bill Hudak made new electrical connections on the new modules.

**Main Layout:** Gary reported circuit & relay problems have been partially fixed, also the signals work. Trackwork continues for the new coal mine area. Jim said we still need to figure out where to locate the coal conveyor, tracks, etc. Lou Lemelle replaced several of the hedges near the city of St. George.

**Publicity:** Rich will be getting the publicity ready for the Mountainlair event.

## **SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

**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**

**December 1, 2016  
Business Meeting**

**December 10 & 11, 2016  
Holiday Open House  
Saturday 10am to 4pm  
Sunday 12noon to 4pm**



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**Ad cars:** Tanners Alley has not paid so we removed their car from the modular layout, also we lost Jimmy's Sunoco, as he has closed the gas station. Rich suggested that maybe we shouldn't make any more new cars until our location situation is cleared up. Gary suggested that if we have to move maybe we should give the boxcar advertisers a free year since we would not be showing off the layouts very much. It was taken under advisement.

**Donations:** No new monetary donations, however, we did get several used VHS & DVD's from a gentleman who just wanted to get rid of them. Several are quite nice.

**Old Business:**

Rich reported that the "Back to School" open house went well. A man named Larry Linger came down again and made a video of the main layout & the modular, he has placed several videos on U-Tube from our group and several others. The videos are under the name of Solo Contracting, but can also be found by simply typing in Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society on the U-Tube website. We thank Larry for his assistance. Megan Hudock from WBOY channel 12 also visited on Sunday and her report was on the Sunday 6:00 news, after we were closed of course.

Lou Lemelle let us know that he would not be buying the N scale Bullet train we received as a donation back on Kids Day citing the fact that his track radius is too small for the train to operate. We placed it on the White Elephant table for sale.

Keith rewrote the letter appealing for a new home. Rich also updated his letter. The members discussed both and agreed to blend the two letters. Keith took Rich's revised

letter and will create a new one, then will make copies to send out when needed.

We briefly discussed the need for better signage up on High St. And on University Ave. To bring in folks during open house events.

**New Business:**

No New business.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Ken Colvin is giving an OLLI lecture series on September 28 at the old mall (Mountaineer Mall). It will last 3 weeks and be on the building of the first Transcontinental Railroad & its effect on people. Contact Ken for more info.

Penn Pilot has aerial views of Pennsylvania from three different time periods and in three resolutions, low, med. & high. Check them out.

Sunday Sept. 18, Division 2 open house at Connelsville Canteen is free for all.

Jim Kubanick gave us a video switchbox system for changing from VHS to DVD with extra inputs. This will eliminate pulling wires & switching plugs when trying to watch the videos on our TV set. Thanks Jim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm  
Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,  
MVRRHHS*



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