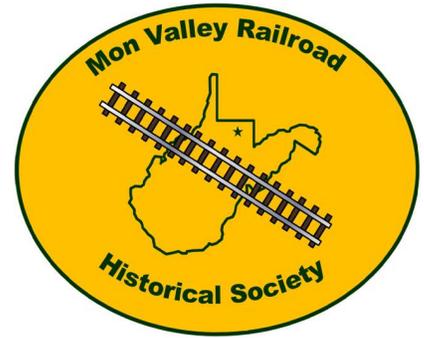


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

NOVEMBER 2016



EDITORS NOTE

Well the national election is over and it is my hope we can all get back to some normalcy in our lives. That normalcy for me includes continuing to help build the "Greatest" model railroad in North Central West Virginia.

Building that great road means lots of work; work we must do together. It means putting aside our minor differences, coming together with compromise and pushing forward.

We can get the job done only IF we embrace our differences and strengthen our friendships. I have not seen many of you down at the society's clubhouse in quite a while.

Please try to squeeze some time in your busy lives to come down, talk with old and new friends, pick up a hammer, drill, level or whatever and get back into the fun of model railroading. It is my firm belief that our hobby puts a smile on peoples faces and helps them to put aside their worries, if even for a short time.

Model railroading brightens my life, I hope it brightens your too.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting November 3, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, six (6) members present. Minutes of the October 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 reported that the new plexiglass for the modules needs to be installed. Bill Hudak brought up wiring needs and repairs for the modules. Some track came loose and was repaired at the Mountainlair. Securing buildings is a problem.

Main Layout: Trackwork is basically finished for the new coal mine area with a long siding now wrapping around the front of the layout. Jim Kubanick is ready to start wiring the new branch. Eric Hopkins has cut some foam for scenery.

Publicity: Rich is getting publicity ready for the Holiday Open House on December 10 & 11, 2016

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**December 1, 2016
Business Meeting**

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

**January 1, 2017
OP Session
9 am til ??**

**January 5, 2017
Business Meeting**

**February 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

**March 2, 2017
Business Meeting**



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Publicity continued:

Facebook page went from 364 Likes to 377 and we reached from 225 up to 419 people with the Promo ad.

Ad cars: The Brockway Auto Repair car will be ready for the Holiday Open House. Renewals will go out next week.

Donations: Hastings Funeral Home sent us a \$25 dollar donation.

Old Business:

Mountainlair show had good turnout. People were in and out in groups of 15 to 20 all day Saturday. Friday was slow as usual. Sunday had visitors most of the day. The society sold lots of engineer hats, whistles and lollipops. Rich Henderson and Ken Colvin had good sales too. People liked seeing the photo of the glass factory and Lou Lemelle's re-worked factory.

New Business:

Rich brought up the fact that we need to check the emergency lights and batteries and the fire extinguishers before the Open House. We also need to patch some holes in the ceiling. Rich mentioned that Greg Malnikoff expressed the idea of a BRIO wooden train set/layout for children to play with at events. We are saying "Don't Touch" too much. The children want something to play with and keep occupied. Bill Hudak said he has one and will give it to us. The layout table is kind of bulky but we may be able to modify it. We have lots of dead florescent lights that need replaced. Rich made a motion to replace them, Second by Keith DeVault. Approved. Keith will buy the bulbs.

For the Good of the Order:

Greenberg Train Show is November 12 & 13 at the Monroeville Convention Center. Winchester Model RR Club Train Show & Open House is also November 12, 2016. Washington, PA Train Show is on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm
Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,
MVRRHs*



**PRESIDENTIAL
NOTES**

Greetings fellow railroaders! As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons I would like to extend holiday wishes to you and yours. Thanksgiving should be every day (well, except for the super extra large meal and the Dallas Cowboys on TV), and we all have so much to be thankful for. One of those wonderful "extras" in life I am thankful for is this wonderful hobby and our fine historical society. While certainly not up there with faith, family, health, and employment, model railroading is a creative outlet that encompasses so many skill sets and talents. If you have a layout, consider showing it off to a couple of young people over the Christmas holidays – or come down to the society during our Open House and do more of the same. Who knows the impact of our models on some impressionable five or six year old? We were all there ourselves at one point. The trains in

the department stores or around our Christmas trees – perfectly realistic in our eyes! I still remember Mr. Stone's basement on Morgantown Avenue in the shadows of Owens-Illinois. I am sure the reality was somewhat less than my perception, but I remember boxes and boxes of trains on shelves, models on a test track, and a work bench with lots of projects. Take some down time and work on your railroads or assemble some models, even read a magazine or watch a video. Go back to the magic of model railroading. Now that it gets dark at 5:30 you have more time. Have a safe, healthy, and happy season!

Gary Deavers, President MVRRHs



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

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