

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

FEBRUARY 2017



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**March 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

**March 11 & 12, 2017
Spring Open House**

**March 19, 2017
NMRA Division 2
Meeting 2:30pm
(Society Opens at Noon)**

**April 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

**May 4, 2017
Business Meeting**

**June 1, 2017
Business Meeting**

**July 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

EDITORS NOTE

Spring is in the air early this year. Our Spring Open House is also early this year on March 11 & 12, 2017. With our water damage problem, we need as many members as possible to help clean up the Society's clubhouse. We must continue to present a warm, clean and helpful image to the public. Our faithful fans deserve no less. I want to thank every member that has helped to clean up over the last few weeks, but more is needed.

On the layout front, we have made good progress and I think our visitors will be pleased with what they see during the open house. We get so many questions about how we build the layout. How we make the scenery, etc. Those of you that have helped out at the open houses in the past know this is true. People enjoy seeing our work and marvel at what we have accomplished.

I raise my Engineers cap to all of you.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting February 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with four (4) officers, eleven (11) members present. Minutes of the January 2017 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Eric Hopkins, Second by Ken Colvin, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Report. Treasurer Keith DeVault was absent. He sent the financial report to Rich. Rich forgot it. There will be two financial reports at the March business meeting.

Committee Reports:

Modules: There was water damage on one corner module. We will keep a close eye on it for warping.

Main Layout: The warehouse district is progressing. There was some minor water damage in one curve, looks like a ballast washout. Eric Hopkins will be putting in a new switch near Wilson's Mills & CPNB near the water tower.

Publicity: Facebook page 392 Likes. Rich posted pics of the water damage. Over 160 people looked at the new pics.

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Ad cars: Eric Hopkins reported no new cars. He is planning on taking a few of the cars to the business that have not renewed. Total boxcar Ads is nine.

Membership: The "Grace Period" for annual dues ends on March 31, 2017. Rich estimated we will have 24 members.

Donations: None

Old Business:

The BOD/Officers will look at the space Ward Paine has offered us on Wednesday, February, 15, 2017 at 3:30pm. They will report back at the March meeting. We are also looking at several other places.

New Business:

The Black Bear had a plumbing line break on the night of Monday, January 24 into Tuesday the 25th. Water leaked down thru holes in the ceiling and damaged a lot of our magazine library, one module and a small place on the main layout. We are drying out the magazines but most will have to be thrown out. High possibility of mold developing. Gary said we need to clean up and move on. The floor will be cleaned and possibly repainted. Gary said he has Trains magazine on CD and possibly Model Railroader and he will donate them to the society. Rich said if he gets a new computer this spring, he will donate his old one to the society. It has windows 10 and is completely updated. The printer comes with it. We may need a new TV, VCR & DVD player. The old ones will be checked first.

The BOD set dates for upcoming events.

Spring Open House - March 11 & 12, 2017

Kids Day - July

Back to School Open House - August 26 & 27

Mountaineer Week Show - October 20, 21 & 22

Holiday Open House - December 9 & 10, 2017

Check the "schedule of Events" on your future newsletters for exact dates.

Rich presented the 2017 budget that was approved by the BOD. The members went over it. Expenses were up last year, however, we are in the Black. Rich made a motion to accept the budget. Gary said that no second was needed. Motion accepted and approved.

For the Good of the Order:

Several members are going to the Timonium, MD show this weekend (Feb. 4), meet in parking lot below Burger King at Cheat Lake at 6am. We are car-pooling as usual.

Ninth Annual Model Railroad Home Tour

Sponsored by The Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association (LVRRA) Saturday, May 20th, 2017 - 9 AM until 4 PM

Download registration form at this link:

<http://www.lvrroa.org/> or call (724) 238-7819

Adults: \$15

Children: \$5

This is an interesting show, with several displays in a firemen's social and multiple area layouts open for viewing. Some of the layouts are a bit far away.

Motion to adjourn by many.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,
MVRRHHS*

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