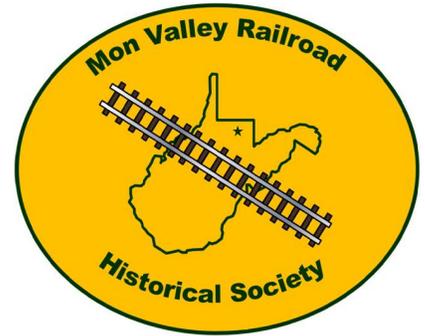


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

MARCH 2017



EDITORS NOTE

Ok, I'm going to make an admission here, on April 30th I will turn 59 years young. There are days when I feel the reverse of my age, 95, but I think that happens to all of us as we age. What I can definitely tell everyone is that when I am at the society on Thursday evenings or at an Open House or other public event we sponsor, I feel very young! Without fail I am in anticipation of having fun. Not a Thursday evening goes by that I don't learn something new about model railroading or the railroads that I didn't know before. That knowledge comes from you my friends. We have a lot to give to the community in general. Your enthusiasm is contagious. That is our greatest strength as an organization. It is our duty to pass on that knowledge to the next generation of model railroaders. To bring into the fold, the youth who are eager to learn all about our great hobby. There is a saying, "Sharing is Caring". Let's share our love of railroads and model railroading with everyone. We can make a difference.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting March 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, six (6) members present. Minutes of the February 2017 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Rich Henderson, Second by Ken Colvin & Frank Benders, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keith DeVault gave the reports for both January & February. All bills paid, new income from membership dues & Boxcar ads. We are in the black. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: No report. We will put the modules together for the Spring Open House.

Main Layout: Work continues on the new coal mine scene. Jim Kubanick & Eric Hopkins are wiring the area.

Publicity: Facebook page 396 Likes. Rich posted pics for the Open House and a video of the layouts from Larry Linger. All newspaper articles, Radio PSA's and other publicity for the Spring Open House is out.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**April 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

**May 4, 2017
Business Meeting**

**June 1, 2017
Business Meeting**

**July 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

**July 15, 2017
Kid's Day Open House
10am til 3pm**

**August 3, 2017
Business Meeting**

**August 26 & 27, 2017
Back to School
Open House**



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Ad cars: Eric Hopkins is planning on taking a few of the cars to the business that have not renewed.

Membership: The "Grace Period" for annual dues ends on March 31, 2017.

Donations: None

Old Business:

We have cleaned up the clubhouse from the Black Bear water leak. Dave Edwards took several boxes of old magazines to be recycled. Everything is basically back in place.

Most of the BOD/Officers met with Ward Paine and looked over the place he was offering. Many small rooms, lots of remodeling would be required. The disadvantages outweigh the advantages. Motion to decline the offer put forth and passed by vote of membership. Gary asked Rich to contact Ward and let him know of our vote.

New Business:

Gary asked for a weekend final cleanup session before the Open House. It will be on Saturday, March 4 at 11am. Any members are welcome to come and help out. Rich will send out an email asking for help.

Rich reminded us about the competition over the Open House weekend, the annual Spring Home & Garden show and other events that weekend. We agreed that there is always something going on in Morgantown. Rich will send an email about the need for Hotdogs, buns and other food & needs for the Open House.

Reminder, the NMRA division 2 meeting is at the Society clubhouse on March 19. Our layout will open for visitors at 12 noon, meeting is upstairs in the Black Bear at 2 or

2:30pm. Even if you are not an NMRA member you may attend this meeting as a member of the society. Gary is giving the presentation on signaling & the dispatchers control. Several members will have their home layouts open for visitors also.

The Activities Director at Maplewood Retirement home called, they would like a railroad themed presentation. We agreed to do one like we did last year. Keith will give a shortened version of his B&O or M&K presentation and we will bring two small layouts Rich made, one HO the other O gauge. It will be on April 10, 2017 starting at 2pm. Approximately 25 or so folks. This is good for our Community Outreach. Anyone wishing to help please let Rich know, we will need four or five people.

Rich found an email sent by Eric Hansmann in 2012. It revolved around fund-raising & memberships. Basically, that we should think about having a day of workshops dealing with model railroading, building boxcars, loco tune-ups, scenery & DCC. The suggestion was to have small groups (20) or so and charge \$15 for an afternoon. The people would get educated and involved with the hobby and our group and might even join. We kicked it around, Keith suggested we check out how the Jamboree does things and figure out if we could do such an affair.

For the Good of the Order:

Harry I. Stegmaier, author & railroad historian from Frostburg, MD died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017. He wrote several books on the B&O & other railroads, along with magazine articles. He was 74.

Motion to adjourn by many.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm
Respectfully,

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRHHS

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