

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

March, 2018



EDITORS NOTE

I don't know about you all, but I will be Very happy when this Winter is over. Your officers/BOD cancelled the January business meeting due to the bad weather, then the February business meeting got delayed by one week. I am sooo tired of freezing temps, ice & snow.

On a lighter note our group is thirty (30) years old. The first constitution & bylaws were ratified on January 14, 1988! Yes, we have gone through a name change but that document is still basically what we are using today. It has served us well. I hope you all are happy to be part of such an enduring organization.

Groups such as ours need leadership and the nominating committee will be formed at the March business meeting. Please think about becoming an officer. It's not that hard of a job and you will have the support of all the people that held that office before you to help.

I have worked on my railroad a little bit during this cold Winter and I hope you have worked on yours too. For me, it's a lot of fun.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting February 8, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, eight (8) members present. Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes Mike Hohn, Second by Lou Lemelle, Approved. Gary welcomed back Dave Trader who hasn't been down to the society for a long time. Dave said his work schedule changed and it made it hard to come down.

Treasurer's Report: Keith gave us the financial reports for January & February 2018. All bills paid, we are in the black. Motion to approve by Mike Hohn, Second by Ken Colvin . Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: Lou Lemelle said some wiring for building lights have been pulled loose and some buildings are loose and need to be re-glued.

Main Layout: Mike Hohn showed us the wood lumber shed he made. He used plans from a 1961 Model Railroader magazine. Several members commented that it looked like sheds used by lumber companies in West Virginia & Pennsylvania. He said more buildings are in the works.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**March 1, 2018
Business Meeting**

**April 5, 2018
Business Meeting**

**April 14 & 15, 2018
Spring Open House**

**May 3, 2018
Business Meeting**

**June 7, 2018
Business Meeting**

**July 5, 2018
Business Meeting**

**July 15, 2018
NMRA Division 2
Meeting
Society opens at 12 noon**



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He also showed us a cardboard mock-up of the B&O station in Fairmont. Gary gave him the plans and it will fit nicely at St.

George. Mike said he was at the clubhouse picking up some things to work on and took a good look at the farm scene. He complimented Rich on the detail and his hard work.

Mike also asked about the kits from the Robert Hickman donations. He said lots of parts are missing and asked about the price. Rich said the price is whatever a member thinks it is worth and just put the money in the caboos or give it to Keith. The new coal tipples and scenery are coming along nicely.

Publicity: Rich said we went from 440 likes to 452 on facebook and 451 people are following the page. He showed us the Holiday ad from the Dominion Post and said he got 5 phone calls from the ad. Tom Kirby asked what people wanted to know. Rich said, when are we open, special events how to find us. The new video of our Holiday Open House made by Larry Linger won't load on facebook like the others have but it can be seen on Larry's web page and there is a link to that page on our facebook page. We are continuing to share information about events with the club in Parkersburg and now with the club in Charleston.

The Open House events have been scheduled for Spring on April 14 & 15, 2018, Back to School on August 25 & 26, 2018. Mountaineer Week is October 19, 20 & 21, 2018 with setup on Thursday evening Oct. 18. We didn't schedule the Holiday Open House yet due to not knowing WVU's basketball schedule.

Ad cars: Eric Hopkins reported that seven renewals have come in. He is trying to get to the others. Ken Colvin volunteered to get the Regional Eye Associates - Heath Lemley, MD one and Rich will get

the one for Morgantown Dental.

Membership: Rich said we have 14 members paid and 11 who have not yet paid. A couple have let Rich or Keith know they will be paying soon. The "Grace period" ends on March 31, 2018.

Donations: None.

Old Business:

Eric Hopkins said the Y6b is still out of commission. He has placed the new gear in the loco's drive but it is not ready to run. It needs adjustment and testing.

The NMRA Division 2 meeting that was scheduled for May at our society has been changed to July 15, 2018 due to the convention. Society will open a 12 noon, their meeting will start at 2:30pm, all are welcome to attend.

Gary said the January OP session was enjoyable. There were seven (7) members and no visitors, probably due to the cold weather. The session lasted around 4 to 5 hours. Everyone enjoyed the soup.

Bill Hudak said we need to check the batteries in the DCC system and possibly get new ones.

New Business:

The Board of Directors met at 6:45pm. BOD members worked on the budget for this year and the schedule of public events. Rich will take Keith's financial information and last years budget and then email it to members for consideration. The budget will then be voted on at the March business meeting. The high electric bill is of much concern.

Gary mentioned that this year is an election year. He asked members to think about becoming an officer. The Nominating Committee will be formed at the March business

meeting. Elections take place in May so Keith can get the new information to the Secretary of State's office and the IRS to keep our tax status up to date.

Eric Hopkins donated a small headlamp.

Rich is donating a Lionel Amtrak O gauge passenger set for the up-coming Chinese auction, Keith & Janet are donating a railroad blanket & pillow. We need for a member to find and donate a few children's railroad books to go with the blanket/pillow set and a member/members to donate an HO set or possibly just a nice engine & caboos that an adult modeler might like.

Keith is still working to find us a new place, possibly at the old Mountaineer Mall.

Bill Hudak has organized parts, track, turnouts, they are in the plastic container under the workbench. Some we can put out for sale.

For the Good of the Order:

Parkersburg Club is having their Cabin Fever Breaker Open House on Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 10am to 4pm at 610 Green St. Parkersburg, phone 304-428-6143 for info or go to: <http://www.movmrc.org/>.

Cumberland Model Train Show is on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9am to 2pm. Contact Rich for more info. We always have several members going to this event.

We are starting to exchange info with the Kanawha Valley Railroad Association. Their web address is: <http://www.kvrailroad.org/>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm
Respectfully,

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRHHS

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2018
Mon Valley Railroad
Historical Society, Inc.**



Meeting called to order at 6:50pm by President, Gary Deavers, Board members also present, Vice President, Ken Colvin, Secretary, Dave Edwards, Treasurer, Keith DeVault, Membership Director, Rich Henderson, and Frank Benders, Immediate Past President.

We worked on Open House and event dates: Spring Open House will be on Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 15, 2018. The Back to School Open House will be on Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26, 2018. Mountaineer Week schedule has been set by WVU. It is October 19, 20 & 21, 2018. The Holiday Open House has two possible dates, December 8 & 9 or Dec. 15 & 16, 2018. Tentative relative to the WVU basketball schedule.

The NMRA Division 2 meeting scheduled for May 2018 has been changed to July due to the convention.

Treasurer, Keith DeVault passed out the yearly financial report for 2017. Rich Henderson passed out copies of the 2017 budget. Keith went over all our expenses and income for the 2017 year. We discussed everything and compared it to past years. Projected income and expenses appear to be about the same as last year, except for the larger electric bills. If electric costs can be reduced that would be good. The number of Boxcar ads is down. Some are in need of reminders. We unanimously approved the Budget proposal for the 2018 year. It will go to the membership at the March business meeting.

President Deavers asked for a motion to adjourn.
All members of the board agreed.
Meeting closed at 7:05pm

*Dave Edwards, Secretary
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

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

Train Jokes

One day an engineer calls the dispatcher and asks him for the time. The dispatcher responds by asking him what road does he work for. The engineer is a little upset and snaps "What difference does that make?" "Well", the dispatcher drawls, "if you work for the BNSF it's 2 pm; if you work for British Rail it is 1400; if you work for CSX the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 2, and if you work for Amtrak it's Tuesday!"

Why can't steam engines sit down? They have a tender behind!

Why can't the engineer be electrocuted? Because he's not a conductor!

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