

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

July, 2021



EDITORS NOTE

July of 2021, half the year is gone! It's been a busy year for our Society and there is still much to be accomplished. Hopefully, we will be voting on a new track plan for the HO scale railroad at the July business meeting, if not then by August. The "O" gauge committee will hopefully have a couple of track plans by August.

What then, well we move ahead with construction. That will mean that we will need as many members as possible on Thursday evenings for work sessions. I certainly hope we can count on all of our members help we this great endeavour.

Our next public event will be the Back to School Model Railroad Display on August 28 & 29, 2021. The modular layout will be set up in the Mall's Center Court once again and our doors will be open for visitors to come in and see what we are doing and maybe to buy some railroad items for their enjoyment.

Our visitors, both old and new look forward to seeing our Society's progress. Hope to see all of you soon.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the June 3, 2021 Business Meeting

The June 3rd 2021 meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Colvin at 1900 (7pm) with 4 officers and 10 members present. A motion was made by Gary and a second by Rich to have the May 2021 Business Meeting Minutes approved. The motion was voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed report was given by Keith DeVault. The society continues to meet our financial obligations. Greg made a motion to accept with a second by Bob. Motion voted on and approved.

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: Gary reported the "Layout Committee" being in constant communication with each other. They are considering expansion of the era to include 1975. They are leaning towards having the Main Line on a main level and Branch Line on a second level. It is hoped this would make setting up for an Operating Session easier and faster than experienced at the Pleasant Street location. Research into return Loops as modeled by E. Roy Ward is being done by members of the committee.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**July 1, 2021
Business Meeting**

**August 5, 2021
Business Meeting**

**Model Railroad
Display
August 28 & 29, 2021
Center Court
Workers Needed!**

**September 2, 2021
Business Meeting**

**October 7, 2021
Business Meeting**

**November 4, 2021
Business Meeting**



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One such loop could be a 6 Stage return area featuring the Charlestown Parkersburg locations. To the other end of the layout would be an almost identical 6 track yard. The layout should be able to handle multiple East and West bound trains. Frank suggested perhaps someone could bring drawings to E. Roy Ward for his thoughts. Some of the materials that we need to build on will be lots of 2x4s. The height of the Main and Upper levels will be similar to Pleasant Street. Safety, especially anti-tip safety is at the forefront in the design of the layout.

Publicity: There are no major events in the near future. Dates for the **Back to School** Open House are set for August 28 & 29. The new website is working. FB has been attracting many viewers as a result of Keith's pictures and Bob Gay's pictures.

Ad Cars: APBP has paid \$35. Johnson Law, LG Lamp, Old Colony, The Goff Agency and Hastings Funeral Home are all active sponsors. WVU Dental School has subscribed with \$90 for a box car. Keith Myers, CPA will get an O scale box car as well as the HO scale car for his \$100 contribution to the Ad Cars

Membership: Dillon Sanders submitted his application for membership. Most of his modelling experience is in HO scale. Keith made a motion to accept and approve Dillon as a member. After Rich offered a second to the motion Dillon was approved with a unanimous vote. Rich reported making new member name tags with names on both sides.

Donations: There are two tables of HO merchandise that was donated by Mark Anderson. Members have

first choice. The remainder will eventually be put for sale, probably during the Open House in August.

Old Business: The Post Office has issued keys to the mail box. Keith will follow up with the plumber prior to the start of construction on the layout.

New Business: We have a committee looking at design and construction of an O gauge layout. Rich and Ken are working on a layout plan. Proposed size of the layout to be 8' x 20'. The height to be at least 36" with 2 levels, 2 sets of tracks, a yard area and a town for starters. The construction and structure of the O gauge layout to be the same as the HO layout. The same era as the HO layout is planned. Keith is working with Lowe's regarding pricing for future purchases.

For the Good of the Order: Keith reported that the mall wants the one uncovered window to be painted as the others already are. The show at Greensburg is now being run by another organization. The first show in Monroeville is July 24 & 25 at the Monroeville Convention Center. Gary reported the City of Grafton is having a Citywide Yard Sale the weekend of June 5th. He predicts the "availability of some interesting B&O pieces".

Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary put for a second. The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Ken Colvin at 1954 (7:54 pm).

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