TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

August, 2022

EDITORS NOTE

August is here! Heat & humidity seem to come along, whether we want it or not. It's nice to have a place to work on our layouts that is fairly climate controlled Work on our new HO scale, O gauge & N scale layouts continues every Thursday evening and sometimes on a Tuesday afternoon or Sunday afternoon. Come visit us on a Thursday evening and join in on the fun that is Model Railroading.

The Back to School Open House will take place on August 27 & 28, 2022. We will needs members help to make it a Great event. Please set aside some time to help, remember these events bring in our local fans. They enjoy seeing our progress. The donations also help us to pay our debts and purchase materials to continue building the finest model railroads possible.

Hope to see you soon and remember Model Railroading is Fun!

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor

Minutes of the July 7, 2022 Business Meeting

President Richard Turton called the July business meeting of the MVRRHS to order at 7pm. The meeting began with 11 members and all five officers in attendance. Two additional members joined the meeting within the first 10 or 15 minutes. A discussion of quorum requirements led to a suggestion to revisit the bylaws, which state that 1/3 of members in good standing are required to transact the business of the organization.

President Turton expressed his gratitude for the service and leadership of past board members as the new board begins its term. Thank you Lou, Greg and Gary!

Greg M. moved to have the minutes of the previous business meeting accepted as published on the MVRRHS website (www.mvrrhs.org) with a second by Dave E. With no further discussion, a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keith DeVault presented our financial status and transactions during the month of June 2022, including remittance of required payment to the State of West Virginia. For informational

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

August 4, 2022
Business Meeting

Back to School
Open House
August 27 & 28, 2022
Workers Needed!

September 1, 2022
Business Meeting

October 6, 2022
Business Meeting

November 2, 2022
Business Meeting

National Model Railroad
Month Open House
November 5, 2022
10am til 4pm
Workers Needed!

December 1, 2022
Business Meeting

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purposes, donations should be directed to MVRRHS care of Keith DeVault (you can find his address on the roster).

Rich Henderson reminder everyone that the mailbox at the Mall is secure unlike our old one on Pleasant Street.

Publicity: Under Publicity, we now have 1,100 followers on Facebook, with positive responses and multiple shares of recently posted photos. Newspaper and broadcast media ads for the Back-to-School Open House (August 27th and 28th) go out at the end of July. (Rich H.)

Ad Cars: Nothing to report for the Business Express Ad Cars.

Membership: MVRRHS welcomes new member Max McDonald, following a motion to approve his application by Keith D., seconded by Mike H. A youth membership application remains pending as the applicant was not present. Members should expect a revised roster soon.

Donations: New Donations for June include $10 (rounded up from $7) for Marx items sold at a recent convention.

Old Business: In Old Business, clarification that the Christmas Open House activities will take place within the MVRRHS space in compliance with liability policies.

LAYOUTS: O Gauge (Rich H.)
The crew have installed many of the outside mainline electrical drop wires, and the outer main is nearing completion with track being nailed down. A shelf or table will be needed to support the large transformer and switch controllers. A discussion of design and construction and placement on the inside or outside of the layout will be revisited. Rich H. was commended for compiling and circulating a set of guidelines for operating on the O gauge layout. Among the comments, a suggestion to add a "preamble" setting out the justifications for and benefits of the guidelines. Wally V. moved that we endorse the guidelines as a preliminary draft, seconded by Mike H., approved. Rich H. moved to allocate up to $200 to purchase an MRC controller with a 1-year guarantee from Patrick's Trains in Wheeling as a back up in case the main controller is ever shopped. Second by Wally V., approved without further discussion. Wally V. brought O scale figures that he plans to donate to the layout, and reported making progress on an O scale station.

The "smoking ban" generally observed at our previous location remains in effect due to unknown potential for affecting visitors as well as several potential nuissance issues for equipment. Rich H. pointed out that smoke units that can't be switched off but can be left "dry." Switchable units will be turned off.

The smoke unit conversation segued into a reminder that as a railroad historical society we strive to educate the public, recreate parts of history to different scales and fidelity, and generally strive toward more model-like and less toy-like appearance.

HO Scale Layout (Mike H.)
Construction will proceed now on the first interlocking associated with the main yard. (Note: The HO committee plans to have proper names for these locations.) Our HO track supply is limited and more will need to be ordered, along with wire for the HO and O layouts. (N?) Following a brief discussion, Rich H. moved that we authorize up $500 in addition to the same amount authorized at the business meeting on June 7th, 2022, a total of $1,000, for the purchase of Atlas Superflex 83 HO track and wire for the HO and O layouts. Keith D. found a source for a case of 100 pieces of the HO track, and will order matching rail connectors as well.

N Scale Layout (Greg M.)
The N scale committee awaits the removal of the HO modules. Meanwhile, Greg is completing such fabrication as can be done at his home. Several members discussed a possible work session in early August, as well as a focused effort on upcoming regular Thursday work sessions.

New Business: None

For the Good of the Order:
Weekday work session: Tuesday, July 12th, 1 pm. (to be confirmed via email)

Greenberg's Toy and Train Show at Monroeville, July 23rd – 24th: Several members plan to attend, some in official capacity with Division 2.

MTH Railking manufactured 100 yellow B&O cabooses for the Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum to sell as a fundraiser.

Rich H. moved to adjourn with multiple seconds and uninamous approval.

Respectively submitted,

Eric J. Hopkins,
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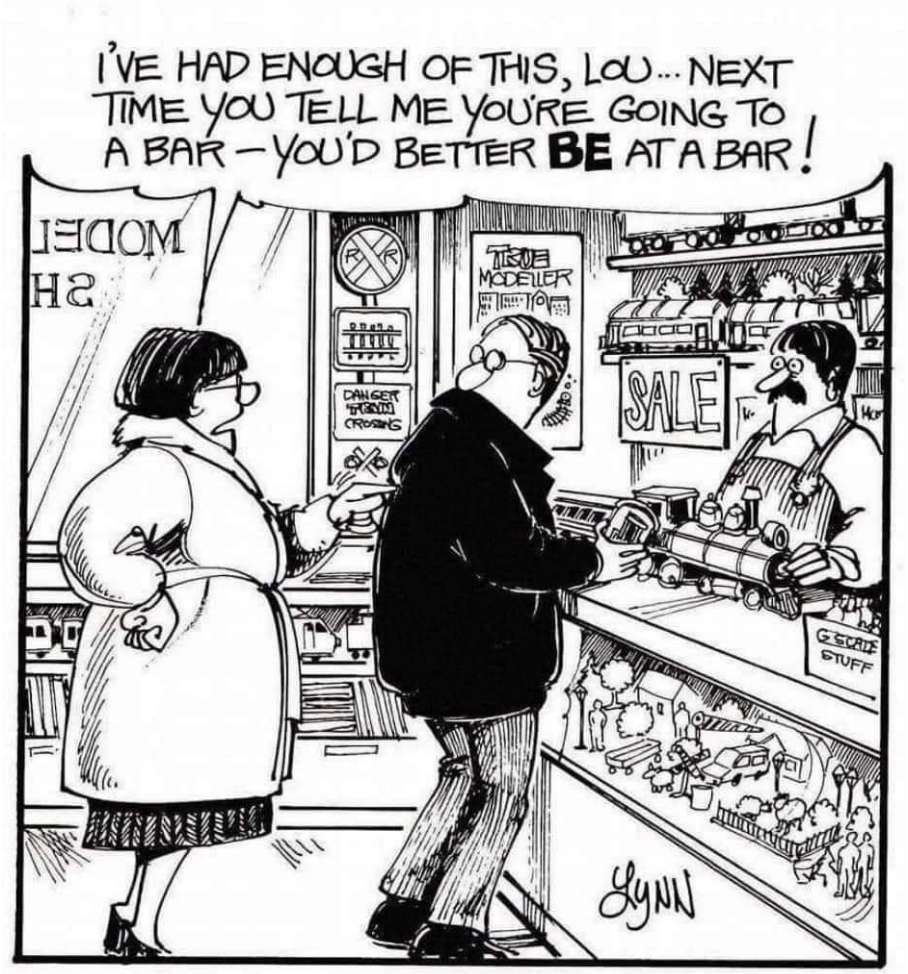

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel.

An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel.

A REALIST sees a freight train.

The TRAIN DRIVER sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.