

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

## **MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

### **December, 2023**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

It's December, where has the time gone? I guess it's true, Time flies when you're having Fun! I have had fun this year working on the new O gauge layout and I hope everyone who has been working on our HO & N scale layouts has had fun too.

Work sessions will soon wrap up for a short time as we get ready for our last open house of 2023.

The Holiday Open House is just two weeks away on December 16 & 17. I know this is a busy time of the year with Christmas coming soon but we need everyone's help to make it Great. Please, set aside some time to help!

We continue to have visitors on the days we are working on the layouts. Many just see the doors open and ask if they can come in and look around. When they do, please be friendly and show them around & answer any questions that they may have. It builds good will with our community and may get us a few new members. It helps us and makes people feel good inside. Feeling good inside for me is pure joy! Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Business Meeting***

Call to order by at 7:02pm with 11 members, including 5 officers, attending.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
Frank B. moved that we approve the minutes of the October 5th business meeting as published in the November newsletter, seconded by Bob T. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

**Treasurer's report (Keith D.):**  
The Society remains in good financial standing and able to meet its obligations.

**Publicity (Rich H.):**  
Facebook followers increased to 1,307 with 9 new. The National Model Railroad Month Open House on Saturday, November 11th was posted as an event and as a regular post on Facebook. Numerous fans responded to the event post indicating intent to attend. Publicity is out for this event including posts to numerous Facebook group pages. Holiday Open House publicity is ready to go out in the 14th or 15th of November. Note that some members expressed difficulties in sharing MVRHRS Facebook posts. Users may need to go to the MVRHRS page before sharing.

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### ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**December 7, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**December 16 & 17  
Holiday Open House??  
*Workers Needed!***

**January 1, 2024  
Operating Session  
*AT the MALL***

**January 4, 2024  
Business Meeting**

**February 1, 2024  
Business Meeting**

**March 7, 2024  
Business Meeting**

**April 4, 2024  
Business Meeting**

**April 2024  
Spring Open House??**



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**Fundraising : (Eric H.)**

The membership discussed several ideas during the business meeting, including a reinstatement of the Visiting Engineer Program. After some discussion, Keith D. moved that the Visiting Engineer Program be re-established on a no-fee basis with a name tag size certificate of recognition, seconded by Rich H., passed unanimously. The sale of branded merchandise and other activities will be explored in the near future.

**Membership: (Rich H.)**

No changes.

**Donations: (Rich H.)**

Ken C.- N Scale consisted of Engines, freight cars, etc.

Mike Clooney, the father / father-in-law of friends of Eric H., passed recently and his children donated part of his extensive HO scale collection to the MVRRHs. Any income from the sale of these items goes directly to the Society.

Long time friend of the Society, Roman (last name unknown), donated O gauge rolling stock and engines last week, the B&O engines are now on display.

**Old Business:** None reported.

**New Business:** None Reported.

**LAYOUTS:**

**O Gauge : (Rich H.)**

The crew is now painting the mountain and continues to apply Sculptamold. Thanks to those who participate in the Sunday work sessions.

**HO Scale: (Keith D.)**

Upper level track is nearly done, and the track behind the Chiefton engine facility was extended. Certain switches were changed to

allow manual, spring-assisted operation.

**N Scale Layout: Max McD .:**

Most of the mainline track is laid and turnouts are in but not wired. Second level work continues. The layout will not operate on November 11th but is planned to be operational by the Holiday Open House.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Members were urged by Rich H. to sign up to crew on the 11th.

The November Greenberg's Toy and Train Show takes place on the 4th and 5th.

Adjournment: 7:27pm following multiple motions and seconds.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric J. Hopkins,  
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 any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

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