

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

February, 2024



EDITORS NOTE

We are about halfway through Winter and work continues on all three of our model railroad layouts. Work sessions are on Sundays from 1 to 3pm for the O gauge, N scale is on Mondays from 6:30 til 8:30pm and HO scale on Tuesdays from 1 to 4pm. Your help is Very welcome on any of these undertakings!

In March we will be hosting the Division 2 NMRA meeting on Sunday March 17th, 2024. The Society doors will open at noon. All members are welcome to attend.

The Spring Model Railroad open house has been set for April 20 & 21, 2024 so please set aside some time to help out at the event. This will be our first chance to show off all the hard work members have accomplished during the Winter months.

As a reminder, Annual membership dues are now due. Please pay as promptly as possible. If you do not renew before March 31, you will be dropped from the membership.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:05pm with 14 members, including 6 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Wally V. moved that we approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 business meeting as published in the January 2024 newsletter, seconded by Bill H. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

Treasurer's report (Keith D.):
With a successful Christmas Open House and dues coming in the organization remains in stable financial condition.

Publicity (Rich H.):
Facebook followers are up by 13 to 1,335 with numerous likes and shares of Open House photos. Jon Hebb is working on posters for the Society windows.

Fundraising :(Eric H.)
Discussions are ongoing with scheduling issues making it a challenge to get the committee together. The hope is to have a plan to present to the membership at a business meeting in the near future.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**February 1, 2024
Business Meeting**

**March 7, 2024
Business Meeting**

**March 17, 2024
NMRA Division 2
Meeting**

**April 4, 2024
Business Meeting**

**April 20 & 21 2024
Spring Open House
Workers Needed!**

**May 2, 2024
Business Meeting**

**June 6, 2024
Business Meeting**



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Membership: (Rich H.)

The Society added 2 members last month: A.J. W., and Lary L. Bob G. is not renewing due to health issues. A new roster will be circulated soon.

Donations:(Rich H.)

Roman C. donated O gauge equipment for sale at Open House, with some items retained for use on Concourse Layout.

Old Business:

An anonymous donor gave the Society some O and HO equipment. Open House (Rich H.): Well attended and financially successful; Organ grinder and member Wally V. expressed gratitude to all who helped and reported donations received at the door. His organ and parrot act were well received.

New Business:

None Reported.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

More Sculptamold and painting done, including rock detail; wiring will be advanced in February.

HO Scale: (Keith D.)

The January 1st Op Session, the first on the new layout, saw 15 members and 10 guests participating. The session was an overall success. Guests were generous in their praise and provided helpful feedback. We have some track glitches to work out but are encouraged by how well things played out. A monthly op session is under consideration. Meanwhile, Tuesday afternoon work sessions will resume.

N Scale Layout: (Rich H. For Max McD .:

The layout ran during the Open House. Work sessions start Monday, January 8th.

For the Good of the Order:

Rich H. We need to stow Christmas decorations; assistance appreciated.

Keith D.: NMRA Division 2 Jamboree scheduled for April 13th. Flyers available in the Society space.

The Division 2 March 17th meeting takes place here at the Society.

Wally V. will present a clinic on cardboard structures. Home layout tour notices are needed in February.

Ken C.: Greenberg's show in Monroeville January 6th & 7th.

Keith D. will deliver a B&O presentation to OLLI.

Meeting adjourned by President Richard T. Time not noted.

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

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