

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

### **July, 2022**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

Summer is here! Many of you are thinking of vacations, yard work, camping, fishing, hiking & other summertime activities. However, the members of our Society are still model railroaders and the joys of our hobby continue through the Summer months. Our hobby isn't just a Fall, Christmas, Winter endeavor.

Work on our new HO scale, O gauge & N scale layouts continues every Thursday evening and sometimes on a Monday morning or Sunday afternoon. Our members are hard at work to bring the finest model railroads to the Morgantown area for our fans and the general public to enjoy at all times of the year!

Come visit us on a Thursday evening and join in on the fun that is Model Railroading. Our next Open House will be in late August just in time for "Back to School! Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Happy Training!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Business Meeting***

The June 2nd, 2022 meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Colvin at 1900 (7:00pm) with 5 officers. 6 members present. A motion was made by Gary and a second by Mike to have the May, 2022 Business Meeting Minutes approved. The motion was voted on and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Keith DeVault made his report. The society remains financially stable and healthy. Mike made a motion to accept with a second by Eric. Motion voted on and approved.

#### **HO scale layout (agenda change)(Mike H.)**

The HO Scale Layout Committee decided to build all of the lower level benchwork to avoid moving return loop /staging in the future. This will likely push back completion of track laying and the ability to run trains. The delay may be mitigated by progress on the O gauge layout. The goal for the HO layout is to have trains running by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The peninsula between the coal marshaling yard and the west end staging requires a more traditional L-girder and open lattice construction method, with sub-roadbed supported on risers.

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

**July 7, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**August 4, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**Back to School  
Open House  
August 27 & 28, 2022**

**September 1, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**October 6, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**National Model Railroad  
Month Open House  
November 5, 2022**



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Additional materials needed – membership approval requested. All turnouts received to meet current needs, including curved Some turnouts painted (weathered) by Gary.  
Rail connectors needed: Need to match track brand due to rail profile differences.  
West staging loop reduced to increase main access way to four feet.  
Motion (Rich H.) to authorize up to \$500 for HO scale layout materials seconded (Richard T.); no discussion, motion approved  
Richard T. pointed out that construction space is rapidly diminishing..

**Publicity:** New Facebook policies may contribute to changes in followers and other responses to MVRRHS posts; “Likes” were dropped this month, Followers continue  
Photos posted for visiting scouts group  
O gauge layout photos posted  
New photos will post on Saturday (June 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Ad Cars:** nothing to report.

**Membership:** Motion by Keith to accept Wall Venable to the society. Second by Mike. Voted and approved. Welcome Wally.

**Donations:** None known at this time.

**Old Business:** None discussed.

**New Business:**  
Keith contacted Accurail, found they still have M&K hopper “logo”; a run of 48 cars will cost \$19.98 each.  
Richard T. noted that we’ll require upward of 120 hoppers to support mines and related industries, eventually – not yet.

Cars with e.g. WM, B&O cost more

Bill Hudak may have 55 ton hoppers at home. If they meet requirements he will bring them in.

Wally V. recommends that we take advantage of our Mall location during the Christmas Holidays and submitted a “Christmas Train “ proposal that included: Santa possibly set up outside clubhouse, Train around a Christmas tree, a 6-foot platform suggested; radio control Christmas, theme train, Kids activities – Brio, etc. Wally also volunteered to anchor a G-Scale committee.

Keith informed membership that the Mall management team will provide Santa’s chair for the Holiday Open House. He pointed out the Santa and his chair needed to be within the physical confines of the society.

## LAYOUTS

**O:** O Gauge Layout (Rich H.):  
Much roadbed laid along with some track. The process involves temporarily laying track, marking it, then gluing down the roadbed.  
Awaiting reply from supplier of O-64 curved track (12 sections omitted from previous order)  
Most of outer loop and some inner loop will be laid with the expectation of running trains by the Back to School Open House in August

**N:** Greg reported expanded benchwork is underway.  
Recovering from Lowe’s mis-cuts (be careful when requesting their cutting service)  
Funds were requested for additional materials needed to complete the benchwork.

Rich made a motion to authorize

\$200 in materials purchases seconded by Wally. Voted on and approved.

## For the Good of the Order:

Keith suggested that we clear off all modules to allow their disposition to two buyers  
Work session: HO layout, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM  
Rich H. suggested taking Marx train to upcoming Marx O Gauge Convention where they may bring better prices; Verbal approval and encouragement provided by membership  
Wally V. introduced himself and stressed his preference for scenic aspects of the hobby versus operation  
Ken traveled to a convention in Indianapolis has discount coupons for MicroMark – 20% off purchases!  
Remember that as an NMRA organization, many vendors will give us discounts on a regular basis as well

Eric made a motion to adjourn, to which Dave offered a second. The meeting was adjourned at 1945 (7:45 pm).

Greg Malnikoff  
*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](mailto:trainman430@comcast.net)

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