

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

**July, 2023**



## ***EDITORS NOTE***

July, the height of Summer. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Fourth. Members continue to work on our new layouts. The HO team is meeting almost every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm til 4pm. If you have some time to lend a hand it would be most appreciated. The O gauge layout is progressing with more foam added to the mountain areas. The N scale layout is also beginning construction. Each of these groups could use an extra hand or two with building the layouts.

The Back to School Open House is set for August 26 & 27, 2023 and we want to be able to show all our fans the progress that we have made since Spring. I'm looking forward to showing off our new railroads and proud to be part of such a dedicated group!

National Model Railroad month is in November and we usually have a one day Open House. We will discuss this possible event at the business meeting.

Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



## ***Minutes of the June 1, 2023 Business Meeting***

The president called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with 9 members attending, including 4 officers.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Minutes from the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting: Motion to approve as published in the June newsletter by Rich H., second by Gary D; passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's report (Keith D.):**

MVRRHS remains solvent and able to meet our financial obligations. Frank B. raised the subject of transferring funds to a higher interest account. Rates up to 3% may be available.

### **Publicity (Rich H.):**

Facebook remains at a nominal 1,200 followers; We received numerous likes and shares in response to recently posted photos.

### **Back to School Open House:**

Motion to schedule for August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> by Rich H., second by Keith D. Approved unanimously.

### **Business Express Ad Cars /**

**Fundraising (Eric H., Richard T.):** Fundraising committee (Eric H., Richard T.): Plan to meet following business meeting.

## ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**July 6, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**August 3, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**August 26 & 27, 2023  
Back to School  
Open House?  
Workers Needed!**

**September 7, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**October 5, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**November 4, 2023  
Open House??**



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**Membership (Rich H.):**

We now have a total of 37 paid members, including Ryan M., who joined last month. Rich H. moved that we accept another new member, Daniel G., attending this and a previous meeting. Second by Gary D. Approved unanimously. Daniel is a WVU student and is interested in 3D printing. Welcome Daniel!!

**Donations (Rich H.):**

Karl Herget Velde donated \$50 in memory of Michael Paine, per Keith D. There were \$9 in the caboose.

**Old Business:**

The discussion of limits on credit card sales was tabled until relevant members can be included.

**New Business:**

Dave E. raised the potential issue of July 4<sup>th</sup> and vacations conflicting with the business meeting. No motion, only discussion. The meeting will normally take place on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**LAYOUTS:**

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

Filling in foam in various places in preparation for eventual scenery support. The layout will be running, hopefully with a functioning yard, wiring, uncouplers and lighting, for the August Back to School Open House. Dave E. reported excellent progress on the control panel and related wiring.

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

Gary D. reports that Conduit installation continues, with some wires in place. Keith D. reported that the now regular Tuesday afternoon work sessions have resulted in significant progress on the upper level into the North Bend area. Adequate stocks of plywood remain to build to Maryville

Station. Track and switches on order are expected to arrive in the coming week. A few additional angle brackets are needed, and larger / non-standard brackets may be used inside the West Allegheny loop.

**N Scale Layout:** Rich H. reported foam was purchased, as relayed from Wally V.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Nothing reported.

Motion to adjourn from Rich H., seconded by Keith D. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

*Eric J. Hopkins,  
Secretary MVRHRS*



**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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