

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

### **November, 2022**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

November is here, Thanksgiving is almost upon us and Christmas is sneaking up on everyone. Our society is entering its most busy time of the year and we need members to help out.

Construction of our new HO scale, O gauge & N scale layouts continue, however, we need more of you to help. It seems we have the same few members working tirelessly to build the layouts and they could really use your assistance. Please contact Keith or me (Rich) to see where you can help.

Our next Open House for the Holidays is on December 17 & 18, 2022. It will be very busy especially on Saturday as Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there from 1pm to 4pm. Also, there's a lot of work to do beforehand. Cleaning, putting up the tree & decorations. Please, please set aside some time to help out.

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

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the October 6, 2022 Business Meeting***

President Richard T. called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with 13 members, including 5 officers, attending.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
Gary D. moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter, with a second from Frank B. Approved as published.

**Treasurer's report (Keith D.):**  
Financial transactions and status for the month of September, 2022. The MVRRHS remains solvent and financially sound. DCC system on order. Interim solution of spare Lenz offered by Gary D. Jon Hebb offered DCC++ EX Arduino micro controller system. These alternatives may allow test operations until new system is installed.

**Publicity (Rich H.):**  
Public service announcements are out for the November 5<sup>th</sup> National Model Railroad Week Open House event. Newspaper ads will soon follow. Flyers and a request for member commitments to help are pending. The membership discussed placement of yard signs, possibly at member homes, and signage at Mall entrances.

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

**November 3, 2022  
Business Meeting**

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

**December 1, 2022  
Business Meeting**

**Holiday Open House  
December 17 & 18 2022  
Workers Needed!**

**Santa & Mrs. Claus will be here  
on Saturday from 1pm til 4pm**

**January 5, 2023  
Business Meeting**

**February 2, 2023  
Business Meeting**



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**Business Express Ad Cars (Eric H.):**

Nothing to report. Dave E. stated that the bookshelf in the foyer is in place and further modifications are underway to accommodate add cars.

**Membership (Rich H.):**

No discussion at this meeting.

**Donations:**

\$16 on the previous Thursday. Trains / equipment - donated by Pamela Myers.

Richard T. expressed concern that inventory space for sale items is diminishing, indicating a need to cull non-salable items. The offer of "free" items at a future open house was discussed. Dave E. plans to store books on the shelved in the foyer.

**Old Business:** No items presented.

**New Business:** Ken C. reminded the membership of the railroad class that he taught last year at the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI). He is again teaching this class on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 til 11:45 AM. A brief tour of the MVRRHs space is included. Members are requested to volunteer to be on hand to field questions.

Alzheimer's fundraising walk (Rich H.) - This even takes place on Sunday, October 16, from 1 – 4 PM

Rich moved to have the MVRRHs open and share half of any donations receiver with the Alzheimer's group. Second by Wally V. , approved.

**LAYOUTS: O Gauge (Rich H.):** Rich expressed grattitude to Bill H. for assistance with wiring the outside main. The grade approaches are in progress and uncoupling tracks are in place. Inside main grades are

underway and the last \$70 wire purchase was made.

**HO Scale Layout (Richard T.):**

Lower level benchwork essentially finished, with some tweaking possible. Backdrop and sub-roadbed will be added next. Additional hardboard (Masonite) and homasote may be needed.

Keith D. reported that the drop wire and zip tie organizers have arrived.

Gary D. announced that AG interlocking near the main yard is done. He also donated a box of cork roadbed.

Geographic naming committee: Eric M., Keith d, Eric H.,

**N Scale Layout (Greg M.)** Greg was unable to attend.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Several alternative arrangements for the Christmas Holiday Open House were discussed. As previously noted, Santa and Mrs. Claus must remain within the MVRRHs club space. One plan would have the normally unused door as the primary entrance with the usual entry kept shut and Santa's chair blocking it. A plan to use the operator's office for Santa appears to be favored. The size of the chair will be a determining factor. A tree in the foyer with a G scale train circling beneath may be possible.

Dave E. provided a history of the concourse O gauge layout and relayed \$20 in proceeds from the layout coin box, back in order after cleaning and lubrication by Dave. He plans to rotate a locomotive out of service with a second unit in order to allow for routine maintenance. Scenic upgrades are still needed.

Jon Hebb inquired about a train to raffle. Rich H. reminded the membership of an On30 set donated by Greg M. while we were still at Pleasant Street.

Motion to adjourn and multiple seconds at 7:43 PM. Respectfully submitted,

*Eric J. Hopkins,  
Secretary MVRRHs*

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