

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2023



EDITORS NOTE

Autumn or Fall which ever you prefer is in the air. I have noticed some leaves already changing and of course the days are getting shorter. The Back to School Open House is over and there will be a full report at the September business meeting.

Work sessions continue on each layout. Members who want to help with any of the layouts are always welcome. Please feel free to come and help us build your new layouts! After all they are being built for your enjoyment of your favorite hobby, model railroading.

I like to think that our Society is where new friendships are made, old ones renewed and everyone is happily welcomed!

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 August 3, 2023 Business Meeting

President Richard T. called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm with 10 members, including 5 officers, present.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Gary D. moved that the minutes be approved as published in the August 2023 newsletter, second by Bill H. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report (Keith D.):

With income and expenses reported, MVRHHS remains solvent and able to meet financial obligations.

Publicity (Rich H.):

Facebook followers remain at a rounded 1,200 with numerous likes and shares of recent photos. Public Service Announcements are out for the Back to School Open House event and flyers are available in hard copy and as a PDF email attachment. Announcement letters will go out on August 16th. Press releases for local newspapers are also ready to go out and will be timed closer to the Open House dates (August 26th – 27th).

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**September 7, 2023
Business Meeting**

**October 5, 2023
Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2023
Business Meeting**

**November 11, 2023
National Model
Railroad Month
Open House??
Workers Needed!**

**December 7, 2023
Business Meeting**

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



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Fundraising (formerly Ad Cars) :
(Eric H. and Richard T.) The committee is working out meeting dates / times, still hoping to gain participation of key members. Rich H. suggested seeking ideas from the membership.

Membership: (Rich H.)
The total number of members remains at 38. A hard copy of the roster will be available in the Society space. A call for volunteers to crew the Open House goes out tomorrow (8/4).

Donations:(Rich H.) A total of \$8 in the caboose and from percent of sales.

Old Business:
None reported.

New Business:
Rich H. cited a suggestion from the recent survey to form a cleanup committee to meet occasionally to sort and place unused items and materials on a "last chance" table for final selection by members or eventual disposal.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :
(Rich H.) More scenic foam installed with help from Roy S., Bill Q. The layout is nearly ready to start with the next layers of scenic materials. Rich will travel to Wheeling if necessary to pick up the straight track needed to complete the yard area.

HO Scale:
(Keith D.) reported that the second level benchwork is almost finished. Two sheets of plywood and at least a sheet of Homasote are needed. Rich H. moved that the needed materials be purchased with a second by Gary D. and unanimous approval. The purchase should remain within the previously

approved budget. Gary D. reported that local control of remote switching areas will be functional by the Christmas Open House and New Year's op session. Meanwhile, operations will continue as usual for the Back to School Open House. Richard T. urged the geographic place naming committee to develop names for upper level locations to avoid confusing references to "above" lower level locations. Someone suggested the need for a DCC booster for the upper level.

N Scale Layout:
No Report

For the Good of the Order:
Eric H. mentioned the Greenberg's Toy and Train Show in Monroeville, PA August 5th – 6th. Steve K. related a recent visit to the Illinois Railroad Museum in the Chicago area and highly recommended it.

With a motion by Gary D., second by Richard T., the meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Eric J. Hopkins,
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