

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

FEBRUARY 2012



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

March 1, 2012
Business meeting

April 5, 2012
Business Meeting

May 3, 2012
Business Meeting

June 7, 2012
Business Meeting

July 5, 2012
Business Meeting

July 21, 2012
Kid's Day
Open House
10am til 2pm

August , 2012
Business Meeting



EDITORS NOTE

I've been workin' on the Railroad... and so have a lot of you! Wow, what a month for scenery construction. It has been very busy down at the clubhouse. Jim Kubanick & Tom Kirby have added tremendously to the big curve, lots of trees and details. Mike Hohn has been busy with plaster and paper, wrapping around to meet up with my extension of foam & Sculptamold scenery from Wilson's Mill. We are coming close to the big hole in the corner. It has various nick names: the "Black Hole" and the "Vortex" are two of the most common. Not sure what we are talking about, come down and take a look. Most of us are unsure what to do with it, but ideas are being discussed. Dave & Gavin have been working to finish the scenery around the coal mine gobb pile area.

On my home layout, all the tables & first layer of blue foam is finished and I am cleaning track that has been in storage for about 10 years! Funny how track in boxes can get soooooo dirty. I'm having lots of fun and I hope you all are also.

Happy Training!

Rich Henderson, Editor

MINUTES of the FEBRUARY MEETING February 2, 2012

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 7:20pm by Frank Benders, Vice-President. There were 3 guests, 3 officers and 11 members in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of the January, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved by vote from a motion made by Dave Hines and seconded by Bill Hudak, Sr.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for January was presented in detail by Rich Henderson. The report was unanimously approved by vote from a motion made by John Lindsay and seconded by Steve Raque'. Rich reported we cleared \$735 from the Open House and that previous loans of \$200 each by Rich Henderson and Scott & Alex Chervenick were converted from loans to donations for which all members of the Society voiced great appreciation.

Committee Reports:

Pulpwood car Committee: Jim Kubanick reported 16 molded loads need to be fitted and painted, expressing that this would be an ideal project for some of the younger members to assist and

MINUTES Continued

develop knowledge and skill in modeling. Jim also stated that some of the cars had 36" wheels instead of the 33" wheels. Greg Malnikoff has some 33' wheels to swap out for the 36".

Ad Car Committee: Rich Henderson reported that we picked up two more cars. Tri-State Soil WV State Office of the AG, Consumer Protection Division This will bring the fleet of ad cars to 28.

DCC Committee: Bill Hudak, Sr. reported no recent improvements. A recent short was diagnosed as being a symptom when a specific engine was run. No problems were reported from the Open House. Bill will gather information and consult with the membership to make recommendations on throttle replacement and maintenance.

Lighting and maintenance: No changes, we still have to move the fascia lighting.

Modular layout: No report: Any construction will have to wait for better weather. Steve Raque' said he would host a building session when the opportunity arises and he encourages the younger members to participate.

Publicity Committee: Rich Henderson reported that Keith DeVault is willing to do a presentation and book signing when his book is published. No other events are scheduled until "Kids Day".

Non-profit status: No further developments

Membership Committee: Lee Sneed submitted an application for "Family Membership" to include

he and his sons, Garrett and Gage, or was it Gage and Garrett? They have been attending Thursday night meetings for the last 5-6 weeks.

Old business:

Website: The Website is back up. Thank You Eric Hansmann

Lew Matt: Lew communicated his physical status through Rich Henderson as well as his intent and desire to resign as Secretary. Lew is unable to communicate directly with the Society at this time. Frank Benders suggested we search for and separate Lew's rolling stock with the intent of returning it to him. At the request of the President, Greg Malnikoff will assume the responsibilities of the Secretary until elections are held.

Box Car: Jim Kubanick is introducing an historical box car to the fleet.

Community Outreach Program:

At the behest of the Board, Rich Henderson developed and presented the details of two programs. A Multi-media Presentation for after school programs and a Small Group Tours "Field Trips" for Elementary School Students. A motion was made by Steve Raque' to approve the Community Outreach Program. The motion was seconded by Ken Colvin. Following discussion the motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

Dues: Dues are due by the end of next month.

Throttles: A question was raised about purchasing additional UT-4s at Timonium. Rich Henderson made a motion that the Society

approve the purchase of Two UT-4s to replace some of the older throttles. Steve Raque' seconded the motion. After discussing the matter a vote was held and unanimously approved.

Constitution: Rich Henderson reported he has updated the constitution to reflect the name change of Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society where appropriate. The constitution with changes can be viewed on the Society's Website.

New Business:

Applications for membership: Rich Henderson made a motion for the Society to vote on the membership applications for Lee, Gage, and Garrett Sneed. The motion was seconded by Michael Hohn. Membership was voted on and approved.

Running for Office: Michael Hohn is running for Superintendent NMRA Division II. Keith DeVault is running for Asst. Superintendent NMRA Division II.

Youth Application: As directed by the board, Rich Henderson developed and presented an application to be used for youth membership. Rich made a motion that the application be voted on and accepted. Michael Hohn seconded the motion. After lengthy debate and a motion to amend the first motion, Rich Henderson retracted his original motion until the board has had an opportunity to look into items such as probationary periods and the refund or partial refund of dues when appropriate.

Adjournment: John Lindsay made a motion the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Don Henderson. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

February 1, 2012

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| Beginning Balance | |
| January 1, 2012 | \$ 2,127.14 |
| Expenses: | |
| January Rent | \$ 265.00 |
| Mon Power | \$ <u>78.62</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 343.62 |
| Income: | |
| Tri Star Soil Ad car | \$ 35.00 |
| Chance Drawing | \$ 333.00 |
| Food | \$ 130.00 |
| MVRRHS Items | \$ 178.00 |
| Caboose Donations | \$ 40.00 |
| White Elephant | \$ 18.00 |
| Dues - Hines, Chervenicks Hendersons, LeMelle, Hohn, Kirby, Deavers | \$ 490.00 |
| Mgmt Dental Ad car | \$ 30.00 |
| Reynolds - Donation | \$ <u>20.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$ 1,290.00 |
| Ending Balance | |
| January 31, 2011 | \$3,042.53 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$1,804.20 |

Treasurer, Keith DeVault

We have in balance \$300 for IRS Fee Checkbook Expense, Society Shirts and Division 2 newsletter ad

Be sure your contact information is up-to-date for our membership roster. This is important for ballots and such that must be mailed. Dues deadline is March 31, but earlier is better.



CB&O 45230 "History" By Jim Kubanick

The CB&O 45200 series box cars represent a post-war purchase of modern boxcars intended to replace some of the aging and war weary cars that managed to hang on into the late forties and early fifties. It is of the classic AAR 1940's North American box car design . The 45230 incorporates the most common components used in the construction of the '47AAR design and, as such, can be considered to be the "most Typical" box car of the transition era.

Cars of this design were built from the early '30s through the mid-'50s. They first appeared as the ARA 1932 Standard Design and evolved into the AAR Standard Design as time passed. This design is characterized by all-steel construction, tabbed side sills and flat steel sides formed by riveting individual steel sheets together. Hundreds of thousands of box cars were built to these "standards ", but most differed from the ARA and AAR Standards to some extent as each railroad applied their own variations to the design. This was fallout from the objection of the railroads to be forced into a universal design. In order to preserve its Standard, the ARA/AAR capitulated and allowed the railroads to substitute various components from favored railroad equipment suppliers. Railroads could substitute different roofs, ends, doors, side panel configurations, hand brakes, car height, corner posts or any combination thereof and still be within the ARA/AAR Standard. Thus, you could theoretically see an entire train of "standard" box cars with no two alike! Add to this the wide mix of USRA and individual railroad and supplier designed box cars that all lived

together during the transition era, and you can see why this is the most popular era to model.

The Model

CB&O 45230 is an Accurail kit of a late '40s Standard AAR box car. It has standard 10-panel riveted sides, late dreadnaught ends, diagonal panel roof, steel tread roofwalk, Youngstown doors and 10'6" interior height – probably the most common combination of components of the era. It was lettered with alphabet decals from several sources (some no longer available) plus a Rail Graphics CB&O herald to compliment the lettering on the current fleet of CB&O hoppers on the club layout. The car was reviewed by club members present at a fall 2011 Business Meeting and accepted as the standard lettering scheme for CB&O freight cars. Since then, a set of Rail Graphics decals were made to match this scheme and several more data-only Accurail cars of various types are entering service on the CB&O.

The Accurail cars are a logical choice for our use as they are shake-the-box kits available with data-only lettering. They come in a wide variety of well-proportioned, reasonably accurate body styles that fit the era we are representing and are of robust construction, so they will not succumb to rough handling. Additionally, they are reasonably priced at about \$15.00 per copy.



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The Y6b, newly weathered & decaled for the CB&O "WEST VIRGINIAN" BY Jim Kubanick. Photos courtesy of Tom Kirby