

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

October, 2024



EDITORS NOTE

It's October and Fall is in the air, shorter days and cooler nights make it an excellent time to work on the railroad. Work sessions continue on all our layouts. Members are welcome to come and help during these work sessions. These are your new model railroads, so come and help!

We have about a month to work on the layouts before the November 2 & 3, 2024 open house celebrating National Model Railroad Month. Let's get to it!

The Society has purchased new fire extinguishers. New Exit signs have been purchased and put up and new lights are waiting to be installed. Some of these jobs will need a contractor, but cleaning up around the clubhouse is our job. We want to show off our best features to the public. Let's see what we can get accomplished in 30 days.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the September 5, 2024 Business Meeting

President Richard T. called the meeting to order at 7 pm with eight members, and all six officers, total 14 present, satisfying Society quorum requirements. One guest also attended this meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Rich H. moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as published in the Society newsletter; second by Frank B. The members present approved the motion unanimously without further discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
Keith D. presented his report for the month of August: The Society remains solvent and continues to meet its financial obligations.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Facebook "likes" are up by four over last month. Rich posted the recent Wesley United Methodist church social group visit.

Fundraising :(Richard T.)
Nothing new to report, per Richard T.

Membership: (Rich H.)
No changes to report.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**October 3, 2024
Business Meeting**

**National Model Railroad
Month Open House
November 2 & 3, 2024
Workers Needed!**

**November 7, 2024
Business Meeting**

**December 5, 2024
Business Meeting**

**December 14 & 15, 2024
Holiday Model Railroad
Open House
Workers Needed!**

**January 1, 2025
Operating Session ??**



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Donations: (Rich H.):

Nothing to report.

Facilities (Richard T.):

Richard T. expressed the need to discuss the proposed installation of lights, fans and heaters. Jon H. related that any needed licenses will be in place. The Board of Directors will take up these matters in a separate meeting.

Old Business:

Website: Richard T. indicated that the MVRRH.org website was updated with the previously approved revision to the visitor policy.

Open House visitor count: Using a hand clicker / counter a total of 142 attendees were recorded for the Back to School Open House. This attendance is low, though we received many positive comments and 34 individuals signed our guest book. Overlap with the Mon County fair was cited as a possible cause of reduced numbers. Jon H. suggested coordinating with other Mall businesses in the future as the antiques shop has a special event on a similar date.

Logo colors: Jon H. presented several CMYK color space options from which the following were selected:

Yellow: #FFC600; Pantone no. 7548C

Green: #4E5B31; Pantone no. 574C

New Business:

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

More progress achieved on the O layout scenery and yard tracks with more progress with electrical elements anticipated soon.

HO Scale:(Richard T.)

The HO team reports expansion of the upper level scenery, including hydrocal applied near JK junction with new switches installed at Laurel and Indian Creek yards. Upper level fascia painting is also advancing with areas in need of a second coat. Ballast is mixed and ready to apply. Remember to leave switches un-ballasted as Gary D. will handle those. The Valley Crossing peninsula scenery is moving on from planning stages as the branch bridge / viaduct has been defined. Work will proceed from the inside out as access will be a challenge once scenery is complete on the outer areas. Bill H. repaired cars left on the BO track at IC yard and reported a missing truck pin that could cause interference if it landed in a switch point, etc. Keep a look out, but the part is otherwise not critical and can be replaced.

N Scale Layout:(Max McD.)

Progress made with paint and a bridge. Plans firming up for the purchase of an MRC Prodigy Advanced II DCC system. Work next month will focus on the staging yard.

For the Good of the Order:

We received a Thank You card in the mail from the Wesley UM Church.

Keith D. requested a donation from the Monongalia Historical Society, which expects to dissolve in the near future.

Richard T. reminded members of the National Narrow Gauge Convention coming to Pittsburgh mid-month. Several NMRA Division 2 members will present clinics and others have volunteered to staff the convention.

Rich H. moved for adjournment, seconded by Frank B.
Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

*Eric J. Hopkins,
Secretary MVRRH*



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