

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

### **November, 2024**



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

#### ***EDITORS NOTE***

Our National Model Railroad month Open House is less than a week away and we need all of you, our members, to step up and help. Please set aside some time to come to the society and work the open house!

Members have been working hard over the last few months to build our new layouts. I am proud of everyone who has helped and I thank them wholeheartedly!

The Holiday Model Railroad Open House will be up next on December 14 & 15, 2024. This will be our last public event before the long winter months. Let's make it an unforgettable event for all our fans!

Lastly, annual dues come due on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Please think about paying as soon as you can. It will help our officers to have a better idea of our finances for the new year.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



#### ***Minutes of the October 3, 2024 Business Meeting***

Meeting called to order by President Richard T. At 7:00pm. There were 5 officers and 6 members present, total 11 present.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes of the September business meeting. No questions or revisions. Motion to approve by Gary D., second by Ken C. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)** Keith D. Reported that we had no income for September and expenses for the ceiling fans and rent, utilities, etc. We are still in the black.

**Publicity: (Rich H.)** Rich H. said that facebook followers are up to 1,384, 11 new followers. Posted pics of layout construction and other photos are getting "Likes" and positive comments. Radio PSA's are ready to go out. Flyers are on the mall information desk and for members to pick up.

**Fundraising:** No report.

**Membership: (Rich H.)** Nothing new. A man was in tonight and took an application. He may or may not join next month.

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**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 ??**

**January 2, 2025  
Business Meeting**



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**Donations: (Rich H.):**

None.

**Facilities (Richard T.):**

Richard T. reported that the three ceiling fans have been purchased. Jon Hebb has bought new light fixtures, everything will be installed in November.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**LAYOUTS:**

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

Rich H. reported that more painting and sculptamold has been added to the second mountain. He purchased and showed the members a new track cleaning car from Northeast Trains. Rich also bought a single stall engine house that needs work and a factory kit.

**HO Scale:**

**(Richard T.and Keith D. )**

Richard T. has continued adding scenery on the upper level. Keith said that ballasting will start next week. Gary D. said the Signal Department is working on sizing and layout of interlocking machine panel. It will be actual size unlike the old one that was undersize. Signal buttons will be duplicated from prototype buttons. Western Electric toggle switches were purchased as they are close to what the prototype boards had. Jon Hebb will most likely be engraving the panels.

**N Scale Layout:(Max McD.)**

Max reported that Wally V. and Dave E. Have finished the staging yard and finished some painting. He added that we may have to buy some more N scale track. Lastly he said that the N scale group will NOT be working on Monday evenings, Only on Thursdays for the foreseeable future.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Keith met with Becca, the Mall manager, we now have use of the second back room! We need to clean out 2nd back room to see about setting it up for business meetings, and use it for clinics or presentations to draw some interest into the model railroad community. We may want to charge a small fee to offset costs. We will be talking to Dave E. to get the lights fixed and ceiling tiles replaced.

We need to sort and put out old HO structures for sale.

Please make sure the Double doors in the back are shut and Locked! A homeless person was found sleeping in the back hallway.

Motion to Adjourn by Gary D., second by Ryan McK. at 7:19pm

Minutes taken by Rich H. as Secretary Eric H. was absent.



**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 Please allow two (2) weeks before the next newsletter is published.

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