

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

**May, 2025**



## ***EDITORS NOTE***

Wow, the time really does fly when you're having fun or working hard labor. Ha Ha, LOL! Our next open house won't be until late August so we can slow down, right? No way, our labor of love continues. We all joined this society for different reasons. Some just because they loved railroads, some because they love building models, some because they love running trains. That's the beauty of our group; no matter what your interest is, we have made a welcoming place for everybody.

We have now been at the Mall for four years and have accomplished much in that time. Three new model railroad layouts are in various stages of construction. On all three of them we can run trains for our own enjoyment and for the delight of our visitors. This is a Great time to be a model railroader! Let's keep up the hard but fun work.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



## ***Minutes of the March 6, 2025 Business Meeting***

**Call to order** by President Richard T. at 7:03 pm with 13 members, including 5 of 6 officers, attending.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Wally V. moved that we approve the minutes of the March 6th, 2025 business meeting as published in the March 2025 newsletter; seconded by Bob T. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

### **Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)**

Expenditures slightly exceeded income for the month but the Society remains in good financial standing.

### **Publicity: (Rich H.)**

Facebook likes are up to 1,479 and recent photos received likes and shares.

**Fundraising:** (Richard T.): A new award cycle is underway at Your Community Foundation. Possible targets for new funding include replacement of ceiling tiles and renovation of the space in back of the shop area. Renovation would include ceiling tiles, lighting and additional work area.

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## ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**May 1, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**June 5, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**July 3, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**August 7, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**August 2025??  
Back to School  
Open House**

**September 4, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**October 2, 2025  
Business Meeting**



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**Membership** (Rich H.): A new family is up for membership consideration. Following Rich's report on their recent activities Keith D. moved to accept with a second by Ken C. Membership approval was unanimous with no further discussion.

**Donations: (Rich H.):** Donation of HO equipment pending. Scenery materials purchased by Rich H. donated to the Society. Keith D.: Railroad stamps donated for display.

**Facilities:** No report provided.

**Old Business:** Rich H. submitted a draft letter to send other Mountaineer Mall business to encourage coordination of events. The membership reception was generally positive. Richard T. suggested that this effort may need to be lead by the Mall management perhaps in the form of a Mall website events link and/or Facebook posts / cross posts. The letter language will be reviewed by RT.

Open House report by Rich H.: Attendance was good at 197 on Saturday and 107 on Sunday. Success was attributed to effective advertisement, including an appearance by Rich on WAJR.

**New Business:** Rich H. reported that the Morgantown Home Show is expanding to new 100,000 sq. ft. space and management, inspired by model railroads at the Pittsburgh Home Show, seeks participation of the MVRRHHS at next years show. A number of ideas were floated, including a small layout, T-Trak modules, interactive switching puzzle a la Ken H of Division 2, and a video display of Society layouts. Layout storage space could be taken into account as we remodel the back rooms. The question of expenses was not resolved.

Keith D. reported that some vendors are already committing to the MVRRHHS-hosted train show planned for March 2026.

#### **LAYOUTS:**

**O Gauge :(Rich H.)** More ballast and vegetation were added as scenic progress continues.

**HO Scale:** Scenic progress here as well, with tunnel and bridge construction, and tree installation moving ahead.

**N Scale Layout:** (Max M.) Max reported progress on DCC receptacles and fascia.

**For the Good of the Order:**  
Nothing reported.

**Adjournment:**  
Multiple motions to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Hopkins, MVRRHHS secretary



#### **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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