

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

July, 2025



EDITORS NOTE

WOW, half the year is already gone. We have made great progress on all three model railroad layouts. On the HO layout, mountain scenery is in full swing with ballast, grass, rocks and tunnel portals being added. On the O gauge layout we have just about finished with the mountains and are moving down both sides toward the Yard and farm areas. The N scale layout now has wider curves.

At the June business meeting the membership decided to postpone the July meeting until the 10th because of the 4th of July holiday. So make a note of that change!

We also set the dates for the Back to School and National Model Railroad month Open Houses. Both are listed under "Schedule of Events".

Come visit and help us and remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the June 5, 2025 Business Meeting

Call to order by Vice President Ken C. at 7:00 pm with 11 members, including 4 of 6 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Rich H. moved that we approve the minutes of the May 1st, 2025 business meeting as published in the June 2025 newsletter; seconded by Bill H. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
The Society remains in good financial standing and able to meet its obligations.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Facebook page likes remain steady with continued enthusiasm for layout construction photos.

Fundraising: (Richard T.):
(Rich H. reporting for Richard T.):
The president continues to work on a new grant application through Your Community Foundation. Grant funds would be dedicated toward renovations in the entrance / lobby area.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**July 10, 2025
Business Meeting**

**August 7, 2025
Business Meeting**

**August 23 & 24, 2025
Back to School
Open House**

**September 4, 2025
Business Meeting**

**October 2, 2025
Business Meeting**

**November 1 & 2, 2025
National Model
Railroad Month
Open House**



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Membership (Rich H.):

Total membership remains at 43. A father and son may join in July following other commitments.

Donations: (Rich H.):

The Society acknowledges donations from Bill Weis of OLLI, Bill Quigley (RR DVDs), and Ward Pain (HO equipment from a friend, soon to be delivered).

Facilities:

Keith D. updated the Society on meetings with a carpet representative for replacement of the worn / damaged areas near the front entrance with carpet tiles.

Old Business:

(Rich H., Keith D.): Letter suggesting coordination of special events is now being distributed to Mall businesses.

New Business:

Rich H. moved that we schedule the Back to School Open House on Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd – 24th; schedule the National Model Railroad Month Open House on November 1st – 2nd; and move the July business meeting from July 3rd to July 10th. Bill Q. provided a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

Members continued progress on scenic elements including a gravel road, additional shrubs and trees, a farm scene fence and more track ballast.

HO Scale: (Keith D.):

The focus remains on the Valley Crossing peninsula with additional rock work, grass and other vegetation. The tunnel east of Coal Junction is now covered with plaster cloth and ready for terraforming. Signals section

installed additional optical detectors at MK.

N Scale Layout:

(Rich H. reporting for Max M.): Curves installed and wired with testing soon

For the Good of the Order:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn, time not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Hopkins, MVR RHS 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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