

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

**June, 2025**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

Summer is almost here! Time for outside fun, cutting grass, weed eating, planting new flowers & bushes, painting the deck.....

OK, but also really fun things like picnics, boating, swimming, golfing, etc. But, it's also time to work on the railroad. When it gets too hot & humid outside come inside and help your fellow members build our layouts!

We have the Back to School Open House coming up in August and our fans and visitors are waiting to see what we have accomplished over the months between Spring and early Fall. Let's NOT disappoint them.

If you haven't been to the Society for a while then come on down. I think you will be pleasantly surprised with our progress. Let's keep up the hard but fun work.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the May 1, 2025 Business Meeting***

**Call to order** by President Richard T. at 7:05 pm with 12 members, including 4 of 6 officers, attending.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
Dave E. moved that we approve the minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 business meeting as published in the May 2025 newsletter; seconded by Frank B. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

**Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)**  
Expenditures exceeded income for the month but the Society remains in good financial standing.

**Publicity: (Rich H.)**  
Facebook page likes were down two for the month. Layout construction photos received numerous likes and shares

**Fundraising: (Richard T.):**Richard is preparing a final report for the grant that funded our updated lighting and heating. Expenditures came in slightly over the allotted budget. Results of the survey of member and visitor experiences are available for viewing. Rich will check for additional comments on Facebook.

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

**June 5, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**July 3, 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 is now 43 with the last payments. A new updated roster is pending.

**Donations: (Rich H.):** A longtime friend of Rich's donated \$50 for the Society to use for additional scenic materials.

**Facilities:** Jon Hebb expressed a goal of improving the computer light and heat control center.

**Old Business:**

(Rich H., Keith D.): Coordination of Mall businesses for future sales / Open House events left to Mall management. Letter submitted by Rich under review.

New vendors may be exploring available locations in the Mall.

**New Business:**

Keith D. reported that the Home Show rep cancelled a planned meeting, though continued interest in MVRRHHS participation is presumed.

Two additional vendors expressed interest in attending the prospective 2026 train show.

**LAYOUTS:**

**O Gauge :(Rich H.)** More bushes and trees were installed, especially on the back side of the mountains. More ballast was laid. Significant progress over all during last Thursday's (4/24) work session.

**HO Scale:** (Keith D.): Progress continues on the Valley Crossing peninsula with additional rock castings added and more terrain modeling in multiple areas. An updated crossover arrangement is in progress per reporting from the Signals department.

**N Scale Layout:** (Dave E.): Track modifications were completed along with additional turnout, electrical and DCC circuitry work. Full operation anticipated by Summer.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Rich H. reminded the membership that the Cumberland, MD Train Show takes place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Keith D. encouraged attendance at the NMRA MCR Division 2 Jamboree in Pittsburgh, PA, also on 5/3.

**Adjournment:**

Motion from Rich with a second by Ryan to adjourn at 7:19pm.

**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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