

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

August, 2025



EDITORS NOTE

We had a Very successful Mini Open House on Saturday, July 19th from 10am til 1pm. Visitors streamed in for all three hours and enjoyed seeing the trains running. THANKS to all the members who came and helped! There may be other small open house events as we learn when other business's at the Mall are having them. Stay Tuned.

Work continues on all three layouts. Scenery is coming along on the O gauge and HO scale model railroads. The mountain on the HO layout is looking very good! IF, you haven't been in to see the work, I encourage everyone to drop by and see the progress in real life.

The Back to School Model Railroad Open House is just around the corner, less then three weeks away. PLEASE, set aside some time to help with this event.

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

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the July 10, 2025 Business Meeting

Call to order by Vice President Ken C. at 7:00 pm with 13 members, including 5 of 6 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting: David E. moved that we approve the minutes of the May 1st, 2025 business meeting as published in the July 2025 newsletter; seconded by Frank B. Approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.) No income reported for June but expenses were lower than the previous month and the Society remains in good financial standing.

Publicity: (Rich H.) Flyers are now printed for the Back to School Open House event this August 23rd and 24th. Media announcements go out July 24th. A newspaper article is ready for publication around August 14th. Facebook followers grew slightly and construction photos posted remain popular with numerous likes and shares.

Fundraising: (Richard T.): (Ken C. reporting for Richard T.): Applications are in with Walmart and Your Community Foundation. Our focus for physical plant .

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**August 7, 2025
Business Meeting**

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

**September 4, 2025
Business Meeting**

**October 2, 2025
Business Meeting**

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



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improvements remains on the front lobby “museum” space.

Membership (Rich H.):

Nothing to report.

Donations: (Rich H.):

Proceeds from equipment and merchandise sales were deposited in the donations caboose.

Facilities:

Keith D. indicated that we’re still waiting for quotes on carpet squares for the front of the main area, adjacent to the lobby.

Old Business:

(Rich H.) No response so far to the letter to Mall businesses suggesting coordination and / or notification of special events.

See information regarding the 2026 train show under the Good of the Order section below.

New Business:

No new business reported.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

Rich H. expressed gratitude to fellow members who helped with ballast and scenery, including farm features.

HO Scale:

(Eric H.): Ballast on the Valley Crossing peninsula is now partially completed and will resume once rock and bridgework is finished. Other areas of the layout are ready for ballast and so those operations can continue elsewhere, taking care to avoid fouling switch points and signals. Rock and other terra-forming continues on the peninsula.

N Scale Layout:

(David E. reporting for Max M.): Max successfully widened curves and completed some of the

electrical circuitry. More track and DCC work is planned.

For the Good of the Order:

It’s time to start planning in earnest for the Society hosted train show March 15th, 2026, 10am – 4pm, with set up running from 8am – 9am. Tables are the main concern. Should we purchase more? Can they be rented reasonably? Advertisement should address a regional audience. Final decisions should be made at the next business meeting on August 7th.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Rich H., seconded by Gary D., time not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Hopkins, MVRHRS 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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