

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2025



EDITORS NOTE

The Back to School Open House was a Great success! Visitors streamed in all day long on both days. Lots of great comments too! Thanks to everyone who helped out during the event.

Our next open house will be on November 1 & 2, 2025 for National Model Railroad Month. Please set aside some time to help out at this event.

We have several small events scheduled for the Fall season. First up is the Animal Friends Craft Fair on Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 10am til 4pm. Then the Playroom is having a Fall Fest on Friday, October 24, 2025 for two hours - 3pm til 5pm. We will need members to help out for both of these smaller events. Please Help!

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

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the August 7, 2025 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:00 pm with 14 members, including 5 of 6 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
David E. moved that we approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 business meeting as published in the August 2025 newsletter; seconded by Bill B. Approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
A small amount of income reported for July, expenses have been paid. The Society remains in good financial standing.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Back to School Open House event this August 23rd and 24th. PSA's were mailed on July 24th, Newspaper articles go out August 12th, School letter go out on August 18th. Facebook followers are up to 1,494. Open House flyer got 13 likes & 29 shares.

The three hour "Mini" open house on July 19th was very busy.

Fundraising: (Richard T.):
We received a grant from Wal-Mart and from the YCF.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**September 4, 2025
Business Meeting**

**October 2, 2025
Business Meeting**

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

**December 4, 2025
Business Meeting**

**Holiday Model
Railroad Open House
December 13 & 14, 2025
Workers Needed!**



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This will partially fund the upgrades to the “museum/lobby” space and replacement of some of the carpeting. GCO carpet and Success carpet were st the Society to give estimates. Keith is getting estimates for display cabinets.

Membership (Rich H.):
Nothing to report.

Donations: (Rich H.):
There was some cash in the donations caboose and we received a donation of Lionel trains from Bill Gibson of his father’s trains (John Gibson). Thank you!

Facilities:
No Report.

Old Business:
Nothing to report.

New Business:
We talked about the Spring Train Show and worked out some details. A flyer will be ready for the September meeting.

The Animal Friends Thrift Shop will be having a fundraiser in the Mall on Sunday, October 12th. We will be open for the times of their event.

The Playroom is having a Fall Fest on Friday, October 24th from 3 to 5pm and has asked us to be open. A short couple of hours brings in visitors and donations. Help for either of these short events will be needed.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)
Reported that the grassy area and gravel road near the Farm has been completed, also more ballast has been added.

HO Scale:
The HO mountain scenery is continuing. Eric H. Has laid more ballast. Gary has power thru to M&K junction. Fascia is to be installed soon.

N Scale Layout:
(Max M.) The main line and East yard tracks are in and operational. Dave E. Is fabricating CAT6 cables in the fascia for control.

For the Good of the Order:
Nothing

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by many at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard Henderson for

Eric H., MVRRHs 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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