

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

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

October, 2025



EDITORS NOTE

It's Fall, cooler days & nights, and the right time for model railroading. Work continues on all three of our new layouts. Why not stop buy and help us build them, after all you, as a member will be running trains on them, one day. Wouldn't it feel great to know that you had a hand in building that layout/s!

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!

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.

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

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the September 4, 2025 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:00 pm with 16 members, including 6 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Frank B. moved that we approve the minutes of the August 7th, 2025 business meeting as published in the September 2025 newsletter; seconded by Gary D. Approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
Proceeds from the August Back to School Open House more than offset expenses for the month and the Society ended August in good financial standing.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Facebook followers now number over 1,500. Open House videos posted to the account generated many likes and views.

Fundraising: (Richard T.):
Nothing to report, noting that Your Community Foundation and Walmart grants arrived last month.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**October 2, 2025
Business Meeting**

**October 12, 2025
Craft Fair Open House
10am til 3pm
Workers Needed**

**October 24, 2025
Fall Fest
3pm til 5pm**

**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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Membership (Rich H.):

One new member, Justin M. of Point Marion. Motion to accept from Keith D, second from Gary D. Approval was unanimous. Roster update pending, per Rich H.

Donations: (Rich H.):

A small cash donation found in the caboose.

Facilities:

Richard T: Computer is working again for controlling some lights, fans, heaters.

Old Business:

The Back to School Open House was a success, with good attendance both days and respectable income from model train sales.

Richard T: The Society may coordinate with the following Mountaineer Mall vendors / events:

Animal Friends

October 12th 10am – 4pm

Play Room

October 24th 3pm - 5pm

Rich H. presented a sample flyer for our March 2026 train show. Recommendations from the board and members include adding a note instructing vendors to bring their own extension cords if they need power, and uploading the flyer to our website.

New Business:

Bob T. inquired about a date for the op session discussed for this fall. A tentative date was set for Saturday, October 18th beginning at 9am.

Keith D. recommended the purchase of additional DCC jacks and controllers in preparation for future operating sessions. Rich H. moved to go ahead with the purchase with a second from Ken C. The motion passes unanimously.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

No work to report since the recent Open House.

HO Scale:

Richard T. reported significant progress on the Valley Crossing bridge / viaduct. Required foundation pads and piers are in the planning stages. Final installation is scheduled for after the January 1st op session. Progress continues with other peninsula scenery as well as with scenic treatment in other areas of the layout, including ballast and terra forming (plaster and Sculptamold). Fascia has been installed on the more visible portions of the peninsula.

Gary D. expects to have functional automation at the West Allegheny staging loops in time for the December Open House.

N Scale Layout:

No Report.

For the Good of the Order:

Keith D. communicated the Society's gratitude to Walmart for their generous grant.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric H., MVRRHs secretary



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