

# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

### **December, 2025**

#### ***EDITORS NOTE***

It's December and our Holiday Model Railroad Open House is just around the corner. I know the Christmas season is a very busy time for everyone but, Please set aside some time to help work the event. It's on December 13 & 14, 2025.

Construction has continued on all three of our model railroad layouts. We have made a lot of progress for our fans & visitors to see. I'm sure they will be pleased with our progress.

Work has started on improving our Lobby/Museum area. Most of the new ceiling is up and a new display cabinet is being built. More on this subject will be revealed at the business meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please try to be there.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 1, 2026 for our annual Operating Session.

Happy Holiday's to ALL and Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



#### ***Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Business Meeting***

**Call to order** by President Richard T. at 7:01 pm with 12 members, including 5 officers, attending.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
Following discussion to clarify previous sales and donations, Rich H. moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Gary D. Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)**  
Expenditures exceeded income for the month of October but the Society remains in good financial shape and able to meet its obligations.

**Publicity: (Rich H.)**  
Holiday Open House flyers are now ready for distribution. Public Service Announcements go out to local stations on November 24<sup>th</sup> while letters go out to schools and newspapers on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Facebook followers are up by 20 to 1,524.

An interview with Richard T. aired recently on WBOY TV. Richard requested future coverage around Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> to maximize the benefit for the Open House on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

**December 4, 2025  
Business Meeting**

**December 10, 2025  
Operating Session  
Members Only**

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

**January 1, 2026  
OP Session**

**January 8, 2026  
Business Meeting**

**February 5, 2026  
Business Meeting**

**March 5, 2026  
Business Meeting**



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**Fundraising: (Richard T.):**

Richard T. reported that plans for the display cabinets in the lobby are being finalized with one or two bids pending.

**Membership (Rich H.):**

No new members reported but at least one person expressed interest during the last Open House.

**Donations: (Rich H.):**

The Society received HO engines from Member Ward P. along with O gauge track and N scale buildings. The donation of additional N scale equipment is possible in the near future.

Gary D. announced the donation of transfer books from Clarksburg Yard and Grafton Yard by Steve Harshbarger. These books will enhance our display of historical railroad artifacts.

**Facilities:**

Jon H. pointed out the new signage up through out the Society space. New firm ware is needed for the NCE DCC system. Heater control via the computer screen was discussed briefly to clarify operating procedures.

**Old Business:**

Rich H. reported that the National Model Railroad Month Open House on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> was a success with good sales.

The October 18<sup>th</sup> operating session was a useful exercise, especially from the dispatch and tower procedures perspective. It will help to have more participants in future sessions.

**New Business:**

Richard T. suggested better signage conveying the need to avoid touching the models and scenery. Terms such as "Delicate" and

"Fragile" may help.

Another member-only op sessions is planned for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 17<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to express interest by joining the ongoing email thread.

An open house is planned in conjunction with an Eloquence Flea Market event on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be 10 AM to 3 PM. The January business meeting will take place on January 8<sup>th</sup> to avoid the New Year's Day holiday and the traditional Society invitational operating session.

**LAYOUTS:**

**O Gauge :(Rich H.)**

Foam and Sculptamold were added to the back of the mountain and near the town.

**HO Scale:**

(Richard T.): Scenery work continues along with track modifications to the quarry / aggregate facility at Sand Run and electronics and signals improvements to the West Allegheny loops.

**N Scale Layout:**

(Max M.): Terraforming is now underway and the layout is coming along nicely.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Rich H: The Kruger Street Toy Museum hosts a model train show on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Jon H. seconded by Gary D. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Eric H., MVRRHs Secretary*

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