

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

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

May, 2026



EDITORS NOTE

Summer is on its way! I for one can't wait for bright sunshine and warm weather. This does not mean we stop working on the railroad. It means we have some time between events to get things completed. When our fans come to our next event they will be pleasantly surprised to see all the new things we have worked on.

Speaking of our next event, we need to set a date for our Back to School open house in August. We generally try to have it before Labor Day. Think about it.

Several members chose to not renew their memberships this year. The reasons vary from moving away to health reasons. We are down to 37 members from 44. This is not a bad thing, it just represents life as it unfolds around us. If you know of someone who likes railroads and/or modeling then please try to encourage them to come and visit us. It may just spur them to join.

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the April 2, 2026 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:00 pm with 8 members and 6 officers, for a total of 14 attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Dave E. moved to approve the minutes of the March 5th (2026) business meeting as published in the April 2026 newsletter. Frank B. seconded the motions, which was approved unanimously without discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
Expenses for the month were within expectations but income was up considerably due to the success of the Mountaineer Train Show on March 15th. The Society is, as a result, in the best financial condition it has been for some time.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Facebook followers are up to 1,696 with many likes and positive comments on photos. The planned Kindergarten visit by students and their parents took place on Tuesday, March 31st. Playroom participants will visit the Society layouts on Thursday, April 16th in two separate groups: first group at 3 pm, second group at 4 pm. Visitors from the Village at Heritage Point are expected, as previously noted, on Tuesday, April 28th.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**May 7, 2026
Business Meeting**

**June 4, 2026
Business meeting**

**July 2, 2026
Business Meeting**

**August 6, 2026
Business Meeting**

**Back to School
Open House
August, 2026 ??**

**September 3, 2026
Business Meeting**



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Fundraising:(Richard T.): The Walmart Spark grant came through thanks to quick, nimble action by Jon H. Meanwhile, it's time to start writing applications for the next round of grants.

Membership (Rich H.): The Society currently consists of 38 paid members; seven members from 2025 did not renew. An updated roster will go out around May 1st.

Donations (Rich H.): There was a small amount of cash in the caboose. A college student donated some HO equipment.

Facilities: Richard T. noted that the glass doors are now on the lobby cabinets already installed by Jon H. The contractor for the additional lobby cabinets will have them ready for installation soon,, per Keith D. Keith also reminded us of the need to get the back room remodeled for meetings, etc.

Train Show: (Rich H.):The 2026 Mountaineer Train Show was a success. Thanks to all who helped, before, during and after. Richard T. noted that the show was a great group effort. Keith D. had the following comments and ideas fro the future: more O gauge stock for sale; two-day show preferable for some vendors; Pittsburgh O gauge group will attend next year with their layout; layouts could be set up in the community room; relocation of concourse layout may affect space for vendor tables. Richard T. suggested possibly renting tables as needed next year. Roman mentioned that he heard positive comments while attending the New Eagle show in Pennsylvania.

Old business: The Kindermusik visit was discussed earlier under Publicity.

New business: None reported.

Nomination of Officer

Candidates: Bill Q. reported that all current officers confirmed they are willing to serve for another two years. Keith D. moved to close nominations, seconded by Frank B. The motion was approved unanimously with no further discussion. Rich H. moved to elect officers by acclamation, seconded by Dave E. Once again, approval was unanimous with no discussion.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

Rock strata painted on the back side of the hill.

HO Scale: (Richard T.):

Scenery progress continues with progress on rock formations (painting); track ballast, bridge / viaduct construction and planning; and modifications at the Kubanick mine to accommodate abandoned coke ovens add structures, realign track and add a modern single track flood loader.

N Scale Layout: (Max M.):

(Dave E.): Max and the crew made progress on the upper staging track work, installed switches and moved controls nearer to the switches.

Concourse O Gauge Display:

Discussion among multiple members: Delay cover removal until the layout is moved; Establish power drop at new location. The heavy Lexan cover will require several members to lift and move.

For the Good of the Order:

The Cumberland Train Show takes place May 2nd.

The TCA will be in Washington, PA on May 11th.

The Society secretary will be absent for the May business meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Rich H., second from Frank B. Approval unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric H., MVRRHS Secretary



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*From the Desk of Gary
Deavers*

MAY

I don't remember this one at all.
Looking at it now, I can only surmise the fellow taking the
movies at left had the film
developed and shown perhaps once,
never to be seen again.



**THE
PASSENGER
TRAINMAN**

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