

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

June, 2026



EDITORS NOTE

WOW! It's June and Summer is here. I know things get busy, vacations, yard work, etc. But, work must also continue on our model railroads. Why not make some time to come in and help us build them. We could really use the help and you can relax and do something different. Think about it.

Incase you haven't been to the society in a while our newest display case has been delivered. It's solid wood and stained to compliment our existing woodwork. The new cabinet is not quite finished, it needs glass shelves and doors. Photos have been posted on our facebook page for those of you that can't make it to the Society. Hopefully, those shelves & doors will be installed before the August Back to School Open House.

Have a Great Summer and come see us!

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Business Meeting

Call to order: by Vice President Kenton C. at 7:00 with 8 members and 4 officers, for a total of 12 attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Wally V. moved we approve the minutes of the April 2nd (2026) business meeting as published in the May 2026 newsletter. Frank B. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously on a voice vote without discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.) Expenses were all expected and there was no income for the month of April. The Society remains quite solvent and able to meet all financial obligations.

Publicity: (Rich H.) The FaceBook page is up to 1,714 followers. Ashley from The Village at Heritage Point was very pleased with our Society during their April 28 visit. Ashley and about 15 residents were present. There was discussion about the "Back to School Open House" dates. After consulting a calendar and finding Labor Day "late" this year (September 7), Keith D. moved we have the open house August 29 and 30. Andrew L. gave the second.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**June 11, 2026
Business meeting**

**July 2, 2026
Business Meeting**

**August 6, 2026
Business Meeting**

**Back to School
Open House
August 29 & 30, 2026**

**September 3, 2026
Business Meeting**

**October 1, 2026
Business Meeting**



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Publicity Continued:

There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved on a voice vote.

Fundraising:(Richard T.):

No report for April.

Membership (Rich H.):

A new membership roster has been posted. We lost a few members due to moves, health concerns, and other matters. The roster has 37 members. A membership application from Drew Mellon of Amissville, VA was submitted by sponsor Keith D. It is a student membership and dues have been paid. Keith moved we approve Drew's membership, Wally V. gave the second, and the membership was approved. The updated roster will stand at 38 and be reposted soon. Welcome, Drew.

Donations (Rich H.):

None received in April.

Facilities:

No report for April.

Old business:

None.

New business:

None.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

Rich H. reported that more foliage is springing forth on the hillsides and a "fishing pier" has been added to the pond. Various detail work is progressing around the engine house area.

HO Scale: (Richard T.):

Gary D. reported that the infrared track detectors are nearing completion at DS Tower and work will shift to ME and BF next. Keith D. reported receipt of three boxes of Super Trees, which Richard T. will be processing for planting on the

hill above Tunnel Cut and MK Tower. Gary D. also noted that Michael H.'s deck bridge is progressing, with parts of it on the back work bench.

N Scale Layout: (Max M.):

David E. noted that yard track work is progressing.

For the Good of the Order:

Keith D. reported that IRS paperwork for our 501(c)3 was completed by April 15. The liability insurance premium will be due mid-May. The Business and Occupation Tax is due June 15. The new display cabinet for the entrance area is expected to arrive next Thursday, May 14 and it would be good to have some help on hand to help with the moving out of the old case and moving in of the new one.

Keith D. reported that he, along with Kenton C. and Rich H. attended the Cumberland Train Show May 2nd and about \$680 in sales was made for the MVRRHHS.

Kenton C. noted that Fayette County Day is Saturday, May 9 and that the HOBO Club in Connellsville will be open as part of the festivities.

Adjournment:

There being no more society business to conduct, Rich H. moved for adjournment at 7:16pm, there were numerous seconds, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary D. – MVRRHHS Past President filling in for

Eric H., MVRRHHS Secretary



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*From the Desk of Gary
Deavers*

JUNE

Perhaps there was a hidden message here. Again, the inclusion of engineers and firemen in the UTU made this scene possible. The fireman is warning the engineer of "some idiot trucker" crossing in front of them. The red sky burned this one in my mind.

