

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

November, 2026



EDITORS NOTE

Fellow MVRRHs members, I am trying a new layout/format for the newsletter, as you can see. I hope this will make it easier to read. The National Model Railroad Month open house is coming up fast. Please set aside some time to help out with the event.

Progress continues on all three model railroad layouts. Come check it out and give us a hand. These are your model railroads that members are building for your enjoyment. Please think about helping out where ever & when ever you can. Building them is half the fun!

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor

Minutes of the October 1, 2026 Business Meeting

CALLED TO ORDER 7:00PM SHARP

ATTENDANCE: FOUR OFFICERS, EIGHT MEMBERS, TWELVE TOTAL FOR QUORUM

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING -SEPTEMBER 3 APPROVAL – WALLY V MOVES WE ACCEPT, RICH H SECONDS, APPROVED VOICE VOTE

TREASURE’S REPORT – GIVEN BY RICHARD T – MVRRHs REMAINS SOLVENT AND ABLE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICITY – RICH H – FACEBOOK HAS 1776 FOLLOWERS, LOTS OF LIKES ON LAYOUT PICTURES, PSAs FOR NOVEMBER NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD MONTH OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 7-8 ARE OUT.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**November 5, 2026
Business Meeting**

**National Model
Railroad Month
Open House
November, 7&8, 2026
Workers Needed**

**December 3, 2026
Business Meeting**

**Holiday Open House
December 12 & 13, 2026
Workers Needed**

**January 1, 2027
Operating Session ??**



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FUNDRAISING – RICHARD T – NO REPORT

MEMBERSHIP – RICH H – NO NEW MEMBERS FOR THIS MONTH

DONATIONS - \$59 RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 26 DURING “CARD SHOW” OPEN HOUSE.

FACILITIES – RICHARD T REPORTED FROM JON H EMAIL – NOTHING NEW, BUT THE APPAREL ORDER HAS BEEN EXTENDED ANOTHER WEEK.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE – WALLY V IS NEARING COMPLETION OF THE MUSEUM CHEST OF DRAWERS, AND IT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SECURITY BAR AND COMBINATION LOCK. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE WILL HAVE THE COMBINATION.

MARCH 2027 TRAIN SHOW – NOTHING TO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FOR CARD SHOW HAD SOME VISITORS AND \$59 IN DONATIONS.

SEPTEMBER 7 OPERATING SESSION – GARY REPORTED IT WENT WELL, MANY TRAINS WERE MOVED AND OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY IS IMPROVING.

PLAYROOM VISIT SEPTEMBER 29 HAD THREE YOUNGSTERS AND FOUR PARENTS. THE WOODEN PLAY TRAINS WERE A BIG HIT. THE ADULTS LIKED THE LAYOUTS.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT OP SESSION IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 FROM 6 TO 9 PM.

LAYOUT REPORTS

O GAUGE – RICH H REPORTED THAT GREEN “CROPS” HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE FARM ALONG WITH SOME OTHER FOLIAGE. POURING THE ARTIFICIAL POND WATER IS THE NEXT BIG PROJECT.

HO LAYOUT – RICHARD T REPORTED THAT TREE WORK CONTINUES AND RIVERSIDE ROAD WORK IS BEING FIGURED OUT. MIKE H’S BRIDGES ARE PROGRESSING WITH THE TWO STONE ARCH BRIDGES AND PIERS FOR THE OVERHEAD VIADUCT. GARY D NOTED THAT MORE TRACK DETECTION CIRCUITS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR THE SIGNAL SYSTEM.

N SCALE – WALLY V REPORTED THAT MAX AND COMPANY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SCENERY.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

GARY D PROMOTED THE “MONONGAH-CON” IN BRIDGEPORT THE EVENINGS OF OCTOBER 2-3 AT COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT AT EXIT 124. TWO EVENINGS OF RAILROAD SLIDE SHOWS AND TALK ABOUT RAILROADS IN AND AROUND NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

ADJOURNMENT

FRANK B MOVED WE ADJOURN. RICH H SECONDED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:13 PM. (THIRTEEN MINUTES!!)
NOTES TAKEN BY PAST PRESIDENT GARY D FOR SECRETARY ERIC H.

From the Desk of Gary Deavers

November

Not an “operator”, but this yardmaster scene is well done. Note the detail on the desk and the “bill boxes” next to the window. Next time you bring a train into Maryville Yard and turn it over to Bob or Keith, think of this one!

