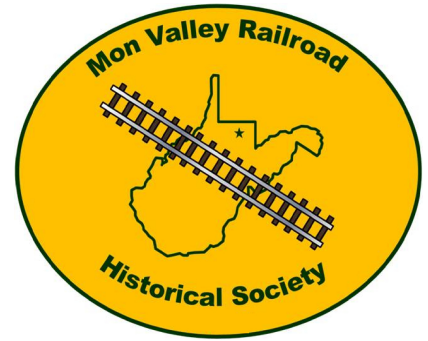


# TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

MAY 2016



## EDITORS NOTE

The election for new officers is over. We had a variety of old and new members elected. For President, Gary Deavers, proven leadership skills. Our Vice President is Ken Colvin. Ken's membership goes all the way back to our groups founding. His membership #8. Treasurer is Keith DeVault. Our new Secretary is a new member, Dave Edwards. Lastly, your Editor, Rich Henderson continues as Membership Director. Congratulations to our new Officers/Board Of Directors. Officers/BOD members begin their terms of office on July 1, 2016. It is my belief that these people will be able to continue leading our organization forward and to greater heights. They all have a passion for model railroading and a thirst for more knowledge of railroad history. I wish ALL of us good luck as we continue to build the BEST model railroad in North Central West Virginia!

Happy Training,

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



## Minutes of the Business Meeting May 5, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by President, Frank Benders with five (5) officers, five (5) members present. Minutes of the April 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Mike Hohn, Second by Rich Henderson, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault, All bills are paid. We are still in the Black. Motion to approve by Mike Hohn, Second by Ian Gray. Approved

### Committee Reports:

**Modules:** Mike Hohn has finished the Rowlesburg engine house. He showed the model to the membership. Looks Good!

**Main Layout:** Rich Henderson has poured the second layer of clear acrylic for the stream. Sculptamold was added to the barn & out building area. Due to high humidity, it hasn't dried completely. Gary has built a new signal bridge and wired it in on Horseshoe curve. Frank & Keith have installed the new lighting above St. George yard, more will be needed. Arrival & Departure tracks are being laid. Jim & Gary are working on turnouts in St. George.

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## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**June 2, 2016  
Business Meeting**

**June 4 & 5, 2016  
M&K Railroad History  
Exhibit/Open House**  
Saturday - Morgantown History  
Museum 7pm til 9pm  
Open House - Sunday 1pm til 4pm  
Sunday - Ceremony at the Railroad  
Depot 2pm

**June 11, 2016  
OP session  
9am to 2pm**

**June 11, 2016  
BOD meeting at 2pm**

**July 7, 2016  
Business Meeting**

**July 16, 2016  
Kids Day Open House  
9am to 3pm**



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**Publicity:** Rich is working on the publicity and on the "Fun Packs" for Kids Day in July.

**Ad cars:** No Change.

**Donations:** No new donations, the brass name plates on the wood plaque have been installed.

**Old Business:** We are NOT going to Grafton over Memorial Day. Keith contacted the Pastor and they have shortened the hours and now expect fewer visitors, they keep making changes, so we decided it wasn't worth the hassle.

Ian Gray gave an update on the Morgantown History Museum WVU Railroad project. The official name is, "Shaping the Land & Its People: The M&K Railroad". The M&K exhibit will take place at the Morgantown History Museum beginning at 7pm on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Keith will give his presentation on the M&K. The presentation should last until 9pm. On Sunday, June 5 there will be a ceremony down at the old Railroad depot at 2pm. Shovels of dirt will be turned where the sign will be placed. We will have a special Open House beginning at 1pm until 4pm. We will need to clean up the clubhouse for this event and have members working the layout. Members are welcome to attend the whole event.

The ballots were opened and counted & certified by a group of members led by Ian Gray. Our newly elected officers/BOD members are:

President: Gary Deavers  
Vice President: Ken Colvin  
Secretary: Dave Edwards  
Treasurer: Keith DeVault  
Membership Director: Rich Henderson

A joint Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled for June 11, 2016 at 2pm. Officers will exchange information and make plans for the rest of the year. Keith DeVault let us know that he will not be able to attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict. This should not present a problem since Keith was re-elected Treasurer.

Our third OP session will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9am til 2pm. All members are invited to attend.

The MD-WV Model Railroad Association in Cumberland, MD is having their annual Train Show on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 9am to 2pm. Rich will have two tables and will share half of one with any members who have items for sale. He also needs help working the tables. Three or Four members can get in "FREE", IF they are working the tables. Let Rich know ASAP.

**New Business:** Keith DeVault made a motion to by more new fluorescent lights for the yard area. The new lights will cost about \$65 and will be the same type already installed. Second by Rich Henderson, Approved.

Rich made a motion to by a sheet of 4x8ft. Foam board to be used as fill in on the mainline. Second by Ian Gray. Approved.

Scott Welch said we are out of fine gray ballast and need more for the yards and other trackage. Keith motioned that we buy a 25lb bag of fine light gray ballast, either Smith & Sons or Penn Ohio up to \$75. We may be able to get it from Scenic Express. Second by Dave Edwards. Approved.

Frank Benders questioned the cost of the brass name plates for the donations plaque. It costs a little over \$30 for each name plate. Gary mentioned he has an engraver. Rich

said that Things Remembered and the other online engravers don't sell un-engraved plates, only completed ones. Frank and/or Keith will try to find and buy the brass plates so that we can then have engraved cheaper.

Rich has repaired the Open House sign, it is now clean, covered in clear vinyl and the wood parts sealed with clearcoat.

Frank Benders was elected as the assistant Superintendent of the NMRA division 2 and Keith will move up to Superintendent.

Motion to adjourn by many, Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm  
Respectfully,

*Lou Lemelle, Secretary MVRHHS*



## **ARTICLES WANTED**

Space is available for members to write an article for the newsletter. It may be about your model railroad, a new model you just built or acquired, a railfan trip you recently took or about a any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: [trainman430@comcast.net](mailto:trainman430@comcast.net)

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