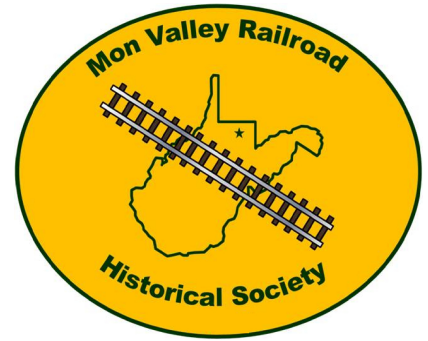


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

AUGUST 2016



EDITORS NOTE

Well Summer is almost gone. Public schools and colleges are starting up. Our Back to School Open House is just a few weeks away. This event is replacing our participation at Rowlesburg. I hope all of you can help out. Check out the Calendar of Events for dates and times.

This building being sold and the thought of us moving is starting to get me down. I don't know about all of you but I really dread the thought of moving out of our current location. Sure, we complain about the heat & humidity, cold & damp conditions & the steps up and down, but it has been home for us for over 20 years! Moving and re-building will be quite a challenge, but perhaps that's just what we need. Perhaps we need a good quick kick in the pants to get the old juices flowing. To make us wake up to the possibilities of a better future for the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society and all of its members. Let's get moving!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting August 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with four (4) officers, nine (9) members present. Minutes of the July 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Bill Hudak, Second by Frank Benders, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault, All bills are paid. We are still in the Black. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: Rich Henderson has added more livestock, vegetation & fencing. Scott Welch, Scott Chernevick & Frank Benders added groundcover and ballast. Eric Hopkins worked on the coal mine Tipple. Jim Kubanick put down more trackage and built up the roadbed. Mike Hohn said there hasn't been any work done at St. George but some Sculptamold has been added at Junior.

Publicity: Publicity for the Back to School Open House starts going out on Friday, August 5th with PSA's for the Radio Stations, Boxcar Ad people & Newspapers will go out over the next two weeks.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

August 27 & 28, 2016

Back to School

Open House

Saturday 10am til 4pm

Sunday 12 noon to 4pm

September 1, 2016

Business Meeting

October 6, 2016

Business Meeting

Mountaineer Week

October 28, 29 & 30, 2016.

Setup will be on Thursday

October 27, 2016.

November 3, 2016

Business Meeting

December 1, 2016

Business Meeting



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Facebook update: We have 352 “Likes” and reached 1,378 people in our latest “Promo Ad”.

Ad cars: No Change, however Eric Hopkins has a lead & will follow up.

Donations: We received a \$50 donation from Hastings Funeral Home. Rich will get a Thank you letter, certificate & receipt ready to go out.

Old Business:

Ian Gray updated us on the M&K exhibit at the Morgantown History Museum. The display will stay up through the beginning of the school year for the education of college types. The sign is being worked on and will probably be up by next spring.

Rich gave the Kids Day report. It was a slow day for visitors. It seems most stayed up on High Street. We received a “Thank you” letter via email along with a survey. One of the questions was “How could they make Kids Day better?” Rich filled out the survey and said, “Make better signs to show that there are events on the side streets as well as up on High St. Also on Kids Day we received a donation of “N” scale trains. Some very nice ones made by Kato. There is a freight set, an Amtrak set and a “Bullet Train” set. Rich suggested that the Amtrak set be part of the next years Chinese Auction fundraiser. Rich said that Lou Lemelle may buy the Bullet Train and Gavin Lantz asked about trading HO equipment he owns for the N scale freight set. The members agreed.

Jim Kubanick said we need to keep trains running during Open House events. Several people commented about having to wait too long to see a

train.

Rich presented an updated letter of our “Needs” for a new location. The members discussed it and made recommendations. Most liked the first part but did not like the “List of Needs”. Mike Hohn felt it was a kind of “All or nothing” list. In other words IF you don’t have all of our needs/wants then you can’t really help us. Rich suggested someone else should re-write the letter, as he has become frustrated with it. Keith DeVault volunteered to re-write the letter.

New Business:

The Back to School Open House is on Saturday August 27 from 10am to 4pm & Sunday August 28, 2016 from 12noon til 4pm. President, Gary Deavers said we need to suspend work in time to clean up for the open house. We need to clean track and straighten up the work zones. Gary asked Rich to send out a email to members asking for Hot Dogs, buns and other food items. Rich agreed to do so and asked that members reply using the “Reply All” key so there would be no duplicating of items. Gary will bring Hot Dogs and sauce. Frank volunteered the Buns. Rich will get balloons for the outside sign. The fascia panels need to be put in place for the tippie area in preparation for the open house.

For the Good of the Order:

Ian Gray told us of his new position at the Railroad Museum in Elkins and thanked us for helping with the M&K presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm
Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,
MVRHS*



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

Please allow two (2) weeks before the next newsletter is published.

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