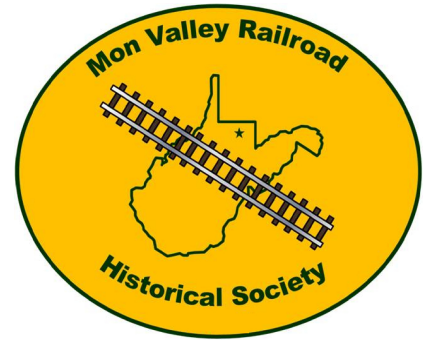


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

OCTOBER 2016



EDITORS NOTE

We have good news, the building we occupy is NOT for Sale, at least for now. The question on my mind is - Do we want to stay?

There are Pros & Cons that we as members of the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society must consider. Let's take the Pros first.

1. Our fans, guests & visitors know where we are located. Many come back to see our progress.

2. We know this place, it's comfortable for us.

3. We don't have to sort, pack up & dismantle the layout and move.

The Cons

1. It's cold & damp in Winter, hot & humid in Summer.

2. Steps, 12 of them. Many older visitors can't get down or up them. Parents with strollers have a hard time. Some of our members have a hard time going up & down. Carrying the modules up & down is getting harder.

3. We have to sort, pack up, move everything & re-build.

Starting over is a daunting task but think, we can build a better layout. We all know the short-comings of this one. Wouldn't it be nice to have heat, air conditioning, No steps & more space for us to fulfil our mission of "Preserving the railroad history and educating the public on the history of railroading & the hobby of Model Railroading.

I know where I stand. How about you?

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor

Minutes of the Business Meeting October 6, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, four (4) members & one guest (Glenn Bartlett) present. Minutes of the September 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Rich Henderson, Second by Eric Hopkins, Approved.

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

Committee Reports:

Modules: Dave Edwards reported that he has finished cutting new plexiglass for the modules. It just needs to be installed.

Main Layout: Gary reported circuit & relay problems have cleared up. Track work continues for the new coal mine area with a long siding now wrapping around the front of the layout. Rich Henderson and Scott Welch painted part of the hillside near the farm and added grass, weeds and some new trees. The small pond has been painted.

Publicity: Rich said that Public Service Announcements & Community Calendar postings for

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**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**

**December 10 & 11, 2016
Holiday Open House
Saturday 10am to 4pm
Sunday 12noon to 4pm**

**January 1, 2017
OP Session
9 am til ??**



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Publicity continued:

Mountainleer week have gone out. Boxcar Ad flyers will go out next and Newspaper & TV announcements will go out the week before the event. Also he will be posting the event on our facebook page and Yahoo groups. Eric Hansmann has updated our website with all the info.

Ad cars: Eric Hopkins brought us a new Ad car request - Brockway Auto Repair. Their car will be made from an old, non-renewal Ad car. It will be ready for the Holiday Open House.

Donations: No new monetary donations.

Old Business:

The building is NOT for Sale, at least at this time. Keith talked to the woman in the management company. The owners of Black Bear will get first dibs when the building does go up for sale. The electrical panels behind our wall must be replaced and we will probably have to move the Dispatchers Board and some things around. Rich suggested this is why the building is no longer for sale, it didn't pass inspection. He suggested we keep searching just in case. Gary and others agreed. Gary said at least this takes the pressure off and we wouldn't have to take the first filthy place that comes along.

Our modular layout will be on display at the Mountainlair in the Shenandoah room again this year. We need people to help transport and set up on Thursday evening, October 27, 2016. Ken Colvin will have two parking passes for Friday. He checked and this is our fifteenth (15) year at the event. Rich will send out an email asking for

workers. Please help if you can.

New Business:

Lou Lemelle brought up layout buildings on the Modular layout. A couple of people have questioned the accuracy of our Glass factories. Lou found several photographs of Mississippi Glass and Beaumont. One has a large sloped roof covering the building. He proposed making the changes including name changes to the proper company. Keith made the motion, Ken Colvin second, Approved.

For the Good of the Order:

Glenn Bartlett, former member and an officer in the new Grafton Model RR group said they are having a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 2nd from 6pm til 9pm and on Saturday, December 3 from 12noon to 3pm. It is free, donations accepted.

Rich showed off an old railroad lantern from the Richmond, Fredricksburg & Potomac RR that Gregory Malnikoff donated to us. He had heard some comments about our lack of RR decorations. Several agreed we need more items to show off.

Rich also brought in and showed off some Custom painted & decorated Marx "O" gauge trains. These are part of four sets he has reconditioned and created for next years Marx convention in Wheeling, WV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm
Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,
MVRRHs*



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