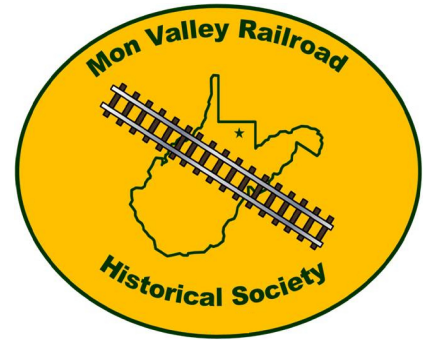


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MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

DECEMBER 2016



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

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

**January 5, 2017
Business Meeting**

**February 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

**March 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

**March 11 & 12, 2017
Spring Open House**

**April 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

**May 4, 2017
Business Meeting**



EDITORS NOTE

By the time you receive this newsletter Christmas will be very near. It is my sincere wish that every person I know has a happy and safe holiday season. We should all take some time to reflect on our lives, our families and our friends for we only have today. Let the past and any troubles associated with it go. It has already happened and it can not be changed. Instead, we should all look toward the future, for that is what we have the power to shape by our actions.

Model railroading is a lot like life, we make plans for the future. We way the good and the bad ideas and hopefully come to a happy outcome. Oh sure, we can make changes to our track plans, move a house or a few trees, tighten a loose wire that caused the locomotive to suddenly stop but in the end this moment in life is all we have to enjoy.

So, during this season of miracles, embrace life, your family, your friends and enjoy the moment, it will never come exactly this way again. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting December 1, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, eight (8) members and two (2) guests present. Minutes of the November 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Ken Colvin, Second by Frank Benders, Approved.

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

Committee Reports:

Modules: Need to be set up for the Holiday Open House and the plexiglass put on them.

Main Layout: Rich added a clothesline complete with clothes drying on the farm scene and poured the first layer of acrylic for the pond. Gary is adding a new tower to the layout. A model of "D" tower in Grafton.

Publicity: All publicity has been sent out for the Holiday Open House on December 10 & 11, 2016. Facebook page is over 377 Likes and Rich has placed a new Promo ad for the Open House.

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Ad cars: There have been 5 renewals for the Boxcar Ads.

Donations: None

Old Business:

Keith has put buying new florescent lights on hold for now. Ian Gray sent a email about the M&K sign; the signage and materials are in and will be put up this Spring.

New Business:

Keith was able to buy two almost new throttles for the main layout at \$40 for both. He asked for reimbursement. Keith made the motion, Scott Welch second, motion approved.

Ward Paine, one of our members has offered us the lower space in his Doctor's office on the Mileground. It has heat and air, easy access, (we would have to build a small ramp), free parking and no rent for twenty (20) years. The downside is the space is only about 1,000 square feet, quite smaller than our current 2,800 sq. ft. After a good discussion the membership voted for the Officers/BOD to contact Ward and look the space over and report back.

Rich reminded everyone that annual membership dues come due in January.

We need a clean-up crew for Thursday evening(Dec.8th) and members to work the Open House and to supply Hotdogs, buns, cookies, etc.. Rich will email the members. Hours are 10am til 4pm on Saturday and 12 noon til 4pm on Sunday.

Tom Kirby saw some flatcars with small signs of deceased members at another clubs layout. He suggested we do the same. We will look into

the possibility.

Jim Kubanick said we need to prepare the layout for the OP session on New Years Day, cleaning track and staging cars for trains.

For the Good of the Order:

Rich is going to the Washington, PA Train Show this Saturday (Dec.3). He needs help with setting up and watching the tables. Anyone that goes with Rich will get in free. He will be leaving Morgantown around 7am. Contact Rich if you are interested.

Ken Colvin has finished his OLLIE lectures/classes about the Transcontinental Railroad. He mentioned our group as part of the class.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm
Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,
MVRRHHS*



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

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