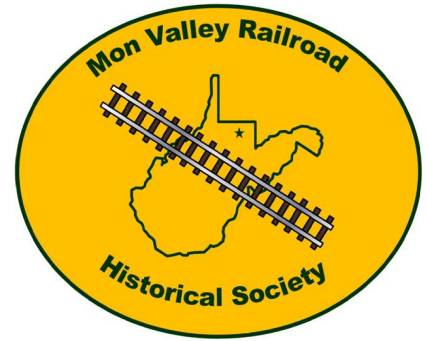


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MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

JANUARY 2017



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**February 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

**March 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

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

**March 19, 2017
NMRA Division 2
Meeting 2:30pm
(Society Opens at Noon)**

**April 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

**May 4, 2017
Business Meeting**

**June 1, 2017
Business Meeting**



EDITORS NOTE

A new year and a Fresh start. Winter is setting in and we have lots of work to do on the main layout. The new coal mine scene is coming along but if we had just one or two more members working with Jim Kubanick and Eric Hopkins it would go a lot quicker. It would be nice to see this new scene mostly finished for the Spring Open House in March.

As most of you know we had "Water Damage" from a broken water pipe upstairs in the Black Bear. We lost a lot of our magazine "Library". Mostly they were the oldest copies of Model Railroader going back into the 1930's. We can replace them with a CD version but the historical significance is in the paper copy. One corner module got very wet. We will have to watch it carefully to see if any warping of the plywood frame happens. If it does warp, then we will have to replace it.

So come on down and get your hands dirty, have some fun, learn some new things and renew your friendships.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting January 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with four (4) officers, six (6) members present. Minutes of the December 2016 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Frank Benders, Second by, Eric Hopkins. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Henderson gave the report in Keith DeVault's absence, All bills are paid. We are still in the Black. Motion to approve by Lou Lemelle, Second by Frank Benders, Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: Jim Kubanick & Eric Hopkins reported that trackwork and wiring is basically completed on the new coal mine scene. A new wiring drop has been placed a the "Y" on top of the hill, it still needs a new switch.

Publicity: Facebook page 390 Likes. Rich posted several new photos, one on December 30th for New Years, it got 307 hits. The second on January 10, 2017 with three photos and an invite to "Join Us", it got 290 hits.

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Ad cars: There have been 8 renewals for the Boxcar Ads, total paid is nine. Rich asked for someone to take over getting the renewals and finding new business for the ad cars. Rich said he will still make the cars as he has the program on his computer. Eric Hopkins volunteered. Rich will give Eric all the files needed.

Membership: Gavin Lantz and Marty Knouse want to re-join the Society. Both are past members and have paid their dues and given a donation to the society. Rich made a motion to approve both former members. Gary said no second was needed as it comes from a standing committee. Motion to renew carried.

Donations: None

Old Business:

Rich reported that the Holiday Open House in December was good. Lots of visitors, especially on Saturday. Several children were "visiting engineers", lots of sales on the White elephant table & society items. The Chinese Auction winners were: Courtney Mitchell - Harry Potter set, Doug Milbrand - HO freight set and Fred Gabriele - RR Books & DVD's. Two items have been picked up.

OP session was good. Folks came down from Pittsburgh. We had some problems with trackage.

New Business:

Gary and Rich said Keith told them that the electricians need more space to carry out the rework to power bussing & metering. He suggested we need to remove the end modules, to facilitate the work and protect our modules.

Gary and the officers have set the

Board of Directors meeting for January 19, 2017 to discuss the budget & goals for the coming year. It was agreed unless something comes up.

Ken Colvin said WVU has set the dates for the 2017 Mountaineer Week. They are October 20, 21 & 22, 2017. This is earlier than before.

Gary had a special "Thank You" for Bill Hudak who donated the wooden BRIO train to the Society. It was the hit of the Open House with young children and their parents.

For the Good of the Order:

There are a lot of train shows and other events happening over the next several months. Here is the list. You may want to look it over carefully to see what you want to attend.

February Sat. 4 & Sun. 5
"The Great Scale Model Train Show" gsmts.com At the Cow Palace, MD State Fairgrounds 2200 York Rd. Timonium MD Price is \$10 for single adult Saturday and \$8 on Sunday.

February Sunday 19th
Division 2 meeting at 2:30pm at the: Western PA Model RR Museum PA 910 & Hardt Rd., Gibsonia, PA. This is a must see fully scenic Model railroad. Depicting many scenes, i.e. Salisbury Viaduct, on the Western Maryland from Cumberland to Pittsburgh. Club members are welcome even if not a NMRA member. Hope to see some of you there.

March Sunday 19th
Division 2 meeting will be held at our Society clubhouse. Meeting starts at 2:30pm. There will be a program given by our Society President, Mr. Deavers on signals.

March Friday 24th & Saturday 25th
Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar- East.
Ramada Hotel, 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA
"Top notch presentations on prototype and modeling Friday and Saturday. You can check out this website for updates.
www.hansmann.org/rpm_east/

April Saturday 29th
Division 2 Jamboree open to everyone. Sewall Center Robert Morris University Moon Campus Modeling clinics, Modeling Contests, Door Prizes & Raffles, Modular Layouts, White Elephant Tables and Sunday Layout Tours. There are flyers about and registration on all of these events on the center table at the club.

May 18-21 - Mid-Central Region Convention

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm
Respectfully,

*Dave Edwards, Secretary,
MVRRHS*

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 25, 2017
Mon Valley Railroad Historical
Society, Inc.**

Meeting called to order at 7:14pm by President, Gary Deavers, Board members also present, Vice President, Ken Colvin, Secretary, Dave Edwards, Treasurer, Keith DeVault, Membership Director, Rich Henderson, and Frank Benders, Immediate Past President.

Treasurer, Keith DeVault passed out the yearly financial report for 2016. Rich Henderson passed our copies of the 2016 budget. Keith went over all our expenses and income for the 2016 year. We discussed everything and compared it to past years.

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Projected income and expenses appear to be about the same as last year. Motion by Dave Edwards to approve, Second by Rich Henderson. We unanimously approved the Budget proposal for the 2017 year. It will go to the membership at the February business meeting.

Rich Henderson gave Eric Hopkins the folder with all the Ad car information in it and sent Eric an email with files. Eric Hopkins will take care of renewals, and soliciting new Boxcar ads. Rich will still make them.

We talked about some goals for the 2017 year. Rich said we should make an appointment to see the space Ward Paine offered us. We all agreed on Wednesday, February 15, 2015 at 3:30pm. Rich will contact Ward to see if this is a good time. Keith said he is checking out several other possibilities for us.

Gary said we need to dry things out and keep running. We set dates for upcoming events this year: Kids Day in July, Back to School Open House on August 26 & 27, 2017, Holiday Open House on December 9 & 10, 2017.

The Spring Open House date is already set for March 11 & 12, 2017 and so are the dates for Mountaineer Week, October 20, 21 & 22, 2017. We discussed other possible times to be open, Downtown Merchants Day - Shop Small business, and National Railroad Day. We will look into these possibilities.

Many of our magazines are ruined and will have to be thrown away. We discussed the possibility of buying the CD version of Model Railroader and Trains magazines. Gary said he might have Trains already and maybe Model

Railroader also. We could possibly get rid of all the old magazines and never have the problem of them getting wet ever again. Rich said he may buy a new computer later this year and if so he will donate his old one. It was updated to Windows 10 last year and is in good condition.

President Deavers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Rich Henderson made the Motion to adjourn. Several seconds.

Meeting closed at 8:03pm

Dave Edwards, Secretary
MVRRHRS



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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