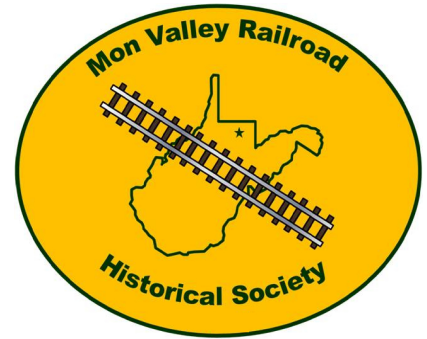


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

MAY 2017



EDITORS NOTE

The Cumberland Train Show was kind-of-a bust for me. I think Ken , Keith and Lou did better, but you would have to ask them. Even the MD-WV Model Railroad Association members were disappointed in the overall lack of a crowd. After all they heavily promote this event. I believe this is just another complication due to the overall economy. People just don't have the extra cash to invest in their hobbies. They come in for a little while, look for exactly what they need or want, buy it and leave. There was a time, not so long ago that train shows were crowded all day long and people were buying everything and anything. A dealer just had to put the items on his/her tables and by the end of the day most of it would be sold. Today, dealers are getting out of the Train business as fast as they can, cutting their losses, taking whatever they can get for an item even IF they end up losing money on the deal. This is a great time for buyers in the Train marketplace but not for Sellers. I just keep hanging in there, times will change. For better or worse, it's my hobby and I try to have fun.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting May 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, seven (7) members present. Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Rich Henderson, Second by Ken Colvin, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keith DeVault gave the report for April. All bills paid, we are in the black. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: Mike Hohn said that the empty module has been moved to a place behind the column and the sceniced module is where it can be seen by visitors. The Rowlesburg modules have been taken out of the middle and are set up, ready to be worked on. He asked where the electrical connectors were so that the modules wiring could be finished. Bill Hudak showed him where the connectors are located.

Main Layout: Work continues on the new coal mine scene. Bill Hudak & Jim Kubanick suggested that we need a power breaker for the new coal siding/yard to keep out electrical shorts.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**June 1, 2017
Business Meeting**

**July 6, 2017
Business Meeting**

**July 15, 2017
Kid's Day Open House
10am til 3pm**

**August 3, 2017
Business Meeting**

**August 26 & 27, 2017
Back to School
Open House
Saturday 10am til 4pm
Sunday 12 noon til 4pm**

**September 7, 2017
Business Meeting**

**October 5, 2017
Business Meeting**



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Publicity: Facebook page has 401 Likes. Rich posted pics of the Mapleshire Nursing Home presentation. We got several good comments, especially from the son of one of the residents who follows us on facebook. His father really enjoyed the presentation.

Ad cars: Eric Hopkins said there was no change. Total cars paid is twelve (12).

Membership: Rich made the suggestion that he would donate \$20 toward Scott Welch's membership. Scott's brother is very ill and awaiting a transplant. It has been hard for him to get down to the meetings. Gary, Ken, and others said they would donate also, so that Scott's membership would be paid in full. Scott has been a good member, ballasting the yards, working on scenery, etc. His Grandfather also worked for the Monongahela Railway.

Donations: None

Old Business:

The presentation for the residents of Mapleshire Nursing Home went well. Keith was thanked for his presentation and he thanked those who helped with that. Rich said we received a "Thank you" card from the Activities Director and he placed it in the blue file cabinet.

The computer that Rich donated is up and basically running. He needs to connect the printer with a new cable. Dave Edwards suggested that we could install a new DVD/rom drive if there is an open slot. Rich said there is one. Rich will be loading all the MVRRHs files he has. This will give us an extra back up set of files.

Mike Hohn asked if the date & time of the meeting at Ward Paine's was

in the minutes of past newsletters. Rich and Keith said they were.

Rich told us that our facebook page has been "verified" by facebook as a legitimate "Not for Profit" page for tax exempt organizations. He went over the steps & information needed to get the "donate button" added to our page. We had a long discussion including how we would thank donors. Gavin said there should be an option for a automatic thank you. Rich will continue learning about this and report back again in June.

New Business:

Keith asked for a motion to pay our Insurance and business license fee. Approved

Rich passed around a "Membership Complaint Form" that he made. The MVRRHs Constitution & Bylaws specify that any member complaint must be in Writing. He placed several forms on the desk in one of the plastic paper holders.

Gavin told us about a new "Virtual Railroad" that can be built online. He is working on the Western End and needs pictures, maps, time tables, anything from the heyday. M& K operations too. Rich suggested this program would be valuable to a model railroader who was older and/or disabled as it would allow them to continue model railroading from there computer.

For the Good of the Order:

Tom Landro announced that he will be leaving Morgantown and the Society. He will be attending Northwestern University near Boston in the Fall. He will miss the society and all of us. We thanked him for his knowledge, help and efforts with the society.

Eric Hopkins told us of a show.

Connelsville Canteen. Org. There will be several layouts open for tours. Gary described the Jamboree put on by the NMRA Division 2. He said it was well worth the trip and encouraged members to attend the next one.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Hohn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm
Respectfully,

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRRHs



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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