

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2017



EDITORS NOTE

WOW, time does fly, we are back into the busy time of the year and I am looking forward to our upcoming events. At the October business meeting we will be finalizing plans for the annual Mountaineer Week Model Railroad display at the WVU Mountainlair on October 20, 21 & 22, 2017 and for a Model Railroaders Workshop on November 11, 2017. The membership approved this at the September business meeting to help us teach people interested in Model Railroading some of the basics of the hobby we all enjoy so much. Maybe we will even get a few new members from holding this type of event. We will need every member that can help with these two events and the upcoming Holiday Open House in December. So, All aboard!

We have been making good progress on the new coal mine scene and several other areas of the main layout. If you haven't been down to the society in a while, come on down, get your hands dirty, relax with some good conversation and old friends. The holidays will be here before you know it. Make some time to enjoy your hobby and friends.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting September 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Gary Deavers with five (5) officers, five (5) members present. Minutes of the August 2017 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes by Frank Benders, Second by Dave Edwards, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keith DeVault gave the report. All bills paid, we are in the black. Motion to approve by Rich Henderson, Second by Ken Colvin. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Modules: The new modules still need electrical work, ballast and scenery.

Main Layout: Eric Hopkins and Jim Kubanick continue adding scenery around the new coal mine area. They are using plaster rock molds to add details with a combination of plaster cloth, plaster, Sculptamold and foam-board. Bill Hudak said a short circuit preventer for the new mine yard has been added, tested and it works. It just needs to be mounted permanently. Mike Hohn has been working in St. George yard. An Atlas turnout from the mainline to

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**October 5, 2017
Business Meeting**

**October 20, 21 & 22, 2017
Mountaineer Week
Model Railroad Display**

Friday 11am til 8pm
Saturday 11am til 8pm
Sunday 11am til 4pm

**Workers needed to set up
and work the Show!**

**November 2, 2017
Business Meeting**

**November 11, 2017
Model Railroaders
Workshop**

10am til 2pm

Workers Needed!

**December 7, 2017
Business Meeting**



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the warehouse district was found to be bad and will be replaced. Mike is trying to make the yard work better and smoother. Ken Colvin is working on building structures for the main and modular layout.

Publicity: Rich reported that the “Back to School” open house was a great success. Lots of people, lots of sales and good comments about our layouts. Facebook page has 421 Likes. He has started working on the publicity for the Mountaineer Week model railroad display in October.

Ad cars: Eric Hopkins reported that Bitonti Street Rentals finally renewed their boxcar. We also got a new one, Dow Jones Development, LLC. Mr. Jones was at the open house and saw the boxcars, he immediately paid for two cars, one for us to display on the modular layout and one for him to keep.

Membership: No changes in membership.

Donations: Hastings Funeral Home sent us another donation. Rich donated two (2) new folding tables.

Old Business:

Facebook “donate button” for Non-Profits is now setup on the Society’s facebook page. More details will follow next month.

We discussed the selling of hot dogs at open houses. Since we mostly sell them back to ourselves the members decided to Stop selling hot dogs. We will continue to sell baked goods. Members will have to bring or go out to get lunch on open house days. Motion to eliminate the sale of hot dogs by Keith DeVault, second by Mike Hohn, Approved.

New Business:

Rich proposed a “Workshop for Model Railroaders” to include Loco & car maintenance, building a boxcar, basic scenery and a Railroad history video. There would be four sessions with groups of five put in rotation for 30 minutes each. This would go from 10am til 2pm at most. Lots of discussion followed with minor changes to the proposal. Motion to approve by Rich Henderson, second by Dave Edwards, Approved. Rich will send an email to all members with full details.

For the Good of the Order:

Rich was contacted by Mark Suck of the Mid Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club in Parkersburg. They are looking to share information with other clubs. Their website is www.movmrc.org. They have a permanent building near the Parkersburg rail yard and a total of seven (7) layouts built since 2000!

Motion to adjourn by many.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully,

Dave Edwards, Secretary, MVRHRS



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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