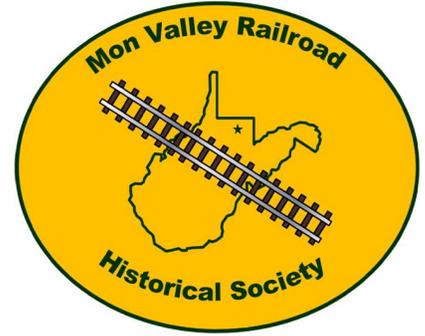


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

September, 2018



EDITORS NOTE

What does it mean to have a successful Society? Regardless of your definition, we are unlikely to achieve success without consistent planning, executing and evaluation. At some point, we need to overcome our old ideas, our early mistakes and things that might have gone off the rails. We need to roll up our sleeves and work to improve our future. We cannot let the CB&O (MVRHRS) disappear.

Perhaps there is a more personal reason for us to continue the hobby for our children, grandchildren and generations after. Surely there are others who would join us IF we just ask them.

Are we promoting and sharing the joy, fun, comradeship and sense of accomplishment, or are we just playing trains? We must let the public know what we have, why they should come and see it, and maybe, just maybe some will be interested enough in model railroading to join us.

Giving our members a vision of success and helping them to realize that vision falls to leadership. Everyone needs a clear picture. We must set goals and work toward achieving them. For a non-profit association it's especially hard to maintain enthusiasm and willingness to continue to build, improve and share what the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society is all about. We can no longer be satisfied with just good enough to survive. The world is moving very fast these days. We all know the calming effect of watching a steamer or diesel pulling a load on the layout.

Understanding our financial position will give us the ability to focus on the right areas to continue our efforts. The generosity of our members is a key element. Giving of resources, be it monetary, or in materials is very important to the success of our Society. Putting personalities aside and reminding everyone what the goal truly is, may help us to continue. We have different things we most enjoy, but model railroading is what brings us all together.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the Business Meeting August 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle with 3 officers present and 7 members. Minutes of the July 2018 meeting were available through the news letter with additional copies printed and available. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gary Deavers and seconded by Frank Benders. The motion was voted on and approved.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**September 6, 2018
Business Meeting**

**September 29, 2018
OP Session
Starting around 10am**

**October 4, 2018
Business Meeting**

**October 18, 19, 20, 21
Mountaineer Week
Train Show**

**Thursday, October 18 - starting at
6pm
Friday, October 19 - 11am to 8pm
Saturday, October 20 - 11am to 8pm
Sunday, October 21 - 11am to 4pm
Take down after 4pm
Workers Needed!**

**November 1, 2018
Business Meeting**



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Treasurer's Report: In Keith DeVaults absence Rich read the Treasurer's Report. The motion to accept was made by Greg Malnikoff and seconded by Rich Henderson. The motion was voted on and approved.

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: Eric is in the process of soldering some wires in the mine and plans to be done by the Open House. Eric reported that some "artist" has painted the landscape. Rich finished sculpting and molding at the "Wye" and has painted it brown. Gary has a mounting board with switches at the interlocking point. This will allow toggles to work and be controlled at different locations. Dave fixed the overhead lights and replaced some of the ballasts. "We need 37 more". Dave knows where we can get them. Frank reported that we could purchase LED lights at Wal Mart that can plug in to the present receptacles.

Publicity: PS announcements have gone out. Everything else is ready to go within the next 1-2 weeks. Radio Stations need 3 weeks prior to the event. Newspapers require 1 week. Schools will get their announcements after school resumes. This will increase the chance of them being received, read, and shared with the students.

Ad cars: Brockway Auto is paid.

Membership: No changes reported. Rich received an email from Ian Grey who recently returned to Morgantown and desires to remain active in the society.

Donations: None.

Old Business:

Division II Meeting: was July 15th.

Bob Weinheimer brought and spoke about T-track which can be carried under arm and connected with other sections to construct a large "N" scale module depending on sections added. The Southern Penn RR presentation was was informative and enjoyed. Three of our members had their layouts open. Ken and Keith had about 30 visitors each, while Mike even more. Frank made mention that the Black Bear people were pleased to find that no damage was incurred to any floors or furniture.

Ken brought the FAO Schwartz train that was approved at the previous meeting and so purchased. Tom reported that there is a detailed site on Facebook by Russell Love called "Abandoned Rails". He also has books for sale. This site also features the South Bend RR presented by Frank Clement.

New Business:

Gary reported that at the Division II meeting some visitors from the Johnstown area suggested an Operating Session in perhaps September. The session would be open to present members, potential members, and invited guests from other clubs. There was discussion around the WVU away games that would be September 15 and 29. Gary made a motion for an Operating Session for All Train Operators and Enthusiasts on Saturday September 29 with time TBA. Ken seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed. Gary said we follow up by creating an email chain.

Rich made a motion that the membership address the appearance of our entrance. He suggested we paint using the clubs color scheme of gray, yellow, and green with a semi-gloss finish. The motion was

seconded by both Ken and Gary. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Gary has been using Federal Standard Yellow. Rich will try to match the colors of our Logo. Rich will also send out an email for members to sign up to help. Gary suggested painting the metal edge for safety. This suggestion was discussed, but a motion was not made.

For the Good of the Order:

Frank moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Gary and Eric. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully,

Greg Malnikoff,
Secretary MVRHS



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 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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