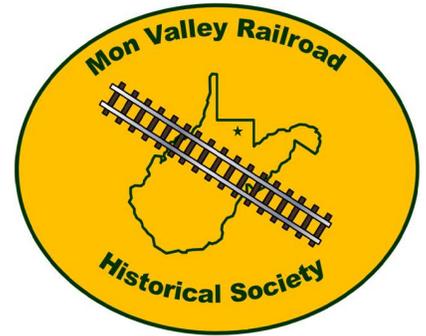


TRAIN OF THOUGHT

**MON VALLEY RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

May, 2019



EDITORS NOTE

The Spring Model Railroad Open House was a great success. We had lots of visitors over the weekend and one new Family membership. They were so enthusiastic, that the family joined immediately. Several other people asked about joining our Society and membership applications were given out. A former member came down and visited with us and expects he will re-join our group. All the hard work that we have completed over the winter months has paid off!

We have nearly finished several scenery areas on the main layout and visitors were really impressed with what we have completed. There is still a lot to be completed but we now have several months to work on things before the Back to School Open House in late August. Let's keep up the good work!

I want to thank all the members who signed up and worked the open house. Without your help these events would not be possible. I hope everyone had a good time. As for me, I had a Great time. You ALL are the Best!

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the April 4, 2019 Business Meeting

The April 2019 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:31 with four officers and nine members present. March business meeting minutes were approved by vote on a motion by Gary and second by Dave.

Treasurer's Report: Keith DeVault read his report; it was approved by vote on a motion by Greg and second by Mike.

Modules: Mike reported that no significant progress had been made over the last month, but did mention that Ian had contributed to the work effort on the module. There was discussion about the sudden appearance of a road that was not included in the initial design. Further investigation and discussion may be forthcoming.

Main Layout: Jim K. reported the bridge near the Farm is almost completed. It was also reported by Rich that the water tower and bridge at Wilson's Mills is in place. There are tombstones in the cemetery and the horse farm stands at 95% complete. Gary continues to work on the repeaters.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**May 2, 2019
Business Meeting**

**June 6, 2019
Business Meeting**

**July 11, 2019
Business Meeting**

**August 1, 2019
Business Meeting**

**August 24 & 25, 2019
Back to School
Open House**

**September 5, 2019
Business Meeting**

**October 3, 2019
Business Meeting**



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Publicity: Publicity for the Spring Open House is all out to the various media. There was an article with pictures in the paper and Rich did an interview on “Morgantown Weekend” with Lindsay Flemming of WAJR.

Ad Cars: Hastings Funeral Home has renewed their box car.

Membership: Rich continues to monitor the Facebook page. Rich has had contact with Chatham Sinclair of the Wheeling area who wants to join our society. Mr. Sinclair reports there are no HO scale clubs in the Northern Panhandle.

Donations: No cash donations were reported at this time. Rich donated some paint as well as some MicroMark Peel ‘N Stick brick. Catherine O’Dell donated Lionel trains. Rich will take them to the Cumberland Train Show and try to sell them there. Jim’s wife made and donated a child’s bib that features trains in the design. Keith built and donated a VHS tape rack.

Old Business: The Horse Farm, Water Tower and Graveyard scenery indicate that 2 of the 2019 Goals are nearly complete. Lou made a request that more buildings be erected against the “Blue Wall”.

New Business: Mike opened up discussion about a depot in the St. George area and volunteered to begin working on the depot using the Fairmont Depot as the model. Keith purchased a kit for the Elkins depot. Mike made a motion the society pay for the kit with other members being encouraged to donate for the purpose of offsetting the cost to the society. A second was offered by Rich. The motion passed.

Rich began discussion concerning an email sent from our good friend Tim Weaver, addressed to the society. Tim is requesting our return to Rowlesburg for 2 days as a featured attraction. Tim offered free meals and lodging to members and mentioned there will be a BBQ and guest speakers. Keith made a motion to table discussion until we have more information. Second by Greg. Motion passed.

For the Good of the Order:

Rich will have three (3) tables at the Cumberland train show on Saturday May 4, 2019. One will be to sell off donated Lionel items for the Society.

Rich thanked Mike for stepping in and taking notes for the minutes during the March meeting. Keith and Frank thanked everyone who helped set up and teardown for the Division II Meeting. Many members have signed up for the Open House. Rich offered to send out a reminder for the commitments. Motion to adjourn by Keith seconded by Gary. The meeting Adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully, *Greg Malnikoff*,
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 any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to:
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