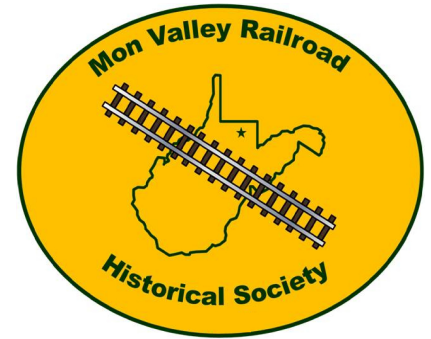


# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

### **September, 2019**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

The Back to School Open House is over and it was a Success! It started off slow on Saturday and continued slow, lots of things going on in Morgantown that day. Sunday was busy all day. We continue to get new people visiting and lots of repeat fans. Ken Colvin commented that he likes these Open Houses, it gives him a chance to meet new people, hear their stories and gives him a chance to tell our groups story. We should all take Ken's approach and tell everyone we meet about our Society. The more people who learn about our railroad group the more members we may gain and it will help our bottom line. More on the Open House at the September business meeting.

You may notice that the Mountainlair/Mountaneer Week has been removed from the Schedule of Events, learn more about this at the business meeting. We have a big decision to make!

Happy Training,

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the August 1, 2019 Business Meeting***

The August 2019 meeting was called to order by President Lou LeMelle at 7:30 with four officers and eight members present. July business meeting minutes were approved by vote on a motion by Mike Hohn and second by Rich Henderson.

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

**Modules:** Mike reported 90% complete on ballasting. A decision needs to be made as to what will be done with the modules.

**Main Layout:** Gary reported the switches for St. George and the AD track would be completed before the Open House. Eric reported having laid in track and ballast, and is doing some sculpting on the road bed under the station. Unit #219 is back in service and presently parked on AD 2.

**Publicity:** Rich has Public Service announcements out to the 30 radio stations. The printed notifications are in envelopes and ready to be sent out to the schools and newspapers, etc...

### ***SCHEDULE of EVENTS***

**September 5, 2019  
Business Meeting**

**October 3, 2019  
Business Meeting**

**November 7, 2019  
Business Meeting**

**December 5, 2019  
Business Meeting**

**December 14 & 15, 2019  
Holiday Open House  
**Workers Needed!****

**January 1, 2020  
Operating Session??**

**January 2, 2020  
Business Meeting**



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A new video recorded by Larry Linger at the Op Session has been posted to FaceBook. Four to Five additional pictures were also posted. Since the postings FaceBook has 553 Likes and 584 still following.

**Ad Cars:** : Nothing new to report.

**Membership:** No new developments.

**Donations:** Nothing new since the last report.

**Old Business:** There was discussion in general regarding the replacement or upgrade of our present DCC system. Frank suggested we investigate systems that can be upgraded as new features and technology become available.

The cost of new lighting has gone up and is no longer \$6.70 each for a 4' section. Dave continues to pursue better pricing.

**New Business:** A call was made by Rich to set the dates for the Winter Holiday Open House. After some discussion Rich made a motion to set the dates at December 14 from 10-4 and December 15 from 12-4. A second was made by Gary. The motion was voted on and approved.

Keith reported that the refiling of our application for 501(c)(3), was according to the IRS, a hoax of some sort. He is awaiting further details and information from the IRS.

If we are to participate in Mountaineer Week at the Mountain Lair, set up will need to be on Thursday October 31. Our exhibit will open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday November 1-3. Details were not available, but we are set to be in a different

location than previous years. Rich requested members contact him with their availability. It was suggested by Rich we have a fall back event under consideration. As we are now aware, November is National Model Railroad Month. An Opportunity for another Open House may be an appropriate and viable alternative. A decision regarding "Plan B" was deferred until September 5<sup>th</sup> when we are expected to have solid information regarding the Mountain Lair.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Keith has been involved as a teacher for the OLLI program at WVU, an outreach for adults over 49. Presently he is finishing a course he is teaching on the Transcontinental Railroad. The Chairperson for OLLI approached Keith and expressed interest in having members from the class visit the Society at some point. Ken would co-ordinate the activity. Keith is scheduled to do a presentation at "The Harmony/Crossings" from 3-4pm on August 23. The presentation will be on the M&K Railroad.

**FYI- Rich has fliers for the Open House.**

Motion to adjourn by Eric Hopkins, seconded by Greg.  
The meeting Adjourned at 2011 hours (8:11 pm civilian time).

Respectfully,

**Greg Malnikoff, Secretary**  
**MVRRHS**



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