

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

MON VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

October, 2019



EDITORS NOTE

WOW! Time sure does fly, it's October and we have Three (3) Thursday evenings to work on the layouts and one Thursday to Clean Up before our newest Open House. As most of you know the Mountainlair changed there focus for Mountaineer Week. We Are Out! Don't feel bad a lot of other things are out too, like the Saturday Kid's Day, the Quilt Show, etc. Times change and we must change with them or get left behind.

It was a hassle to haul the modules up to the Mountainlair, set them up and then spend three LONG days, however it did give us extra time to work on the layouts before the Holiday Open House just before Christmas.

As it stands now, we need this new open house to meet the Society's financial needs. Each open house brings in enough money to pay for one months rent & part of an electric bill. Without that money we would be forced to close. Try to think of Open House's as a way to keep doing your favorite hobby.

Happy Training,

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Business Meeting

The September 2019 meeting was called to order by Treasurer Keith DeVault at 7:30 with three officers and eight members present. August Business Meeting minutes were approved with a correction under **For the Good of the Order:** to read "The Chairperson for OLLI approached Ken and expressed interest in having members from the class visit the Society at some point." The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Gary.

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

Modules: No Report

Main Layout: Eric reported that ballasting had not yet, been done in the station area. Gary report that St George still needs ballast, but the switches are done and working. Rich installed telephone poles and trees in the mine town area to fill in empty areas. Jim reported making profiles in foam on the branch and said the station building was complete minus a roof and shed. Eric reported California Roadbed (Homabed, Homasote) being more difficult and expensive to find. He will search on eBay.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**October 3, 2019
Business Meeting**

**November 2 & 3, 2019
National Model Railroad
Month Open House
Workers Needed!**

**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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He also recommended an Ice Plant for the main layout with a small to moderate loading platform in the area of St. George. "We still need to do better with tying in brush, vegetation, and fencing". Todd suggested more company houses east of St. George and possibly a small industry.

Publicity: FaceBook has 556 Likes and 587 following. Pics of the Open House as well as Keith and Rich's presentation and the visit to the Harmony House have been posted.

Ad Cars: Nothing new to report.

Membership: No new developments.

Donations: Rich donated some soft cover books to be sold. He also donated modeling supplies and a porcelain train village and some paint. There was \$5 in the caboose. Ken received an old Railway Journal as well as a timetable and additional reading materials of historical value.

Old Business: The 501(3C) renewal is still under investigation.

The Back to School Open House was very successful, more Sunday than Saturday.

New Business: Rich reported that due to changes beyond our influence, we will not be participating in Mountaineer Week. A back up plan previously mentioned was to hold an additional Open House in November to coincide with National Model Railroad Month. Rich made a motion we conduct the Open House on November 2nd and 3rd during the usual hours. A second was made by Todd and the motion carried.

For the Good of the Order:

Eric pointed out that smokers need to be more considerate to other members and visitors by closing doors from the outside.

Rich, Frank, and Keith did a presentation at The Harmony. There is a sale in Jeanette, Pa at Mike Niedzaloski's Train Shop on September 9th.

The Mid Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club is having their Fall Train Show on October 26th.

Motion to adjourn by Rich seconded by Gary.

The meeting Adjourned at 1954 hours (7:54 pm civilian time).

Respectfully,

*Greg Malnikoff, 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 any railroad related topic. Just type it up and send it to: Rich Henderson, Editor at: trainman430@comcast.net

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