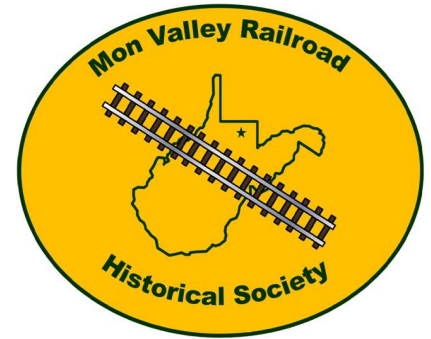


# ***TRAIN OF THOUGHT***

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

### **November, 2019**



### ***EDITORS NOTE***

November is almost here and that means we have only one week or less until our newest event: The National Model Railroad Month Open House on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, 2019. Cleanup day will be this Thursday, October 31, 2019. IF you can help with cleanup or working on one or both days please let me know ASAP.

We have made some progress on the main layout scenery and new or revised trackage. If you haven't been down in a while to see all the improvements, try to get down soon.

We will be taking the "Switching Layout" up to the Mountaineer Mall on Saturday, December 14, 2019. We were asked by the Spark Imagination & Science Center to provide a train set for their fund-raising event. The Switch layout hasn't been used in a long time and several members will be cleaning it up and checking to make sure it works correctly.

Hope to see you soon.  
Happy Training,

*Rich Henderson, Editor*



### ***Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Business Meeting***

The October 2019 meeting was called to order by President Lou Lemelle at 7:30 with three officers and nine members present. September Business Meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Frank and second by Mike followed by a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rich Henderson presented the Treasurer's Report for Keith who was unable to be present. The report was approved by vote on a motion by Todd and Frank's second.

**Modules:** Ballasting is almost completely redone. The 4<sup>th</sup> module is waiting for disposition regarding intended use. Mike continues to maintain "Operational Readiness". Work on the modules will be scaled back until after the Winter Holidays and Open Houses. After extended discussion, there was consensus on having the additional modules compatible with the present modular layout. There is hope for new travel venues for the future. "The Board" will meet with Mike to identify specific criteria.

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

**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**

**February 6, 2020  
Business Meeting**



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**Main Layout:** Gary reported the West End signal work has begun. Eric reported the St. George passenger station track has been laid and the switch is in for the coal branch track. Rich reported that the Elkins Coal and Coke building has new signage as well gravel all around the building. Jim continues to place plaster and foam. Eric continues to look for Homabed. All and any leads are appreciated. We need more of the curvable 45 degree roadbed than the straight pieces.

**Publicity:** Rich has publicity ready to roll out. PSA's have sent to the radio stations. Flyers are ready. Specifics for The Community Bulletin Boards on the 2 TV stations has been sent out. Everything else is stamped and ready. FaceBook has 556 Likes and 587 following.

**Ad Cars:** Nothing new to report. Eric will start working on renewals. He will also approach/contact previous subscribers that have fallen away.

**Membership:** No new developments.

**Donations:** No Report.

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

**New Business:** Eric Hansmann forwarded contact info on Matt Witt, a WVU Grad Student who is heading up a fundraising activity for the *Spark Imagination and Science Center* at the old mall. He requested a "Train Set". Rich volunteered the old "Switch Layout" and that we could send a couple of members for demonstration and teaching while

distributing flyers for our own Open House that will be held the same weekend. Mike made a motion the we participate. Gary put forth a second and the motion was approved by vote.

The Mountain Lair approached Ken and offered us the Crossbucks that were set up at the entrance to our display room during our previous participation with Mountaineer Week. Eric will try to pick them up.

We probably won't need a major cleaning prior to the Holiday Open House.

#### **For the Good of the Order:**

The Mid Ohio Valley Model Rail Road Club is having a Fall Train Show Saturday 10/26 from 10-3 in Parkersburg.

There is a Train Show on 10/27 from 9-4 at the Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum in Wheeling.

The Winchester Virginia MRRC is hosting a show on 11/9 from 9a - close (whenever that is). It's at the Moose Hall. They have lost their building and are looking for a new space.

Dave requested these notices for events be posted on a bulletin board.

**\*\*\*\*\*During one of the resent cleaning sessions some rolls of "Plaster Cloth" were moved and are now missing. These 2 rolls belonged to Jim. If anyone comes across the rolls. Please, let Jim know \*\*\*\*\***

Motion to adjourn by Greg seconded by Frank.  
The meeting Adjourned at 2020 hours (8:20 pm civilian time).

Respectfully,

***Greg Malnikoff, Secretary  
MVRRHs***

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