

Mid-Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club Newsletter

Year End, 2025

Our model railroad club closes the year on a successful run, following a huge turnout at the annual Christmas Open House and a well-attended Christmas Dinner.

The final event of 2025 is the annual **Belpre Industrial Parkersburg Railroad Christmas Train Open House** on **December 14** from 3-7 pm. The train is expected to appear near the Sixth Street crossing just after our open house concludes.

The election of officers for 2026 was conducted at the December meeting and, with no new nominations brought forth, **Jonathan Insley** remains president, **Todd Noland** is still vice president and **Kelly Offenberger** is treasurer. The one change from this year is **Wayne Batten** taking over as secretary/publicist.

General Club News

- Attendance at the annual Christmas Open House was reported to be a whopping 618 guests and the Lionel Polar Express train set raffle was highly successful.
- MOVIRC welcomes **Bill Howell** of Vincent, OH as a new member. Mr. Howell is a long-time model railroader and will be working in O scale. His sponsor is **Jonathan Insley**.
- **Scott Martin** and **Tim Baer** received approval for membership upgrades at the December meeting. Both are now key-holding regular members.
- **Jonathan Insley** and **Kevin Highman** have the club's new Facebook business page up and running. The page received approximately 100 shares and 1,800 views just before the Christmas Open House.
- MOVIRC's Facebook Group page has seen more than 50 persons join in December and now tops 1,500 members.
- **Joe Stephens** invites members and friends of MOVIRC to attend a **Victorian Home Christmas Open House** on **December 16** at 6 pm at the historic Smith residence at 1024 Juliana Street in Parkersburg. According to Joe, trains will be running in O and G scales with some HO also a possibility.
- **Roy Highman** offered a suggestion of adding times to our large stand-up open house signs and putting the signs in place a couple of hours ahead of our open houses so passers-by have more opportunity to view the information. The suggestion was well-received.

General Club News (continued)

- **Jim Mysakowec** led a recognition of **Mark Suek**, and his 26 years of service to the club, at the December meeting. Mark is stepping away from the club.
- A moment of silence was observed, in honor of **the late Eldon Young**, at the December meeting. Eldon, one of our most tenured members, passed away December 2.
- **Barry Powderly, Roy Highman, Kevin Highman and Wayne Batten** were recognized, at the December meeting, for their extra effort toward clean-up of the club facility.
- MOVIMRC's Board of Directors will meet in January to elect a chairman, review the club rules and regulations and finalize the schedule of events for 2026. The board will also be reviewing several membership applications received at the Christmas Open House. The board, at the suggestion of **Jonathan Insley** and after discussion with membership at the December meeting, will be looking at adjusting the times of the May and August open houses in an attempt to bolster attendance.