

Mid-Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club

November-December 2020 Newsletter

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us, Holiday Open **to cancel our annual Fall Train Show, Christmas Open Houses and Christmas Dinner**, there is still aplenty going on.

MOVMRC, with professional help from the likes of friend of the club and local media personality **Doug Hess**, has produced a video entitled “**Christmas In the Valley**”. The video features several club members as actors as well as the talents of **Randy Kinsolving** and **Mike Penn**. **Jimmie Bee** is the mastermind behind the project and he and wife **Krista Bee** have generously paid for all the costs associated with producing the video. This video will be sold as a fundraiser for the club and members are encouraged to purchase a copy. This item would make an excellent Christmas gift for any train lover.

Our **Fall Fundraiser**, which runs until December 1, is similar to what we did back the springtime, except there are now more than 30 prizes to be won. Numbers are \$10 each and can be purchased by anyone in the community. Numbers will be assigned by a random generator machine. Prizes will be drawn live on the club Facebook page on **December 1** at 7 p.m. Deadline to purchase numbers is 12 noon on December 1. Numbers can be purchased through PayPal by sending payment to movmrrc@gmail.com (note the extra “r” in the address) or by mailing a check to **Josh Lee** or paying by cash through **Josh Lee**. MOVMRC thanks **Jimmie Bee** for heading up this project, sales for which began on November 1. **Jimmie Bee, Steve Vicars** and **Jonathan Insley** are to be thanked for securing the prizes, which were donated by local individuals and businesses. Members are encouraged to participate. Questions can be directed to **Jimmie Bee, Chris Reynolds** or **Josh Lee**. Among the prizes are a \$100 gift certificate from West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts, a \$200 train set from **Bee Line Model Trains and Supplies** and either hobby shop gift certificates (**Stephens Outdoor Railways, Bee Line Model Trains and Supplies, Patrick’s Trains, or West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts**) or Visa gift cards in the amounts of \$75, \$150 and \$300.

General Club News

- MOVMRC thanks all those who were involved in the making of “**Christmas In The Valley**”, including the aforementioned **Jimmie Bee, Randy Kinsolving** and **Mike Penn** as well as actors **Doug Unsold, Parker Lee** and **Payton Insley**. Thanks, also, to those who ran trains and served as speakers. This list includes **Jonathan Insley, Roy Highman, Joe Stephens, Mark Suek, Steve Vicars, Zach Kessler, Kevin Highman, Jim Mysakowec** and **Bill Arnold** as well as friend of the club **Josh Scott**.

General Club News (continued)

- As of November 12, **Josh Lee** reported we have \$7,744.09 in the account and \$160 in petty cash after lease and utility payments were made and other business fees were paid. It costs about \$4,500 per year to operate the club and our rules and regulations require we keep one year's worth of funds in the account.
- The first nominations of candidates for 2021 club officer positions were conducted at the November meeting with **Chris Reynolds** and **Josh Lee** deciding to remain on the ballot in their current positions and **Jonathan Insley** accepting a nomination for the vice president's role. The secretary position remains open. The final nominations and election will take place at the December meeting (**December 10 at 7:00 the club**).
- MOVARC thanks **Chris Reynolds** for serving as interim president for the last quarter of this year and thanks **Whitney Hess** for doing a great job with the website.
- MOVARC thanks the **City of Vienna** for allowing to use its community building for meetings over the summer.
- Work continues to progress on the HO and O scale layout upgrades.
- Did you know member **Randy Kinsolving** is the long-time sideline reporter for radio broadcasts of Parkersburg South High School football games?
- MOVARC will soon enjoy the protection afforded by being a registered 501C(3) non-profit organization. The Board of Directors is also working toward making the necessary arrangements for the club to become tax exempt. The professional work on the project has been donated by local attorneys and certified public accountants.
- In the September-October newsletter, we mistakenly stated *Garden Railways* magazine was ceasing operation. In reality, *Garden Railways* is no longer issuing a printed magazine. The information is now only presented in an electronic format.
- **Mike Penn** and wife Kim have opened a booth at Peddler's Junction antique mall in Belpre, OH and are selling Mike's railroad artwork. Friends will want to also stop by **Bee Line Model Trains and Supplies (Jimmie Bee, proprietor)** while visiting Peddler's.

General Club News (continued further)

- To clarify a point of background discussion within the club, **Mark Suek** was not appointed as the O scale board of directors representative by the board. He was elected by the O Scale Co-Op members. Further, like all board members, Mark has but one total vote- not two.
- The club Board of Directors wishes all members, and friends of the club, a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!
- This is the final MOVIMRC newsletter to be written and issued by **Mark Suek**. It has been a privilege for him to serve MOVIMRC in this capacity for much of the past 20 years.