

Mid-Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club Newsletter-

October-November, 2025

Several of the club's biggest events of the year are on the near horizon, starting with the **30th Annual Fall Train Show on October 25** at the student activities center at West Virginia University's Parkersburg campus. Hours of operation are 10 am to 3 pm.

As always, the club will require a lot of member help with regard to **set-up on October 24 at 5 pm** as well as working the front door, running the bucket drawing during the show and tear-down immediately after the close of the show.

Tom Ratkovich is again serving as show chairman and will be in charge of the set-up, administration and tear-down at the show. **Mike Hupp** has made arrangements for us to enjoy the services of the same food provider as last year and members are asked to generously patronize this vendor. **Mark Suek** has worked hard to promote the event and thanks those who've assisted. Members are reminded to "share: the event posting on Facebook and be sure to click on "public".

This will be **Tom Ratkovich's** last year as chairman of the Fall Train Show and he will be turning over leadership of the event to **Wayne Batten**.

Following the Fall Train Show, MOVIMRC will conduct **nominations for 2026 club officers** at the November and December meetings with the election at the December meeting. Members interested in being on the ballot should secure a nomination from another club member. Spots on the ballot are available for all officer positions, except treasurer.

The third major event is the annual **Christmas Open House, set for December 6** at the club facility. Hours are 10-6 and lead up to the lighting of the Parkersburg Christmas Tree. Our open house is again part of Downtown PKB's Winterfest celebration. A sign-up sheet for door workers is posted on the club bulletin board. **Clean-up is set for December 4 at 5 pm** with **Todd Noland** in charge.

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General Club News

- **Jimmie Bee** reports the diorama/model of the oil boom town of Volcano was popular during the recent Volcano Days festival and more than 700 people viewed it.
- The **Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Historical Society** will have a booth at our Fall Train Show. This is a first rate organization with impressive publications (Magazines, newsletters and coffee table books), many of which focus on C&O operations in West Virginia and Ohio. MOVIMRC members are encouraged to consider membership in COHS. The club thanks **Jim Mysakowec** for making the arrangements with our friend **Brandy Dudley** at COHS headquarters in Clifton Forge, VA.

General Club News continued

- Members planning to attend the **annual Christmas Dinner** are reminded to sign-up on the sheet posted on the club bulletin board. **Tom Ratkovich** is in charge of the dinner and has it set for **December 9 at 6:30 pm at Western Sizzlin'** in South Parkersburg. This is the same location as last year. In fairness to Western Sizzlin' staff, we'd like to avoid the situation we experienced last year, whereby club members showed-up at the dinner without first signing-up and a number of members who did sign-up did not show up. This placed the servers in a bad situation.
- **The Seventh Annual NMRA Division 6 Train Show** is set for October 26 at the Pritchard Laughlin Center in Cambridge, OH. There is an informational flier posted on the club bulletin board and extras on the desk in the meeting room. This show is the day after ours.
- According to **Roy Highman, Mike Hupp** and **Jim Mysakowec**, slow progress continues on the remodel of the club HO scale layout and the construction of the new O scale layout.
- Members who wish to view this newsletter in PDF format may do so by accessing the club website.
- **Josh Poe** has secured a \$500 grant from **West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union** with the funds directed toward the HO remodel.
- **Wayne Batten** has acquired, and installed, a pair of five pound Carbon Dioxide (CO2) fire extinguishers in the layout room. The club thanks Wayne for handling this project.
- **Ed Baranoski** reports our friends at **TK Train and Hobby** in Bridgeport, OH are expecting to close their doors for good right after Christmas.
- MOVIMRC thanks **Wayne Batten** and **Parker Atkinson** for their work with regard to the operating model railroad modules in HO and N scales, both of which are an important part of the Fall Train Show.