

# Mid-Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club

## September-October, 2020 Newsletter

In spite of pandemic restrictions, our model railroad club continues to function, conducting monthly meetings at the Vienna Community Building in Jackson Memorial Park and continuing the work involved with layouts and business of the club.

Along those lines, **Dave Stout** was awarded a lifetime membership in MOVIMRC at the August meeting in recognition of being a founding father of the club and his many contributions over the years. Dave is in HO scale and also owns an excellent home layout.

What's more, several members of the **O Scale Co-Op** continue to meet at the club and conduct small work sessions toward an upgrade to both the electronics and the scenery on the layout. Two of the first projects were to recess the large mirror into the wall and trim tunnel entrances so large steam locomotives can navigate the layout. More recently, Lionel's LCS system was installed by members and two experts from Wheeling and will be followed by wiring upgrades and changes to improve the town area. See **Jim Mysakowec** or **Jonathan Insley** for details.

Meanwhile, progress continues on the big HO layout project. Several work sessions and meetings have taken place. See **Chris Reynolds, Josh Lee, Joel Kachel** or **Roy Highman** for details.

**Parker Atkinson** represented the club in the Walthers National Model Railroad Build-Off and was a finalist in the youth division. Well done, young man!

As is normally the case, MOVIMRC's roster changed a bit after dues season. We now stand at 70 members after some long-time members opted to leave the club and five new members joined at the August meeting.

About 20 members and guests enjoyed the club picnic in early August. MOVIMRC thanks **Joe and Lisa Stephens** for again hosting the event.

The Train Show Committee and officers met, just before the August meeting, and made the difficult decision to **cancel the Fall Train Show**. The decision was made out of concern for the well-being of our members, vendors and guests.

Beginning in October, we will return to conducting the **monthly club meetings** at the MOVIMRC facility. We will scatter chairs about the layout room and set-up fans to ensure airflow.

## General Club News

- As of the September meeting, **Josh Lee** reported we had \$9,590.18 in the account and \$183 in petty cash.
- MOVARC made a \$685 donation to **Mike and Sueette Hupp** to help with medical expenses after Sueette suffered a brain aneurysm. The Hupp family has put forth a tremendous amount of time and effort toward betterment of the club for many years.
- We welcomed five new members at the August meeting, including **Tim Garretson** and **Tyler Blake** of Parkersburg, **Kelly and Christian Offenberger** of Vincent, OH and **Phil O'Brien** of Marietta, OH. All our new members are in HO scale and sponsored by a combination of **Jimmie Bee**, **Joe Stephens** and **Jim Mysakowec**.
- Requests by **Josh Poe** and **Scott Hoffer** for upgrades to full member have been approved. Josh is in HO and Scott is in N.
- MOVARC's COVID-19 restrictions remain in place at the club facility, although the glove requirement has been lifted. We are still limited to 10 or fewer persons at the club at one time and facemasks are required.
- The club's O scale co-op has elected **Mark Suek** as its board of directors representative after **Mike Hupp** resigned. **Jim Mysakowec** is Mark's back-up.
- MOVARC was saddened to learn of the passing of our long-time friend and former landlord **Fred Linsell** just after the previous newsletter was published. Fred was a jovial man, who knew how to conduct business and treat people in a friendly and professional manner. Our condolences to daughter **Lisa McCray** and the rest of the Linsell family.
- **Jimmie Bee** has placed trains in a display at the Dogwood Museum in Tupper Plains, OH and is working on a detailed model of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train.
- The annual **Christmas Dinner** is set for December 17 at 6 p.m. at the Washington Bottom Volunteer Fire Department, located just south of the Chemours/DuPont/Kuraray plant on Route 892 beside the Washington Community Building and across the highway from Washington United Methodist Church. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the club bulletin board and members are asked to bring a covered dish.
- Work continues on our social media guidelines. See **Chris Reynolds** for details.

## **General Club News (continued)**

- Two fall fundraisers are being planned. See **Jimmie Bee** for details. One will be a number drawing, similar to what we did in the spring. This time, however, there will be at least eight prizes, several of which are Visa gift cards. **Steve Vicars** has agreed to solicit additional prize donations from area businesses. Tickets will be sold Nov. 1-Nov. 30 at \$10 each. Persons outside the club are welcome to purchase tickets. The second fundraiser will be the Christmas video, which we will sell for \$10.
- *Garden Railways* magazine has announced it will cease operation after the Fall 2020 issue. *Garden Railways* had been a G gauge staple for a long time.
- Our club roster was updated and e-mailed to members in August. Just after publication, we were informed **Rodney Matheny's** new address in Romney, WV is now 166 Harvest Drive. Please make a note of it.
- We're rapidly approaching the time for **nominations and elections of club officers** for 2021. If you desire to be considered a candidate for one of the four positions, please make your wishes known to any board member.