

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): absent

Vice President (Bill Davies) Keep the building clean. If you see a full trash can, empty it. If you get a tool or open a parts drawer, put the tool back and close the parts drawer. If the Naphtha bottle you are using is empty refill it. Reminder, nothing goes on the tracks except cars and locos including when setting up. Many of us are getting toward the end of track, think and plan on how you want to dispose of your layout, and train items. If you plan on giving items to the club or want club members to help with dismantling your layout, write a letter to the club stating exactly what you want, give the letter to Larry to place in the club safe deposit box. Make a codicil to your will so there are no questions as to what you want.

1st Thursday program is going well with 10-14 participants on the outdoor layout and 4-5 on the HO layout.

Secretary (Brad Jones): no report

Treasurer (Larry Morton): 2025 YTD. Income YTD is \$6,114 and expenses \$2,920. Train show income has another \$440 owed to us.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): absent - 5 members participated in the trip to Spencer Shops.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place). Absent. Patrick Beckman was voted in as a new member. Mark Schreier was not present and no members present knew him well enough to present a motion to vote, so his application was tabled until the April meeting.

One new application along with payment was received from Paul Crimmins.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): Needs additional mentors. Program is going well.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): absent. John Ryan has had health issues but is doing better now.

Website (Dan Bails): Two calendars are available on our website. One public and one for members only.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): Last Op session went well and was well attended. The April session will be cancelled due to Operations team not being available. Secretary will send notice.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): When layout shuts down the proper way to restore is via a UT6 throttle, use power on function to restore. Not the power switches that shut all power to computers and Digitrax 240+.

The Asheville computer is now directly connected to the Digitrax 240+ via a 20-foot USB cable. A blue light is showing on the 240+ when it's on.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): Ed Clark has redone the Asheville repair shop with additional details and lighting. Has also added additional lighting around other buildings.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent. New Telephone poles have been added and a new Railbus is now on the layout.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): absent

City Liaison (John Ryan): absent. We need a new City Liaison. Terry Ketcham has volunteered to replace John.

Facilities (Terry Ketcham): Light over Spartanburg is out. A city employee was at the depot recently and Terry pointed it out. He said he would take care of it but we have not heard back from the city. Terry will follow up with the city.

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson) absent. May need to reschedule the May EIT session as Hendersonville is having a 7th avenue street fest along with the Farmers market that day May3rd.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill) 3 small donations have come in recently.

Artifacts : (Sally Ruff): Reported she has not completed anything new.

Library : We need a new Librarian. Volunteer needed.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc. New iPhone holders have been located around the layout for those using phone aps such as WiThrottle. The Linwood yard bridge has been stabilized with leg supports at the peninsula corner.

Next Meeting at 10AM April 23rd

Old Business None

New Business None

Attenders:29 were present

Meeting ended at 11:05 am.