

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2025

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): absent

Vice President (Bill Davies): Sign up for time slots. Clear off the tracks if you are not signed up for that time slot.

During public hours do not switch between the Asheville and Piedmont divisions.

If a Naphtha bottle is empty, refill it. See a senior member for instructions.

When you return a controller put it back into the correct slot and set it to charge per the written instructions on the cabinet door.

Put your name on all items you bring to the club.

Do not leave empty boxes near the phone, computer or any other places members need access to. When putting equipment on the track do not put boxes on the track or layout.

Pick up after yourself.

Secretary (Brad Jones): Covered basic modeling program that is forthcoming. Need more instructors and members need to sign up for classes.

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): Received \$610 in donations box and \$162 in sales. Balance of approximately \$28k is in the bank. Expect Christmas party to cost \$3-4K.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): Saluda grade purchase has been finalized. Rails to trails project to be completed in the future. Encouraged members to visit the Saluda depot museum.

The How to Build a Railroad video series project is moving forward. Tom Hagerty has taken the lead on this project. Titled Basic Modeling 101: How to build a railroad.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): Three new members were voted in to full membership. Mason Gempe, Eli Windsor, and Paul Crimmins. Five more applications are in progress.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): absent

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Dave Hull is back at the club today. Rob Wright will be back in a couple weeks.

Website (Dan Bails): 98 members on list not counting applicants in progress.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): absent, June OP session went well. Next session is July 15th.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Dan will be the instructor for the forthcoming electrical class. Recommended a DCC book. DCC for Model Railroaders by Alan Gartner. The secretary sent an email with book information out to members. Wi-Fi glitch was due to the computer connection cable being unhooked. Make sure you properly tell the new 6 series controllers to go on charge when returning them to the storage cabinet.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): Thomas layout is getting one ride replaced. Was worn out. Thomas layout needs cleaned.

Building: (Terry Ketcham): Fascia repainting is approximately 50% complete. Have a loose handrail that is being repaired. Kudos to Mark for cleaning the sidewalk.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): Terry reports there is a problem with the inside loop that requires some track work to resolve the issue.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): no report

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): no report

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson): absent. A discussion was held regarding interference between members removing their personnel equipment at 2PM at the same time the EIT program is supposed to start.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): Several donations have come in and we have been selling a lot to club members. Mostly Lionel coming in from donations. Swap meet will be held for members only on July 16th from 10-11AM at the depot. Members can reserve 1/3 of a table. See Jonathan or Steve for reservation.

Artifacts (Sally Ruff): Discussed available digital collection at Baker-Barber Library.

Library: Sally Ruff volunteered to be the Librarian if no one else wants it.

OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting: July 23rd at 10AM

Old Business: None

New Business: Larry Morton is setting up more layout tours starting soon. Looking at four geographical quadrants.

Steve Anderson stated a member only swap meet will be scheduled twice a year in the meeting room.

Attendees: 31 members present

Meeting ended at 11:45 AM