

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2026 10 AM

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Planning underway for Polar Express reading Dec 7, 2026, Need volunteers to clean Linwood, Old Fort, Asheville yards once a month. Please sign up to run trains when you are here. Buy embroidered shirts and hats using the catalog in the office. Need members on May 29 (a Thursday) and June 18 (a Thursday), to run trains for visiting groups. No Farmer's Market on July 4th. We will have the Blue Ridge Southern loco here. The French Broad N scale club will be open 11 AM to 3 PM on the 4th.

Club information is available on our website. You can find club meeting minutes, training videos, Club Roster, and club rules. Make sure you sign up with Dan Bails in order to access the members only section.

The workbench has missing items. Including two BNSF locomotives and 3 kadee coupler gauges. Need them returned. Tools need to be returned to where you got them when you complete your work. Remember that couplers and wheel set can be purchased in the shop.

If you are interested in participating in an OP session let Bill Raymond know of your interest and make sure he has your email address. These are held the third Tuesday of each month.

Vice President (Bill Davies): absent

Secretary (Brad Jones): Please update emails and addresses if changes are made.

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): The club received \$1,160 this month. Club spent \$2,446 this month and \$5,501 year to date. Current bank balance is \$27,112.

Ombudsman (Bill Meyers): Looking at replacing lighting system in Piedmont division with LED lights. Project work has already started. Status of night club member operations is that an email will be sent out in June to solicit comments and interest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): 3 new members were voted in this month. Tom Huntsinger, Cody Watts, and Henry Freeman.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): We need to keep control of the youth members as they are moving cars set up for the OP sessions. They may not understand the rules and mentors need to make sure they obey the rules.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): No current members are reported to be dealing with any health issues.

Website (Dan Bails): !22 members are on the membership list. Training videos are now available on the website.

HO Operations (Bill Raymond): May session went well. Need more operators at future events. Need at least 16 to run effectively. If you come regularly to the OP's sessions, please bring your own radio/headset and controller. Spencer locos without sound are now in the shop to determine which should get sound and which should be sold. Ordered 6 new walkie-talky radios and headsets to replace the old ones. Will sell the old sets. Let Bill know if you are planning to attend sessions. If you need information regarding which radio and headset to buy, see Bill Raymond. New markers flagging cars to not be moved have been prepared.

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Shop Updates: (Mason Gempe): absent. Please pay for couplers, wheels that you take. Put tools back when done. In the last two months a Digitrax controller and three coupler measuring tools have been removed from the shop without permission. If you have any of these items please return them to YOUR club.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): absent

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): absent

Thomas layout: (Romar Taylor): Work is starting on outdoor layout.

Building: (Terry Ketcham): absent

Training Workshop (Tom Hagerty): no report

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent. We have had a few donations to the outdoor layout

Club Computers (Dave Hull, Kelly Orr): Updates underway

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): absent

Engineer In Training: (Ray Baldwin): One new youth has signed up. We now have eight on the email list and have 2-3 show up for sessions

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): no new donations

Artifacts (Sally Ruff, Callie): absent

Library: (Callie): Callie absent

OTHER ITEMS: Visitor schedule: May 29th 40 ladies, June 18th, Thursday 30 seniors

Next Meeting: June 23rd at 10 AM.

Old Business:

New Business:

We are looking for a Publicity coordinator for the club. (Post meeting Chris Skidmore volunteered to take on this task)

Larry is looking at setting up open house tours. Looking at June/July time frame.

Attendees: 41 members present. Meeting ended at 11:15 am.