

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2025 10AM

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Absent

Vice President (Bill Davies): Absent

Secretary (Brad Jones): A letter was sent out recently that stated that cars marked with a colored tag were set up for the forthcoming op session and were not to be moved. This rule has not been followed recently and members need to comply.

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): Elections in November for President, Vice President. The Scale Trains presentation went well and we had approximately 50 people in attendance. Train days is November 15th and Blue Ridge Southern will have two locomotives on site.

Our club lost Ben Bartlett who passed away last Monday. Ben was a huge asset to our club and will be sorely missed.

Received \$2,747 in sales. Expect Christmas party to cost \$4000. \$606 was spent on 2 new locomotives. Bank balance is \$25,228.

Ombudsman (Bill Meyers): Railroad days will be November 15th. Two locomotives will be parked here on the siding from Blue Ridge Southern. Also looking at having a Park Ranger from Carl Sandberg home here for a presentation but ongoing government shutdown may affect their attendance. Looking at getting a food truck for the event and perhaps other things for kids.

Cars tagged for op sessions are being moved on the Saturday prior to the op session which is disrupting the set up. Do not move cars that are tagged.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): Voted in 5 new members. There are 2 more applications in progress. New members are Jordan Allison, Chris Collins, Wayne Hamilton, Romar Taylor, and Bill Huntman.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): no report

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Ben Bartlett passed away this week.

Website (Dan Bails): absent

HO Operations (Bill Raymond): Light attendance at last Op session but session went well. Issue with cars having been moved that had been set up for the OP session.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Digitrax controller #3 came back from Digitrax and still doesn't charge. Non rechargeable batteries have been installed. Covered soldering iron safety. Stated that Modules should follow NMRA standards. Locomotive 7002 is now back in service. The shop computer has been updated to Windows 11. A new computer for the shop is being looked at for replacement. DC Power pack on work bench went missing so Dan found a replacement. Tom Duffy has set up a track in the shop to program numbers in to Locomotives. This will free up JMRI for more extensive programming.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): no report

Thomas layout: (Romar Taylor): Design for wooden Thomas set has been approved by the board. Ed Clark built a viaduct on the Thomas layout. Mason Collins and Ed Clark are on the Thomas layout committee and Romar is the Chair of the committee

Building: (Terry Ketcham): Public door, the lock was repaired by American Eagle locksmith. Terry has been working on knocking the loose paint off the ceiling above the Piedmont division. The last farmers market of the season is this coming Saturday. There will be two special Farmers markets , one in November and one in December. The switch stand out back needs to have a plan of action completed. The shop needs cleaned and organized, especially under the Linwood yard.

Training Workshop (Tom Hagerty): absent

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent. Terry reports that the 2 truck Shay will have two new trucks installed.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): no report

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): no report

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Batherson): absent, Bill Raymond reported that the next EIT is Nov 1 with 3 EITs and mentors scheduled.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): Results of train show were that we raised approximately \$2000 in sales.

Annual Party: (Pete Bain): A signup sheet is posted on office door. 1 guest is free, others cost \$40 each. Please sign up by December 6th. Event will be at the Hendersonville Country Club. Blue jeans are not approved for wear inside the club house. Dress appropriately.

Artifacts (Sally Ruff. Callie): absent

Library: (Callie) absent

OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting: Nov 26th at 10AM. No meeting will be held in December.

Old Business:

New Business:

Attendees: 31 members present Meeting ended at: 10:55 AM