

## Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

### Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2023

**President's Remarks** (Rob Wright): Rob opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Christmas Luncheon, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM Burnt Shirt Vineyards. 2695 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville. Dress is business casual. That means no jeans. Awards presentation, Actors doing a skit, and slide show of this year's achievements are on the agenda.

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Boys and Girls club here for Polar Express reading during normal open hours. Three groups of 20-25 each.

One of the new UT6D throttles battery pack is still missing.

**Vice President** (Bill Davies): no report

**Secretary** (Brad Jones): Let me know if you are not getting emails. Provide me with your email address if you are not receiving emails.

The members spreadsheet needs updated.

Club will be open to public on the Friday after Thanksgiving from 10-2 PM.

5th Wednesday program is coming up November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. The topic will be Car Card Operations. Chuck Batherson will be making the presentation.

**Treasurer** (Larry Morton): \$1188 monthly income received with \$700 of it coming from Lionel sales made by Bill Daviess. Expenses were \$351 for a new GP35.

We have 62 currently signed up for the Christmas luncheon.

**Ombudsman** (Dave Simmons): Donation Policy. Club will accept Locomotives, buildings, and rolling stock but will not dismantle layouts.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** (Chuck Place): Scott Williams and Colin King were voted in as new members. We have 6 applications to vote on in upcoming meetings.

**Mentor Program** (Ken O'Brien): Chuck Place noted that new members are not to operate trains until completing the mentoring program items relating to operations.

**Good and Welfare** (Earl Hall): no report

**HO Operations** (Ben Bartlett): Bill Raymond reports we have a good number of members signed up for next week's OP session.

**Electrical/DCC** (Dan Lang): Handrails are being destroyed by improper handling of locomotives. Pick them up by the gas tanks. Also, when aligning trucks only grab the trucks.

November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8PM is the Biltmore Christmas movie on Hallmark channel.

Cork wine stoppers can be cut in half length wise and used to clean track. Just don't get too aggressive and leave cork bits on the track.

The UT6D track off function will shut the entire system down Be careful.

**Scenery** (Terry Ketcham): Ed Clark has done a lot of lighting installs on the buildings.

Commented on how well the upper-level track functioned on yesterdays op session. Had been well cleaned.

Terry is replacing a number of plastic automobiles with metal period correct vehicles.

Upper-level turntables need to be made operational. Need a volunteer to take this project.

**Building:** (Terry Ketcham) : Reports 4 new building signs are being made with the QR code for donations printed on them.

We have 22 chairs that will be marked as property of Apple Valley Model Railroad Club.

Fire inspector arrived today and found an extension cord violation on heat tracing. Also found one emergency light not functioning.

**Outdoor Layout** (Larry Williams): Work is continuing on scenery restoration. The button for sound in the rock quarry was moved for easier access.

It was suggested that we have a shutdown procedure available for members to shut the outdoor system down at the end of the day.

**Club Computers** (Dave Hull): Computers have been updated to new Microsoft Windows. Old Ops session computers had a 4GB to 16GB upgrade.

**City Liaison** (John Ryan): City plans 7<sup>th</sup> avenue upgrade from Jan through May 2024. Maple avenue will remain open.

**Engineer In Training:** (Chuck Place): 1 new EIT and 1 new mentor this month.

**Sales and Donations** (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): no report

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**Embroid Me has moved.** They will work with us to try and make new orders go as smooth as possible.

**Next Meeting** January 24th at 10AM. Note: NO December meeting.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

Attenders: 26 were present

Meeting ended at 10:40 am.