

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2025

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Rob will be out June 16 through July 15th? Shirt prices will be increasing so get any orders in soon. The rack holding throttles has been relocated in the shop for easier access.

On June the 18th from 10AM to noon we will have an EMT training program in the meeting room. Topic will be on how to handle choking, falls, cuts, basic first aid, epilepsy and other topics.

Vice President (Bill Davies): absent

Secretary (Brad Jones): Trainworld has a Blue Ridge Southern GP39-2 available for preorder.

Treasurer (Larry Morton): We have had sales of \$4462 ytd, \$1383 last month. Bank balance is \$27,430.

Ombudsman (Dave Simmons): Looking at possible trip to the HUB city train 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): Two new members were voted in to full membership. Jason Schmidt and Mark Salsieder. Six more applications are in progress.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): no report

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Three members have recently passed away Maurice Stone, Will Garner, and Rick Calvert.

Website (Dan Bails): We have over 100 members listed in the club. Still have a couple not registered to access the website. Contact Dan B anytime for help.

HO Operations (Ben Bartlett): The May Ops session was well attended with few issues. A turnout in Spencer was not properly operating but is okay now.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): The throttle cabinet has been relocated to make access easier. Two new chargers are on order. Ashville computer loco buffer has been removed and a direct connection has been installed.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): A few light bulbs have been replaced. Spraying scenery for dust has improved the overall looks. Facia boards are looking their age and will need improved.

Building: (Terry Ketcham) : We bought 8 new chairs bringing our total to 30. City is supposed to have 22 chairs. City has a \$50 fee for the use of the meeting room. Not sure if that applies to us.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): Terry reported A new track cleaning car has been purchased and is doing a good job.

Club Computers (Dave Hull): Due to interruptions from Microsoft updates Dave is locking down the club computers during operating times.

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): 7th street project has about 1 month left to completion.

Engineer In Training: (Chuck Place): Gained two members recently. We have Six in the program now and 7 mentors. We could use 2 more mentors.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): Several donations have come in and we have been selling a lot to club members.

Artifacts (Sally Ruff): absent

OTHER ITEMS

Next Meeting June 25th at 10AM

Old Business None

New Business Larry Morton is setting up 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. It will probably start in August.

Larry Morton stated that Passenger service from Saluda to Hendersonville and possibly to Ashville is being studied. A group is purchasing East flat Rock to Saluda trackage with idea of Rail and trail options in mind.

Attendees: 29 members present

Meeting ended at 11:25 AM