

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026 10 AM

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Planning underway for Train Day, May 9th and Polar Express reading Dec 7, 2026. The regularly scheduled setup for ops day conflicts with Train Day. Bill Raymond will begin inventory of club rolling stock, engines, buildings, etc. in February to update insurance. March meeting will include a presentation by Tom Haggerty regarding the "how to build a railroad" clinics. Nineteen members of the club expressed an interest in operating at night. Bill Meyers will head this up. Will be more like the first Thursday Members Only day. Bill Meyers will be working the details of what days, hours and who will open/close. There was also a suggestion to have a regularly scheduled 3rd Tuesday OPS session at night occasionally, this would replace or be a duplicate of a regularly scheduled OPS session. The issue is it takes 16 people to run during the day and could take that many to run at night. Is there enough interest in doing this? Another option is to have free running at night. Need volunteers to clean Linwood, Old Fort, Asheville yards once a month. Please sign up to run trains when you are here.

Vice President (Bill Davies): No comments

Secretary (Brad Jones): Please update emails if changes are made. [Send a message to "contact@avmrc.com"](mailto:contact@avmrc.com)

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): The club received \$953 this month and \$3,197 year to date. Club spent \$279 this month and \$969 year to date. Current bank balance is \$24,648. We have 29 members who have not paid their 2026 dues.

Ombudsman (Bill Meyers): Looking at replacing lighting system in Piedmont division. City has sources for lighting and will get back to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): Three were voted on this month. Jack Rouviere, Donald Watson, Tim Wagner were all voted in.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): Larry Morton's talk on club background needs to be put on our website. Larry will do a presentation in the near future which will be taped and posted.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Earl Hall was absent but Bill Davies reported that Jim Gerlitz fell on ice and hit his head. He has had complications from the fall.

Website (Dan Bails): We are getting 1200 to 1500 hits per month on our web page. Looking to add a FAQ list. We get occasional request to join club on the web page.

HO Operations (Bill Raymond): Help with inventory needed starting in February. January ops session canceled due to lack of people. February session went well.

Shop Updates: (Mason Gempe): Mason Gempe was absent. Mason made up sheets to pay for supplies that you take for yourself.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): We have a \$900 electrical budget for this year. The club is purchasing a DT602D throttle from the Ben Bartlett estate. The NMRA magazine has good information on throttles in this month's issue. A bottle of super Zilla spray was donated to the club. A WiFi issue is being investigated in the Asheville division. Dan did a presentation on a TCS throttle UWT-100 throttle. It is a WiFi only throttle.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): Terry Ketcham was absent.

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

Building: (Terry Ketcham): Terry Ketcham was absent.

Training Workshop (Tom Hagerty): The last training workshop was conducted February 11. The March meeting will have review of what was completed in the workshops.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): Larry Williams was absent. Bill Davies reports that we had several donations given to the club.

Club Computers (Dave Hull, Kelly Orr): Kelly Orr reports that we have a replacement for the Asheville computer and he will check out the WiFi issue in Asheville.

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): Terry Ketcham was absent.

Engineer In Training: (Ray Baldwin): We have 8 EITs and need more Mentors. It's a commitment of 1.5 hours one time a month. He had his first session and had some new members volunteer to help out. We have 4 mentors and a couple younger members volunteering to help out.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): Train show in February. Train show we made \$3881.

Artifacts (Sally Ruff, Callie): Sally Ruuf and Callie both absent

Library: (Callie): Callie absent

OTHER ITEMS: Visitor schedule:

- Mar 4th, Wednesday, 40 elementary school kids,
- May 13th, Wednesday, Porsche club,
- May 29th, Friday, 40 ladies,
- June 18th, Thursday, 30 seniors

Next Meeting: March 25th at 10AM.

Old Business:

New Business:

Attendees: 32 members present. Meeting ended at 11:10 am.