

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2026 10 AM

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Planning underway for Train Day, May 9th and Polar Express reading Dec 7, 2026. The N scale club will also be open on Train Day. 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 June 18th to run trains for visiting group. Videos on how to build a model railroad are now available on our website.

Vice President (Bill Davies): absent

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

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): The club received \$617 last month and \$8,566 year to date. Club spent \$762 this month and \$3,685 year to date. Current bank balance is \$27,056.

Ombudsman (Bill Meyers): Looking at replacing lighting system in Piedmont division. New LED lights should be installed within the next 2 months. Another survey will be sent out regarding an evening session to run trains.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): absent. Brad Jones: Four new members voted in this month. Daniel Pinella, Hank McDonald, Todd Jacobus, and Steven Kastelic. Five applicants to be voted on in May.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): New list of members needed. Need more Mentors.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): Chuck Place had shoulder surgery and is doing well. Has been released to drive.

Website (Dan Bails): You tube page links on website are forthcoming.

HO Operations (Bill Raymond): absent: Ken Obrien reported the April OP session was cancelled due to not having enough members sign up. Club locomotive and cars inventory has been completed. Culling of excess assets will take place in the future. Shop inventory is being completed in near future.

Shop Updates: (Mason Gempe): Let Mason know of any shop needs.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Club throttles are to be returned to the charging station and put on charge when done using them. Dan is investigating adding an additional power supply to the Asheville division for turnout control. Proper handling of locomotives was discussed.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): no report

Thomas layout: (Romar Taylor): absent

Building: (Terry Ketcham): We had a ceiling vent hanging by one screw in the meeting room that has been repaired.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent, Terry reports the Bachmann Shay was repaired and is back in service. Several plants have died and are being replaced.

Club Computers (Dave Hull, Kelly Orr): Kelly reports he is working on Ashville computer replacement.

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham): Farmers Market starts a week from Saturday.

Engineer In Training: (Ray Baldwin): 7 trainees are enrolled. Will be sending out an email regarding the next session.

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

Artifacts (Sally Ruff, Callie): absent

Library: (Callie): Callie absent

OTHER ITEMS: Visitor schedule: May 13th Porche club, May 29th 40 ladies (will need volunteers to run trains), June 18th, Thursday 30 seniors. White board outside the office has upcoming events listed.

History of Railroads book by Terry Ruskin mentions the Henderson depot and the Apple Valley model Railroad club.

Larry Morton reports that the Passenger service project to bring one or two trains a day to Asheville is still active. The Ecusta Trail Project team is looking for information regarding train stops that existed in the past. He is also looking at layout tours again this year like we did in the past. There are several historical talks that will be given soon to tour groups. Members should look at sitting in on them if interested.

Next Meeting: May 27th at 10AM.

Old Business:

New Business:

Attendees: 34 members present. Meeting ended at 10:58 AM.