

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club

Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2026 10 AM

President's Remarks (Rob Wright): Planning underway for Train Day, May 9th and Polar Express reading Dec 7, 2026. 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. Website has a member only section with important operations instructions. All club locomotives need wheels cleaned both before and after use.

Vice President (Bill Davies): absent

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

Treasurer: (Larry Morton): The club received \$750 last month and \$7908 year to date. Club spent \$1714 this month and \$3045 year to date. Current bank balance is \$27,231. Have 24 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. Rhodex is looking at options. Another survey will be sent out regarding an evening session to run trains. Train day, we have a banner to hang on a nearby building. Will check with the city on permission. Maybe Visitor Center would also work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: (Chuck Place): one new member voted in this month. Larry Pearlman was voted in to full membership.

Mentor Program (Ken O'Brien): Training videos need completed. New members should complete their training in the first 6 months after joining.

Good and Welfare (Earl Hall): absent. Chuck Place had shoulder surgery.

Website (Dan Bails): Website hosting fee for the next 5 years has been paid.

HO Operations (Bill Raymond): Help with inventory needed, starting in April. March Op session went well. Would like to have 16 members participate.

Shop Updates: (Mason Gempe): Mason Gempe was absent.

Electrical/DCC (Dan Lang): Several club throttles were found lying around on the layout last Saturday. They are to be returned to the charging station and put on charge when done using them. Track cleaners are to be cleaned after use. Dan is investigating adding an additional power supply to the Asheville division for turnout control.

Scenery (Terry Ketcham): no report

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

Building: (Terry Ketcham): We have a ceiling vent hanging by one screw in the meeting room. The outdoor G scale layout needs the track cleaned. We are looking for feedback on Piedmont lighting project.

Training Workshop (Tom Hagerty): The last training workshop was conducted February 11. Review of what was completed in the workshops.

Outdoor Layout (Larry Williams): absent, Terry reports it is running well

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

City Liaison (Terry Ketcham):

Engineer In Training: (Ray Baldwin): 2 trainees this month. He will be sending out an email regarding the next session.

Sales and Donations (Pete Bain, Steve Anderson, Kevin McGill): train show in October

Artifacts (Sally Ruff): Absent

Library: (Callie): Absent

OTHER ITEMS: Depot Visitors Scheduled:

- May 13th, Wednesday, Porsche Club
- May 29th, Friday, 40 ladies ([*will need volunteers to run trains*](#))
- June 18th, Thursday 30 seniors ([*will need volunteers to run trains*](#))
- White board outside the office has upcoming events listed.

Tom Haggerty reported that the “*Build a Railroad*” training has been completed. 5 of the 10 modules are completed and were displayed at the meeting today. Looking at building 4 corner modules to make a running display.

Next Meeting: April 22nd at 10 am.

Old Business:

New Business:

Attendees: 36 members present. Meeting ended at 11:12 am.