



Winter 2024

ALL ABOARD! A New Year is upon us and we toast to another year of the Huron Valley Railroad! Elections were held at the Annual Meeting in November and your leadership team for 2024 is as follows:

- Scott Merritts, President
- Harold Link, Vice President
- Dave Mohler, Treasurer
- Bruce Amrine, Trustee
- Kevin Schmidt, Trustee
- Andrew Dewindt, Trustee

The board of directors meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday. Meetings are open to all paid members. If you have an item that you want brought to the board's attention or time to speak on a topic of interest to the board directly, email Scott or Harold.

President's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome to the Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club. First off, I want to thank each of you for being a member of the organization. Your involvement helps make the organization what it is today. Thank you for all that you do. This is the time of year when we take stock in what we've done and what needs to be accomplished in the upcoming year. For 2024, some of the goals we have included making the layout room more presentable to the public, improve reliability of the layout, selling donated items online or at other train shows, repair the tower roof, start the stairs to the second floor, and re-securing the main floor joists. Please consider providing time and energy towards helping us achieve these goals. Some of the projects don't appear to be part of model railroading, but, just like home, we need to work before we have fun. Help us keep the fun going by volunteering to help on these projects. Thank you in advance.

Till next time,

-Scott

Annual Dues

Club dues for 2024 are due by January 1, 2024. The board has approved an increase in dues. Regular member dues are now \$120 for the year; supporting member dues are \$45 for the year. If you would like to pay in person at the depot, please put your payment in an envelope with your name and "dues" on it and put it in the drop box. Or, you may mail payment to the depot at 3487 Broad St., Dexter, MI 48130. Checks should be made out to Huron Valley RR Historical Society.

We are now able to accept PayPal payments! If you have a PayPal account, login, select "Send", and search for "Huron Valley." Select "Huron Valley RR Hist Society". The club dues above are net amounts. When sending via PayPal, please include their convenience fee so that the amount is \$123.71 or \$46.39.

Depot Projects

YPSILANTI CROSSING Scott Merritts is the Ypsilanti Yard Master. Want to get involved? Send him an email with any ideas or what you can do to assist! smerritts198@yahoo.com

JACKSON DEPOT Big thanks to Alex Wall for re-ballasting and repairing the Jackson Depot! Passengers were complaining about safety on the platform and its nice to see the new Federal funding at work.

DOWNTOWN DEXTER Big thanks to Bryan Bunton, Sr. for bringing the light back to Downtown Dexter! Each building is lit, as well as the street lights illuminating the scene out front. Our "favorite waitress" is visible again!

Train Show Update

Annual show is 2/17-18! Email a2modelrailroad@gmail.com to get involved. We will need as many hands as possible before, during, and after the show. There are many dates to assist, so please check your schedules and, if time is available, help out the club in our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Layout Tours

Many of our members have impressive layouts of their own, too! Email Daniel V (personalmodeltrainer@gmail.com) to be added to the schedule! We do ask that you bring your individual expertise to the club, as well, with a seminar or expo on something interesting you are an expert on. Dan K will be kicking things off January 17th. Please email Dan V by January 15th to reserve your spot. Carpooling will be necessary.

SCHEDULE

DATE	TRK	TRAIN	EXPECTED	ACTUAL
JAN	3	*VISITORS NIGHT*	6:00-8:30	open to public
JAN	10	BOARD MEETING	7:30-8:45	members only
JAN	17	DAN K LAYOUT TOUR	5:30-8:00	personalmodeltrainer@gmail.com
JAN	24	LAYOUT OPERATING SESSION	7:00-8:30	andrewdewindt@gmail.com
JAN	31	DEPOT PROJECT DAY	6:00-8:30	snowlink@charter.net
FEB	7	*VISITORS NIGHT*	6:00-8:30	open to public
FEB	14	PRE-SHOW PREP DAY	6:00-8:30	TBD
FEB	16	PRE-SHOW PREP DAY	TBD	TBD
FEB	17	SHOW DAY 1	ALL DAY	SALINE MIDDLE
FEB	18	SHOW DAY 2	ALL DAY	SALINE MIDDLE
FEB	19	POST-SHOW PREP DAY	TBD	TBD
FEB	21	POST-SHOW PREP DAY	TBD	TBD
FEB	28	LAYOUT OPERATING SESSION	7:00-8:30	andrewdewindt@gmail.com
MAR	6	*VISITORS NIGHT*	6:00-8:30	open to public
MAR	13	BOARD MEETING	7:30-8:45	members only
MAR	20	BRUCE A. TRACK SEMINAR	6:00-8:00	personalmodeltrainer@gmail.com
MAR	27	LAYOUT OPERATING SESSION	7:00-8:30	andrewdewindt@gmail.com