

ROCHESTER MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

The Seneca Valley Lines

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Benefits:

- **Fellowship and Friendship** – Members of the RMRRC typically become great, if not life-long, friends. The Club is not just a place to run trains, but a place to make new friends.
- **Open Train Running (NCE / DCC)** – At the RMRRC, we pride ourselves on being a **SCALE** model organization. Members and applicants are encouraged to bring/run quality equipment that is based on/modeled after actual prototype engines and rolling stock while conforming to club & NMRA standards and recommended practices.
- **Operating Sessions** – Organized operating sessions allow for the serious rail enthusiast to feel what running a real railroad is like. Keep an eye on the clock as you highball your freight, drill in the yard, or switch out an industry. Learn to use model railroad waybills, car routing, timetables to make your station stops on time, and to radio communicate with the dispatcher.
- **Work Sessions** – Learn to add scenery and detail to the layout, wiring, signaling system, lay track into a new industry, take photographs, perform maintenance work, or troubleshoot a problem.
- **Clinics**– Join us at Club clinics on model railroading to learn techniques for improving your modeling skills.
- **Club Library** – Feel free to browse through or borrow from our collection of prototype and model railroading books, periodicals, and videos. Make your selections from thousands of indexed titles.
- **Operating the Annual Show** – This is our opportunity to spread the word about the World's Greatest Hobby and open our doors to share all that we are working on with the community.
- **Keys to the Club** – Senior Members can enjoy the Club at any time with your own set of keys upon successful completion of the probationary period at the board of Officers discretion.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When do you meet?

A: The Club is open almost every Monday evening all year round. Business meetings are usually held on the first Monday of March, June, September and December at **7:00PM**. Clinics are held on the first Monday of the other months at **7:00PM**.

Q: What kind of system do you operate and when?

A: The Club operates on a North Coast Engineering (NCE) DCC system.

Q: Can I leave my equipment at the Club or possibly even on the railroad?

A: Space is limited, so only Senior members can leave their equipment at the Club. However, all equipment left on the railroad must conform to the published NMRA and Club Equipment Standards.

Keep in mind that the club is not responsible for any equipment left at the club and that other members may operate any equipment left on the railroad.

- Q: What is expected of me? Can I just hang out and run trains or do I have to get involved?
- A: We are a growing club, made up of members, like you, who enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to run their trains on a professional layout, enjoy the comradery of other members and work to ensure the club remains active and enjoyable for many years to come. With that in mind, yes, we need you to be involved. We hold quarterly business meetings (1st Friday of March, June, September, and December), run operating sessions and host our annual shows which allow the general public to visit our layout in action. To ensure our success, we need you to participate in our club functions and activities.

Membership Classifications:

Senior Membership

This class of membership is for someone who really wants to contribute and become part of the Club. Senior members are required to assist at work sessions, join at least one of several work groups (scenery, track, electrical, operations, etc.), and help prepare for and operate our open house. At the discretion of the board of officers and upon receipt of a refundable key fee, Senior members may be issued keys to the Club, which may be used to gain access at any time! Senior members are also given a vote to cast on Club business and thus **are required to attend business meetings.**

All prospective Senior Members are required to serve a Probationary Membership term for a minimum of six months. This allows the current membership to get to know you, monitor your involvement level, and build trust so that you may be issued keys. The Senior Membership may conduct reviews quarterly or as necessary with regard to the progress of a Probationary Member. After serving the probationary term, the Senior Membership will take a vote on whether to elevate a prospect to Senior Membership status. Not all Probationary Members are granted Senior Membership and may be asked to become an Associate Member or to serve an additional six months of probation with no guarantee of acceptance after that time. It sounds complicated, but the time goes by quickly.

Associate Membership

This class of membership is for someone who generally wants to “hang out” and occasionally run trains, participate in operating sessions, and other club events. Associate members are strongly encouraged to actively participate and get involved, observe or assist at work sessions, help prepare for and operate our open house, and attend business meetings.

Associate Members who wish to become Senior Members at a later date may need to serve a probationary period in order to be elevated to Senior Membership status.

Junior

This class of membership is for anyone ages 11-17. A Junior member requires a sponsor, an adult member who is either a Senior or Associate member. Junior members under 16 years of age require a sponsor, who is responsible for them and will accompany them at all times at club activities. Junior members are encouraged to become fully involved like other members learning all aspects of the hobby. Upon turning 18, the junior member will be made an associate member and be responsible for the increased dues from that point. **The Club is not a place to just run trains.**

Applying for Membership:

1. Please attend several general meetings, introduce yourself, and make some new friends!
2. Complete the attached Application. Submit it with your first dues payment to a Club Officer plus a \$10 initiation fee.

(Note: Membership dues are subject to change at any time, please ask for current schedule)

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

This Application is for: Full (Probationary) Associate Junior Membership

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Years at this residence: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

Occupation: _____ Currently employed? _____

Medical information that Club Officers should be aware of should I need help:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

I want to join the Rochester Model Railroad Club because (feel free to attach a separate sheet or use the back):

Special Talents or Interests Carpentry Electrical Scenery Graphic Design

Drawing Painting Modeling Photography Railfanning Track Work

Operations DCC Dioramas Weathering Scratch-Building Accounting

Other: _____

Memberships (NMRA, any T&HS, scouts, local government, etc.): _____

Reference(s): _____

I have completely read and fully understand the "Membership Information" document that was attached to the front of this Application. I understand that the medical information requested above is for my safety while at the Club. I will communicate any contact information changes to the Club Secretary as soon as possible. I understand that this Application will not be processed without making a dues payment. I will stay current in dues. I understand that this Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. I understand that I can be dismissed at any time if the members and officers deem it is necessary. I am free of dependency on illegal drugs and/or alcohol. I have never been found guilty of a criminal act in a court of law. I understand the Club is not responsible for damage to or theft of any personal property I leave at the Club intentional or otherwise. I will abide by the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. I shall not conduct litigation against the Rochester Model Railroad Club, Inc. for any reason whatsoever.

I certify that all of the information on this application is factual and true.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

If you have any questions, please contact President@RocMRRRC.com.