

METRO EAST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
Minutes of the March,5 2026 meeting

Commencement: The meeting opened at 6:22 pm at the Glen Carbon Library.

Present: John Manfredi, Tom Johnson, Leandro Delgado, Ross Abbott, Bill Birdsell, Bob Gibson, Mark Bauer, George Shindel, Felix Guenther

Minutes: The minutes of the February 2026 meeting were approved without corrections.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer report was \$5142.36 in the share account and \$1074.59 in the checking account.

Correspondence:

- * A correspondence went out to Village of Glen Carbon about sharing the cost of the recent blinds.

- * A thank you correspondence was sent out to John Higgins for his recent donation to the club of a railroad set.

Projects:

- * A paint will be obtained for the layout border which is currently multi-shades of green.
- * George and Bill Birdsell have been adding details (scenery) to the layout in the library.
- * Some switch work is still needed.
- * Crossing gates are still being worked. The company has a physical update that may improve the gates.

- * A motion was proposed to share the cost of the new blinds with the Village. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Unfinished/Old business:

- * An open house is scheduled for 21 March 2026 from 10am to 3pm

- * New shirts should be ready by the Open House.

Events:

- * Springfield Train Fair on 15 March 2026 at the Orr Building at Springfield Fairgrounds from 10am to 4pm.

- * Lemay American Legion Train Show on 11 April 2026 at 9305 S, Broadway, St Louis MO from 10am to 3pm.

- * Iron Spike Model Train Show on 18 April 2026 at Washington City Auditorium in Washington MO from 10am to 3pm.

- * After The Storm Train Show on 23 May 2026 at the Arnolds Eagle's Club in Arnold MO from 10am to 2pm.

- * AHRR Train Show on 13 June 2026 at American heritage Museum in Greenville IL from 10am

New Business:

- * Bill Davis recommended that plexiglass be added to the edge of the layout near the bathroom. Mark indicated that he will look into it.

- * An Open House is scheduled in conjunction with the Glen Carbon Homecoming on 19 June 2026 from 4pm to 8pm and on 20 June 2026 from 3pm to 8pm.

* George Shindel and Bill Birdsell say the scenery on the library layout was nearly complete with only painting the mountains left. There were some discussions of the positioning of the layout power cord to ease access by workers but still restrict access to other individuals.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by John Manfredi, as Secretary.