



Platte Valley & Western Model Railroad Club Membership Information

- Club Operations –
 - All track planning, scenery planning, and operations are based on Rocky Mountain Railroading in 1953.
 - By charter, the club's orientation is prototypical operations of the local way freight trains.
 - Way freight operations run on a time table controlled by either a printed manifest or via instructions from a dispatcher. Once all work for that train is done, the train either terminates at the last stop or returns to one of the railroad's switch yards or engine facilities.
 - From time to time, the club hosts special events featuring different time periods and different types of operation however the primary focus is on Rocky Mountain Railroading in the 1950s.
- Route to Membership –
 - Probationary Member -
 - Probationary period is six months to one year in length.
 - The Probationary Member must complete certain requirements as specified in the bylaws.
 - Attend 20 meetings.
 - Work 32 hours on the club layout or other club related activities.
 - Complete the New Member Orientation Process.
 - Upon completion of the probationary requirements, the new member is considered for recommendation by the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting.
 - The Board of Directors makes a recommendation to the club at the next general member meeting.
 - Regular Membership –
 - Upon acceptance by the membership, the probationary member becomes a regular member
 - Regular Members are entitled to an access key to the club room.
 - Junior Membership –
 - Junior Membership is available to people age 16 to 18.
 - People under the age of 18 have a special designation of Junior Member.
 - Junior Members are not issued keys.
- Membership Costs –
 - Required Member Costs:
 - Initiation Fee - \$100. Can be paid in full at start or incrementally through the probationary period.
 - Monthly Dues - \$15. Payable starting at the time of application. Thereafter, these are due the first of each month for the duration of membership.
 - Rolling Stock - \$20 - \$50 per car. Members are required to provide appropriate prototypical cars for the operation of the club layout. The number and type of cars are determined by the rolling stock committee and will be discussed with each prospective member at time of acceptance of their application. Prior to acceptance, each car will be evaluated by the rolling stock committee to ensure it meets club standards for operation. These cars remain the property of the member but must remain on the layout.
 - Optional Member Costs:
 - DCC Equipped Locomotive(s) - \$20 - \$100+. A new member will probably want to outfit a locomotive with a DCC decoder for operating on the layout. Costs vary based on the type of locomotive & DCC decoder chosen. The club maintains a limited number of locomotives to borrow during operation sessions & open house events.
 - Throttle(s) to control trains - \$90 - \$200+. The following throttles are compatible with the club's DCC system:
 - Wired Lenz push button throttle LH100 (\$179).
 - Wired Lenz rotary knob throttle LH90 (\$89).
 - Wireless throttle CVP RF1300 (\$159), or T9000e (\$219).
 - Wired Atlas Handcommand #331 (\$145)
 - Note: Atlas will only control two digit locomotives (0-99).
 - Wireless Lenz XPA device (\$49) + wireless phone for throttle.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us – on the web @ www.PVWRR.org; email: info@pvwrr.org; phone: (303) 325-5143 or stop by Friday nights from 7pm to 9pm in the Basement of Union Station.