



# THE NICKEL CITY DISPATCH

NEWS FROM THE NICKEL CITY LINE RAILROAD

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DECEMBER 2012

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## Celebrating 50



Pictured l to r: R. Rodriguez, G. Tate, Ernie L., Bill L., and Rob M. are awarded certificates for attending the 50th ops session on the Nickel City Line Railroad.

The NCL held its first in a series of Wednesday night mini-sessions on June 20th. The ops session started promptly at 7pm and wrapped up by 9pm. This was the midnight to 4am segment of Session 32A. The crews were busy throughout the evening and everyone had lots to do. The session made for a nice mid-week break from our regular routines.

It was also a benchmark session as the NCL hosted its **50th operating session**. All attendees were provided a Certificate of Recognition (*suitable for framing*) for being a participant at the 50th ops session.

**Mini-Ops Sessions Continue During the Summer**

Train crews arrived in July for the second in a series of evening mini-ops sessions. The two hour session allowed operators to run a number of trains this session including a late train from last session and an Extra. By the end of the 2 hour session everything arrived at its proper destination and the evening session was enjoyed by all.



Bill L. works the industrial switcher in Nickel City East during the early morning activities.

New comer Jim Grimes joined the group in July. Jim took a stab at dispatching as well as running a few trains. Welcome Jim.

Mini-ops picked up again in September. Trains moved well during the evening and crews finished right where they should be at that point in Session 32. October hosted the last of the mini-sessions (Session 32B2) for this year. New and veteran operators handled a number of local, through freights and passenger trains during the ops fast clock time from noon to 4pm shift. Work was com-



The Crew Call Board keeps track of trains and engineers during each session.

pleted ahead of schedule which gave the yard crew a chance to get a bit ahead on setting up consists for the next ops session.

The mini-sessions worked out far better than expected and will be incorporated into upcoming scheduled operations.

**WINTER 2013 OPS SESSIONS**

**January**

**January 6, 2013 11:00a to 3:30p**

**February**

**February 24, 2013 11:00a to 3:30p**

**March**

**March 24, 2013 11:00a to 3:30p**