



The Nickel City Dispatch

News From The Nickel City Line Railroad

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CREWS WORK HARD TO BEAT THE ODDS



Tim B. works the industrial local in Nickel City.

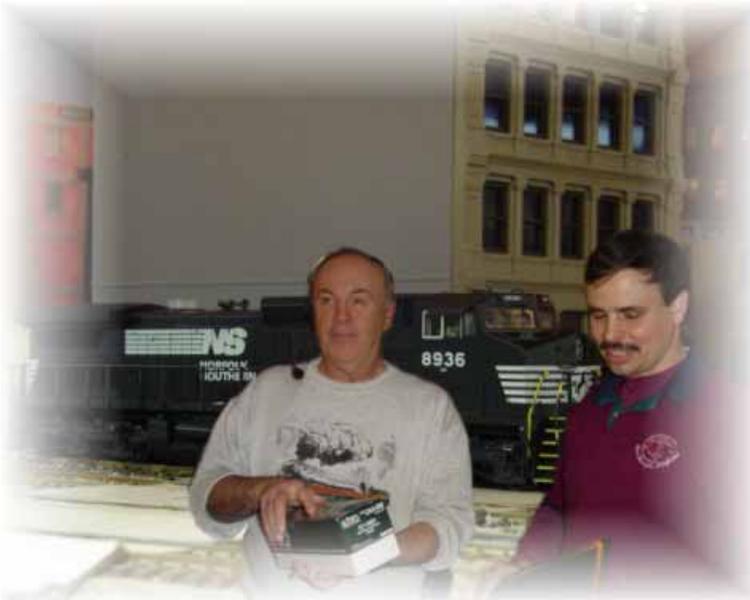
February 19, 2005. 10 operators worked tirelessly on the railroad moving 88 cars. Newly installed dual fast clocks worked flawlessly and a recently purchased miniature video cam provided the crew lounge with a live video feed of the main yard action. The latest ops session

proved more difficult than the last several as many staff members assumed new jobs while working towards additional certifications which resulted in a larger learning curve than in previous sessions. The added complications of equipment malfunctions slowed crew's progress throughout the day. Train 200 was involved in a major accident at Nickel City Station which did substantial damage to the passenger platform shelters! The ops session ran into over time and was ended at 5:30 with crews still trying to press on to get the day's work done. In the end, 14 cars did not arrive at their final destination. But the overall performance of the railroad was 84%. While the railroad didn't turn a big profit, it still made money at the end of the day.



Train 200 slams into Nickel City Station!

Scott H and Dave R got an introduction to operations and did a fine job. Returning to the group after a hiatus were Russ R and Tim B. It was a good crowd and all had a good time. At the end of the day Tim B. earned his Engineer's certificate and Pete L. earned his Yardmaster's certificate. Russ, President of the R2 Railroad, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the NCL for loaning locomotive NS 8936 to the NCL for testing the mainline during the past 3 years of upgrades....Thanks Russ.



A BIG THANK YOU to President Russ R. (R2 Railroad) from President Bob R. (NCL Railroad) for NS 8936

In addition, Union Spokesman and President of the Nickel City Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen, Joel H., presented NCL President and CEO Bob R. with an official NCL Wrecker and Equipment Retriever. The Retriever was labeled with the motto "We Run Trains Where Others Dare Not Go!" The President & CEO was left somewhat speechless but very grateful.



Left: Union President Joel H. presents NCL President Bob R. with The Retriever.

NCL PURCHASES MORE EQUIPMENT - The management of the Nickel City Line have recently signed an agreement with the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad for the purchase of several used railcars. The NCL purchased 4 hopper cars, 1 tank car and 5 box cars from the D&RG San Juan Extension Division. The cars were shipped fast freight to Nickel City where, after passing final

Right: A view of the main yard as seen from the lococam.

Inspections, will be placed in service on the railroad. In addition to the above listed railcars, NCL lococam locomotive 205 was placed in service this month. The lococam, recently purchased from MicroMark® features a miniature color camera, transmitter and DCC power supply. The unit was also supplied with a receiver which when connected to any television provides an engineer's view of the railroad. The locomotive will be utilized during open houses and operations sessions. During ops



Left: Lococam Locomotive 205 makes its debut on the Nickel City Line.

sessions, management will strategically position the locomotive in the best location for rail fans to observe the most action possible.

That's it for this issue. See you in March!