



**NICKEL CITY LINE RAILROAD**  
**TRAIN OPERATIONS SESSION DATES**

*All Dates are Subject to Change*

Session Key

A: 0001 – 0600

B: 0600 – 1200

C: 12:00 – 1800

D: 18:00 - 2400

**2026**

**January**

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 77B

Monday, January 19, 2026 – 7p to 9p 77C

**February**

Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 77D

Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 10a to 1p – **Beltway Ops Group 78A**

**March**

Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 78B

Monday, March 16, 2026 – 7p to 9p 78C

**April**

*No Sessions – Spring Break*

**May**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 78D

Monday, May 11, 2026 – 7p – 9p 79A

**June**

Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 79B

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – 10a to 1p – **Beltway Ops Group 79C**

**July**

Thursday, July 9, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 79D

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 10a to 2:30p – **RVA-Charlottesville Invite/ Beltway Ops Group 80A**

**August**

*No Sessions – Summer Break*

**September**

Thursday, September 10, 2026 – 9:30a - 12:30p 80B

Monday, September 14, 2026 – 7p to 9p 80C

**October**

Thursday, October 8, 2026 – 9:30a - 12:30p 80D

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – 10a to 1p 82A

**November**

Thursday, November 12, 2026 – 9:30a to 12:30p 82B

**Thursday, November 19- Sunday - November 22, 2026 (DC-NJ Interchange) 81C 250<sup>th</sup> Session**

**2 Session TBA**

**December**

*No Sessions – Winter Break*

Red text denotes schedule changes

### **Guest Throttles**

The Nickel City Line is a Digital Command Controlled Layout using the Digitrax DCC System. Guest operators may use their own Digitrax DCC throttle or use one of the following guest throttles. Please note that the Nickel City Line is radio controlled using the Digitrax Simplex and duplex radio systems.

### **Throttle Status**

Digitrax UT2 Throttle (non-radio - Plug in only) - 1 unit Available

Digitrax UT4 Throttle (non-radio - Plug in only) – 3 units in use

Digitrax UT4R Throttle (Simplex Radio) - 4 units available

Digitrax DT400R Throttle (Simplex Radio) - 1 unit available

Digitrax DT500D Radio Throttle (Duplex) – 1 unit available

### **WiFi Throttles**

iPhone using WiiThrottle – 2 phones available

*WiFi Throttles and apps which interface with JMRI through WiFi are supported. Examples are EngineDriver, WiThrottle, Train Driver, and TCS's UWT-50 and UWT-100 throttles.*

### **Two Way Radios**

Train Crews on the Nickel City Line communicate with the Dispatcher and Yardmaster via two- way FRS/ GMRS radios or via the Internet on Zello.

Guests are welcome to bring their own FRS/GMRS radio to each session.

The NCL Management maintains 10 radios for use by Trains Crews, the Dispatcher and Yardmaster.

Radio Channels used by the NCL are:

Road Channel : 8.19 (Zello – NCL Dispatch)

Yardmaster Channel: 9.19 (Zello – NCL Yard)

Track Authority Channel: 10.19 (Zello – NCL Switching)