



# The Nickel City Dispatch

*News From The Nickel City Line Railroad*

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## **CREWS ACHIEVE 100% AT END OF YEAR**



It was a very busy day today on the NCL and there were crew members a plenty to help out. Joining us for the first time were Kurt B. and John J.. Both employees went right to work moving freight and passengers throughout the day. The afternoon crew brought in a few more faces including Bryan K. and Rob M. Both members arrived in time to handle the increased traffic flow during the afternoon rush. We saw an increase of four trains on the mainline today in

addition to the normally full schedule. Trains ran well and the track crew responded to very few requests for service. As it was the last ops session for 2006, the crews moved the maximum amount of passengers and freight traffic throughout the day. 19 trains moved 119 cars during the session. At the end of the day, all trains arrived at their proper destination and all cars arrived at their designated point for a first time record score of 100%.



The celebration continued afterward, as Ernie L. was awarded his Master Engineer's certificate. Ernie has achieved over 30 operating hours in the Engineer category. The highest award earned in any single category. Congratulations Ernie.

The layout has now been put to bed for the remainder of 2006. Repairs and other improvements are scheduled during the down time. Ops sessions will start up again in 2007.

We lost a few operators this year so the NCL will be opening the ops group up again to the general populous to fill four vacancies. Hopefully we will see some more new faces in 2007.

Thanks to all of you for participating this year. It has been a lot of fun and the NCL looks forward to more sessions in 2007.