



# THE NICKEL CITY DISPATCH

NEWS FROM THE NICKEL CITY LINE RAILROAD

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## SIGNAL WORK CONTINUES ON NCL MAINLINE



The new eastbound signal bridge in Nickel City went on line on June 30,

Work crews continued the signal installation project started in the first quarter of 2013. Work continued on signals between the town of Underwood through Nickel City. By December, most of the mainline signals had been installed. One of the more complex projects was the construction of the eastbound signal bridge over

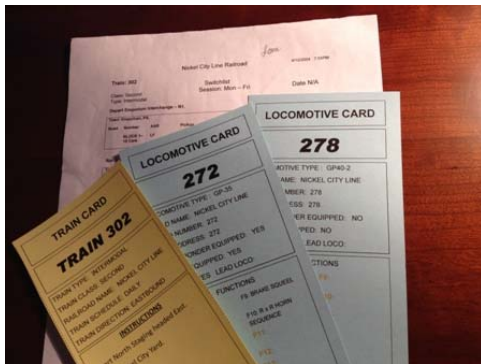
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**NEW MOTIVE POWER SEEN ON THE NCL MAINLINE**



In August we were informed today that Mike's Train House was delivering a new GP35 to the Nickel City yard later this week. Unfortunately it will not be owned by the NCL. It is a PRR #2268 GP35 Diesel that will be used by the Pennsylvania Railroad who lease space in the NCL locomotive yard. Word is that it will be swapped into either train BF-3 or BF-4 at an upcoming session. Regardless, we like seeing new equipment on the rails, regardless of who owns it.

**TRAIN CARDS AND LOCOMOTIVE CARDS PROVIDE VITAL INFORMATION TO OPERATORS**



In November we will started using Train Cards and Locomotive Cards in addition to switch lists. The

Train Cards provide essential information about the train the operator is running. The Locomotive Card (s) contain information specific to the locomotives assigned to the train including assigned function (F0,

F1, etc) and if the unit is sound equipped. These easy to read cards provide quick reference information while the switch list contains detailed information on switching moves at each stop on the train's path.

**Signals From Page 1.**

tracks 1, 2 and 3 in Nickel City. Six signal heads had to be installed and wired to the signal boards. The photo on page 1 shows Tracks 1 and 2 in "Stop" indication. Track 3 shows yellow over green which indicates "Proceed slow through Interlock and then Resume Normal Speed". The number 401 on each of the signal heads identifies the Signal Bridge. We used the number 401 because it corresponds to the Digitrax signal number for Signal Head 401, which is the mainline signal for Track 1; the first signal in this grouping of signals. Work on the remaining mainline signals will continue in 2014 as well as signal work for Nickel City Yard.

Preliminary signal rules have been developed and will be tweaked as the signaling system is broken in.

**2014 NICKEL CITY LINE OPERATIONS SCHEDULE**

**January**

**January 11, 2014—9a to 1p (MARNOVA Ops)**

**January 22, 2014—9:30a to 1:30p**

**February**

**February 16, 2014—11a to 3:30p**

**March**

**March 16, 2014—11a to 3:30p**

**April**

**April 23, 2014 9a to 1p**