



The Nickel City Dispatch

News From The Nickel City Line Railroad

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NICKEL CITY LINE HOSTS NMRA EVENT

On August 25th, the Nickel City Line Railroad (NCL) opened its doors to members of the National Model Railroad Association's Potomac Division (NMRA-MER) as part of their monthly layout tour program. The event was held from 1 to 5 pm. A steady flow of visitors arrived from all over the region to tour the layout. The NCL management had contracted additional staff from the Prince William County Model Railroad Club (PWMRC) especially for this event. In addition to NCL equipment in operation, train consists from the Chessie System and Pennsylvania railroads were operated on an excursion status specifically for the event.

Crowds continued throughout the afternoon and at times exceeded the layout room's capacity. PWMRC staff was able to efficiently manage the crowds. Waiting visitors were able to enjoy select railroad related videos and were treated to light refreshments.

The NCL management was pleased with their first official Open House event. In addition to the open house, the NCL was judged for the NMRA Golden Spike Award. The NCL also received confirmation after the event that the railroad is now officially registered with the National Model Railroad Association.