



# The Nickel City Dispatch

*News From The Nickel City Line Railroad*

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## NCL OPENS DOORS TO THE NMRA



**NCL Employees pose in front of a Nickel City Line crossbuck prior to the NMRA Open House**

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Nickel City Line Railroad opened its doors to the Potomac Division of the National Model Railroad Association. Members of the Potomac Division were allowed to tour the NCL from 1 to 5 pm and ask questions of President and Chief Executive Officer Bob R. Many NMRA members rendered compliments towards the NCL and its operators. Several NCL employees worked the weekend event either operating one of three demonstrator trains, dispatching, or assisting with host duties.



A visitor takes video of some train action in Sheppardsfield.

The day was good public relations for the railroad and the Nickel City Community. Numerous Capital Improvement Projects were completed especially for this event. In particular, numerous street trees were planted along Nickel City streets. Several infrastructure projects were completed in Nickel City East. Even the town of Sheppardsfield added numerous street trees for the event.



Downtown Nickel City is spruced up with street trees for the NMRA event.

At the conclusion of the weekend event, management provided employees with a barbeque cook out as a way of saying thank you. The last time the Nickel City Line opened its doors to the NMRA was in August of 2002.



A pair of center flow hoppers sit outside the Nickel City Yard

## IT'S FINALLY HERE



The new AC6000 sits at the fueling facility at Nickel City yard.

After months of delays, the Nickel City Line is the proud owner of an AC6000 locomotive. The locomotive was ordered in December of 2004 after profits from operations returned higher than expected dividends. The locomotive was scheduled to arrive in the first quarter of 2005, but production delays postponed delivery of the locomotive until the third quarter of 2005. Crews looked over the new arrival meticulously. After the inspection was completed, the locomotive was taken on a test drive through NCL territory. The unit performed flawlessly and met every challenge thrown at it. The locomotive was returned to the main locomotive shops in Nickel City where it will be prepped for painting and then lettering. The new locomotive number has not been determined at this time. However, once lettered and numbered, the unit is scheduled to be placed in service on Trains 200 and 203 in late fall.