



# The Nickel City Dispatch

*News From The Nickel City Line Railroad*

MARCH 2005

## CREWS FINISH UP WINTER OPS WITH SUCCESS.



Max H. rolls Train 502 into Sheppardsfield.

March wrapped up the Winter Ops Sessions on the Nickel City Line. Crews successfully moved 22 trains over NCL territory. A total of 81 cars moved over the railroad for a final score of 88.8%. At the end of the session three more operators earned certifications on the railroad. Those earning certifications were John H. – Engineer; Bill L. – Yardmaster; and Rob M. – Yardmaster. Congratulations to all operators on their achievements. The

total number of operators certified to date totals twelve. Seven of those twelve operators have more than one certification in one or more categories. Several operators are just a few hours shy of becoming Certified Railroad Operators.



**John H. (L) earns his Engineer Certificate.**



**Rob M. (R) earns his Yardmaster certification.**

Total employee hours are provided at the end of this newsletter.

During the months of April and May the Nickel City line will shut down for maintenance and several improvement projects. Among the projects scheduled for completion is additional scenery completion by the west end of Nickel City Yard as well as finishing scenery in Nickel City East.

The Ship It program will be revised to accommodate several schedule changes. Changes include routing a few more trains in the morning session as opposed to the evening session. This will redistribute more trains earlier in the day, hopefully reducing congestion in the afternoon and evening hours.

Layout improvements include completion of the locomotive yard turn table

and an eight stall round house. In addition, the west end of the locomotive yard will be started with completion by the end of 2005. The next several operations sessions are tentatively schedule for the following months: June, September, October and November. Exact dates will be announced in the upcoming months.

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Nickel City Line will host an open house for Potomac Division of the National Model Railroad Association. Several operators will be requested to assist with the open house and greeting of guests. That wraps things up for this month. See you in June!

**NICKEL CITY LINE RAILROAD COMPANY  
EMPLOYEE TIME SHEET SUMMARY**

Updated : 3/19/2005

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	ENGINEER	YARD MASTER	HOSTLER	TOWERMAN	DISPATCHER	TOTAL HRS	CERTS
001	<b>11.09</b>	2.87	<b>14.89</b>	<b>18.33</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>57.38</b>	CRO
100	<b>15.47</b>	<b>11.11</b>	5.74	0	7.48	<b>39.8</b>	EY
101	6.63	5	0	0	2	<b>13.63</b>	
103	4.41	2.29	0	0	0	<b>6.7</b>	
104	4.32	3.41	0	0	1.33	<b>9.06</b>	
105	<b>12.05</b>	<b>10.29</b>	1.33	0	0	<b>23.67</b>	EY
106	6.55	2	0	0	8.26	<b>16.81</b>	
108	6.1	0	0	0	0	<b>6.1</b>	
112	2.84	5.62	0	0	0	<b>8.46</b>	
113	<b>16.66</b>	<b>10.81</b>	2.02	0	6.23	<b>35.72</b>	EY
114	4.5	4	1.32	0	0	<b>9.82</b>	
115	3.16	2.66	0	0	1.33	<b>7.15</b>	
117	1.75	0	0	0	0	<b>1.75</b>	
118	<b>10.91</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>10.91</b>	E
119	5.12	<b>10.98</b>	0	0	0	<b>16.1</b>	Y
120	<b>14.24</b>	<b>11.41</b>	1	0	<b>10</b>	<b>36.65</b>	DEY
121	<b>14.83</b>	<b>10.36</b>	2	0	2.5	<b>29.69</b>	EY
122	<b>10.03</b>	<b>10.9</b>	3.6	0	4.27	<b>28.8</b>	EY
123	<b>12.99</b>	9.47	0	0	1.5	<b>23.96</b>	E
124	7.65	0	0	0	0	<b>7.65</b>	
125	0	4.35	0	0	0	<b>4.35</b>	
126	<b>13.4</b>	5.87	0	0	0	<b>19.27</b>	E
127	1.44	0	0	0	0	<b>1.44</b>	
128	2.17	7.38	0	0	0	<b>9.55</b>	Scale Hours
129	4.38	0	0	0	0	<b>4.38</b>	
<b>Total hrs</b>	<b>168.16</b>	<b>113.83</b>	<b>11.27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37.74</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>1986</b>

**Certification (CERTS) Key:**

CRO = Certified Railroad Operator

D = Dispatcher

E = Engineer

H = Hostler

T = Towerman

Y = Yardmaster