



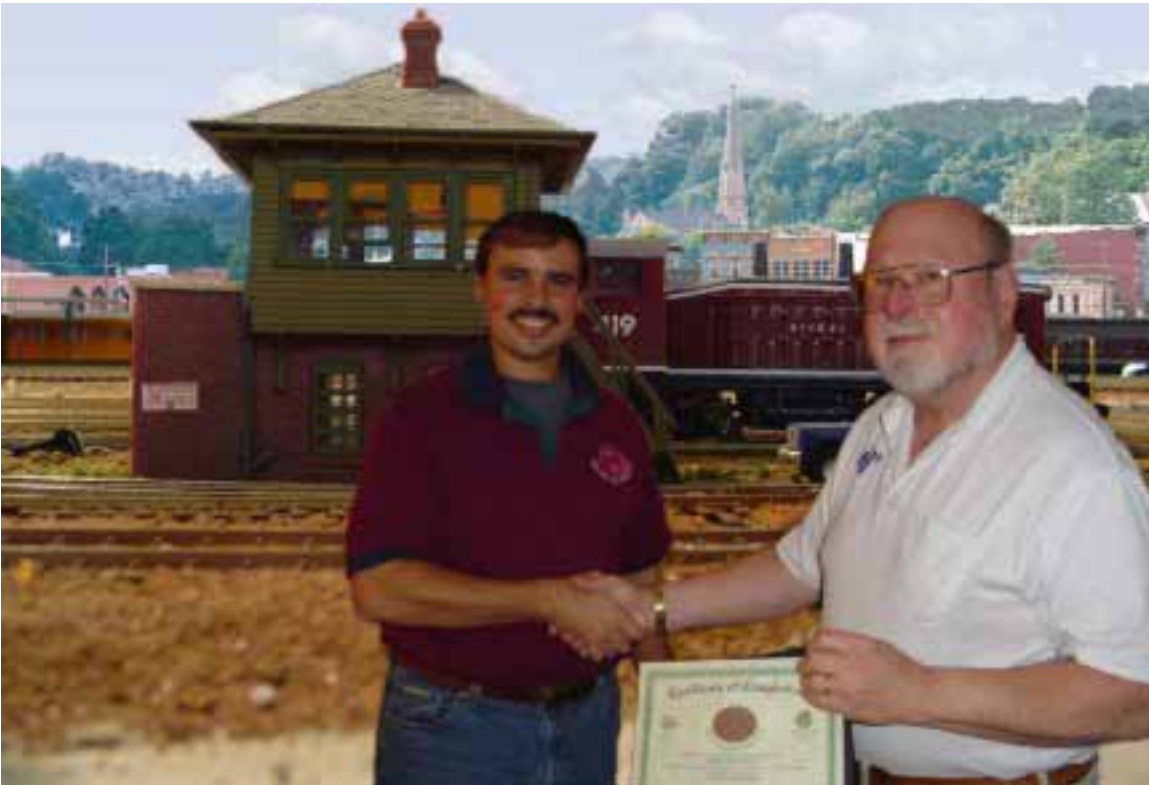
# The Nickel City Dispatch

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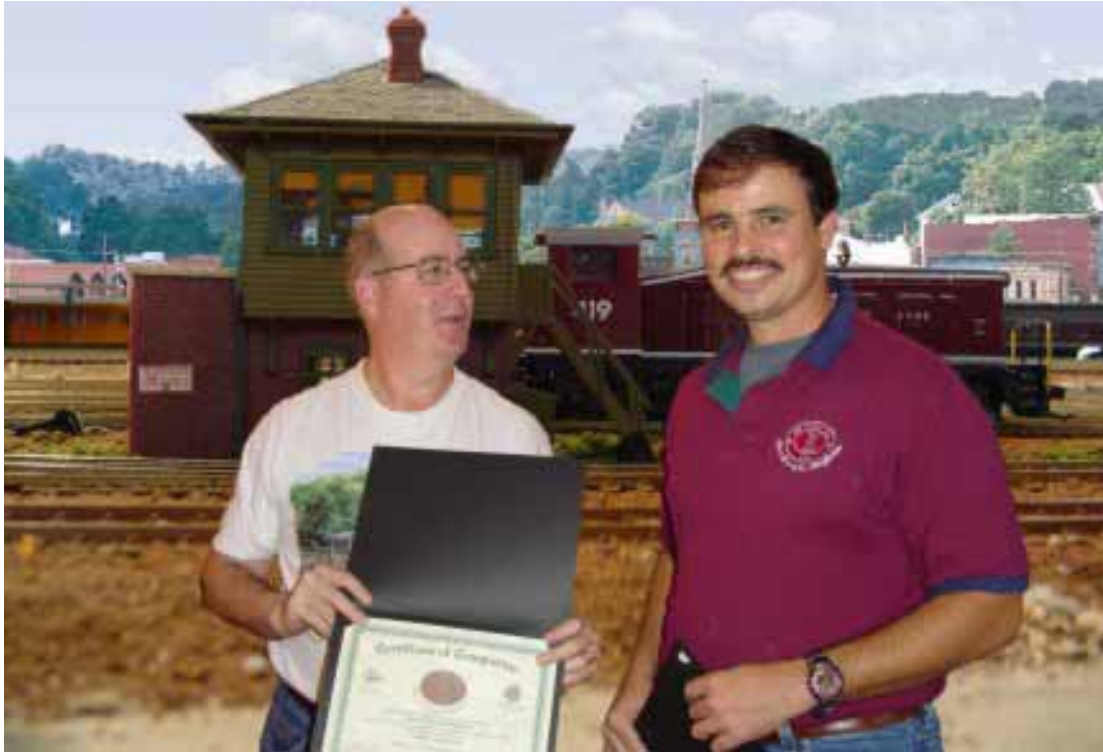
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## More Certifications in 2004

The Nickel City Line was pleased to award new certifications to three operators this month. Joel H. and John H. were awarded Certificates of Completion for Yardmaster. This is Joel's second certification. His first Certificate of Completion was awarded in March of this year for Engineer. Rob M. earned a Certificate of Completion as Engineer. All three have earned a minimum of 10 hours in their respective categories in order to earn their certifications. The Nickel City Line congratulates Joel, John and Rob on their accomplishment.



Joel H. (R) earns his second certification, this one for Yardmaster.



**John H. (L) earns his Yardmaster Certification**



**Rob M. (L) earns his certification as Engineer.**

Several more operators are very close to obtaining one or more certifications in the coming months. We look forward to seeing those awards go out in the near future. Congratulations gentlemen for a job well done!

## ***SHEPPARDSFIELD ELECTION REVEALS SURPRISE RESULTS***

SHEPPARDSFIELD, PA. While most were focused on the 2004 Presidential Election, many local residents were engaged in one of the hottest political races in a long time. Nickel City Line employee Tim B. had been waging an aggressive political campaign for Mayor over the last several months. While it seemed Tim had the election wrapped up, a surprise challenger, another Nickel City Line Employee, Don E. presented a formidable challenge in the final month's of Tim's campaign. While it could be said that both candidates felt each was highly qualified and dedicated to serving as Mayor, no one expected the final election result.

In a surprise write in campaign, Sheppardsfield local Ethel Nosebody successfully defeated Barr and Engle with over 80% of the vote. While no one can precisely determine how Nosebody pulled off this feat, there were rumors circulating about that Nosebody was seen outside the Sheppardsfield polling place with a large Black Book. The contents of said book is unknown but it is rumored that Nosebody made it her business to know everything about everybody and was organized enough to write it all down.

When questioned about these rumors Tim was quoted as saying "My campaign is aggressively looking into this matter. However, there'll be a lot of late night whistle blowing in Sheppardsfield if I have anything to do with this should I find out there's been any tampering with this election!"

Don E. further added "This is highly suspicious. I would hope this is looked into. If the rumors are true, this will certainly be worse than flinging CDs in a rail yard!"

While were not sure what Don meant in his statements, it is apparent that both he and Barr are concerned over the results of this year's Mayoral election. Attempts to contact Nosebody went without comment.

The Sheppardsfield Election Board is discussing the issue and will make a ruling in the next 30 days. In the meantime, it's business as usual in Sheppardsfield.

We'll keep you posted on any breaking news as it occurs.