



The Nickel City Dispatch

News From The Nickel City Line Railroad

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UNION STRIKE THREATENS TO SHUT DOWN RAILROAD.



NCL Union Local O50 demonstrates in front of NCL Headquarters while police stand by.

June 25, 2005. In a concentrated effort, members of Nickel City Railroad Local O50 (pronounced Oh – Five – Oh) put on an organized protest in front of the Nickel City Line Railroad Headquarters Building and later on at the home of NCL CEO and President Bob R. Workers were demanding a series of improvements to working conditions under current management.

Demands ranged from requests for wider aisles; more food (less food might eliminate the first demand); free batteries; derailment insurance; see-thru mountains to more daylight hours and double certifications.

Train operations, although not suspended, were delayed significantly by the unexpected labor movement. However, after a brief meeting between management and labor reps, some concessions were agreed to and the deal was solidified over a few ice cold beverages.

Train operations resumed and a new enthusiasm by labor was evident everywhere. Train crews worked at a feverish pace and ended the days work ahead of schedule despite the late start.

"I think management knows we're serious and they listened" said Rob M., the unofficial spokesman of Local O5O. "We had some concerns and the President saw that we did our homework!....it's not something we wanted to do, but it had to be done!" Rob added.

Management responded with the following statement: "While we recognize the role of labor in any work environment and we intend to work with them on many issues; it is jointly understood that both management and labor can only achieve common goals if we earn a profit. Consequently, both parties will continue in pursue of making a profit which will work towards achieving the goals of labor as well as management."

The labor members happily celebrated afterward in the town of Canova where they continued discussions of possible improvements to the NCL while indulging in liquid refreshments and a side order of cow tipping in the nearby fields.

What started out as possible disaster for the NCL ultimately was resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.



Local O5O members celebrate in Canova before an afternoon of cow tipping!

EMPLOYEES EARN MORE CERTIFICATIONS



The Nickel City Railroad announced on June 25th that two more employees obtained certifications after meeting the required objectives in specific categories. Scott H. earned his Yardmaster certification. Bryan K. earned his Dispatcher certification. The Nickel City Management congratulates Scott and Bryan on their achievements.

Pictured left: Scott H. (l) receives his Yardmaster certificate from President and CEO Bob R. (r).