



NICKEL CITY LINE RAILROAD
TRAIN OPERATIONS SESSION DATES

All Dates are Subject to Change

2025

January

Saturday, January 4, 2025 – 10a to 1p – **Beltway Ops Group**

Thursday, January 9, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p

February

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p

~~Monday, February 10, 2025 – 7p to 9p - CANCELLED~~

March

Saturday, March 1, 2025 – 10a to 1p – **Beltway Ops Group**

Thursday, March 13, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p

April

No Sessions – Spring Break

May

Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p (*1st Thursday of the Month*)

Monday, May 12, 2025 – 7p to 9p

June

Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p

Monday, June 16, 2025 – 7p to 9p

July

Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p

Saturday, July 26, 2024 – 12p to 4:30p – **RVA-Charlottesville Invite**

August

No Sessions – Summer Break

September

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 9:30a - 12:30p (***We Will Never Forget!***)

Monday, September 15, 2025 – 7p to 9p

October

Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 9:30a - 12:30p

Saturday, October 25, 2025 – 10a to 1p

November

Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 9:30a to 12:30p

Monday, November 17, 2025 – 7p to 9p

December

No Sessions – Winter Break

Red text denotes schedule changes

Guest Throttles

The Nickel City Line is a Digital Command Controlled Layout using the Digitrax DCC System. Guest operators may use their own Digitrax DCC throttle or use one of the following guest throttles. Please note that the Nickel City Line is radio controlled using the Digitrax Simplex and duplex radio systems.

Throttle Status

Digitrax UT2 Throttle (non-radio - Plug in only) - 1 unit Available

Digitrax UT4 Throttle (non-radio - Plug in only) – 3 units in use

Digitrax UT4R Throttle (Simplex Radio) - 4 units available

Digitrax DT400R Throttle (Simplex Radio) - 1 unit available

Digitrax DT500D Radio Throttle (Duplex) – 1 unit available

WiFi Throttles

iPhone using WiiThrottle – 3 phones available

WiFi Throttles and apps which interface with JMRI through WiFi are supported. Examples are EngineDriver, WiThrottle, Train Driver, and TCS's UWT-50 and UWT-100 throttles.

Two Way Radios

Train Crews on the Nickel City Line communicate with the Dispatcher and Yardmaster via two- way FRS/GMRS radios or via the Internet on Zello.

Guests are welcome to bring their own FRS/GMRS radio to each session.

The NCL Management maintains 10 radios for use by Trains Crews, the Dispatcher and Yardmaster.

Radio Channels used by the NCL are:

Road Channel : 8.19 (Zello – NCL Dispatch)

Yardmaster Channel: 9.19 (Zello – NCL Yard)

Track Authority Channel: 10.19 (Zello – NCL Switching)

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