

## WRAP UP

Ops sessions last for 4 hours (24 fast clock hours). At the end of 4 hours the ops session is over. Each operator's hours are tallied up and added to their accumulated hours. Those operators meeting the minimum number of hours for one or more certifications listed in Certification Program Section are awarded a certificate after the conclusion of the ops session.



The overall score for the ops session is conducted by comparing the Ending Car Locations list printed by ShipiT with the actual location of rail cars. Only those cars moved during an ops session are counted. The actual number of cars making it to their final destination is divided by the number of cars printed in the report (actually moved during the session) in order to obtain a percentage score. That score along with the total number of cars moved during the session are reported to the operators by e-mail.

After each ops session, an electronic newsletter, The Nickel City Dispatch, is prepared and distributed to the operators. The newsletter is a recap of the days activities and any improvements or changes made to the railroad since the previous ops session. The newsletter is a means of communication to keep all operators abreast of what is happening on the railroad. The newsletter is distributed electronically by e-mail and posted on the NCL website in a web version (personal information deleted).

Posting of the next ops session date and available slots is conducted at the time the newsletter and scoring information is sent out by e-mail.



The goal of formal operations sessions is to educate operators in semi-prototypical train operations; elevate the involvement of model railroading to a higher level; and provide more enjoyment in the hobby for all operators.....and yes, to have fun too!