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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

I-80 GROUP ENJOYS OPEN HOUSE

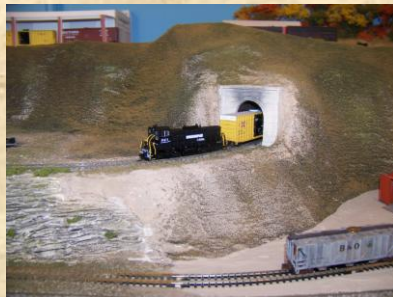
The Cornplanter Division offices opened their doors on June 12th and welcomed the I-80 PA Group. The group was entertained by operations on the Cornplanter Division, as well as, good food, a model showcase, videos, and a guest speaker from the French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society. Above all else



though, everyone just enjoyed having fun!

As the group started to arrive, they quickly made their way to the ROW. After a quick lesson in the operation, they started to operate the trains. Before long, crews had the trains rolling with efficiency. Even some foreign power showed up from the Norfolk Southern.

Then the crews were summoned to the dining area for a feast. BBQ chicken, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, fresh fruit, veggies, macaroni salad, stuffing, cupcakes, cookies, ice cream sundays, and pop were on the menu. Needless to say, nobody left hungry!



If they did, it was their own fault.

Four members of the group submitted models for the Show N' Tell. Bob Hartle (Building Flat), Scott Catalano (Weathered Freight Cars), Jason Sider (Car Repair Shop) and, Scott Wilson (Coal Dealer

and Weathered Freight Cars) presented their models. All were asked to explain what they did to these models and, how it was done.

Al Reibel from the French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society then gave a talk about what the FCVRHS was up to. Their group is based in Meadville, PA. They are currently working on restoring old rail cars and locomotives. The group is also working on starting a railroad museum. Members of the FCVRHS were invited to participate in future I-80 outings.

Attendees were also treated to the unveiling of the group's new website. The site is up but, there is still work to be completed on it. You can access the site by going to: <http://i80pagroup.org>.

The group's next outing will take place on July 31st at the home of the Conrail Lowgrade in Miola, PA. Bob Hartle will be the host. Festivities will begin at 9:00 am and will go until 9:00 pm. Yes, that's right... 12 hours of operating trains! This event is dubbed OPTUD or, OP till' you Drop!

NEW CUSTOMERS TO BE SERVED BY THE CORNPLANTER DIVISION

Cornplanter Division officials are excited about the changing customer base on the railroad. Here is a rundown of the changes that will take place this year.

It was announced that the Kimberly Furniture Co., will be moving their business from their current location in Wilson Mills. They will be moving into their new building in Diamond City. Joining Kimberly Furniture in Diamond City will be Colbert Power Co. and a brewery company which has yet to be named.

Division track crews have already graded the area. A section of the North track mainline was removed. Crews worked at a fast pace to get the new turnouts in place so there were not any delays

in the schedule. As of this writing, all three new sidings are in place and are operational.

At the former Kimberly Furniture site in Wilson Mills, the receiving track will be re-located and, the building will be razed. Three more businesses will be opening soon. The first will be N.V. Moore Milling Co. The second will be Corky's Coal Co and, the third will be J&J Machine Shop & Tooling.

It is hoped that all of these customers will be on line by year's end. The division's newsletter will keep you posted on the changes and additions.

notice will be sent before each session in a timely fashion. Hopefully, operators will have ample time to make arrangements so they can attend.

I will do my best to work around the groups schedule so there are no scheduling conflicts. After all, I like to go on road trips too!

I have a couple of repairs to make to the layout. I would also like to have a couple of buildings done so the sidings are not empty. We will see how much time I have.

There is a good chance that we will serve refreshments after the OPS. I am sure we will have BS session too.



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NEWS FROM THE R.O.W.

A giant sink hole has appeared in Conaway! Division officials have contacted officials from the Allegheny Mining Co. to see if mine subsidence could be the culprit. In any case, the area will need to be fixed before it swallows half of the town!

The hole must be fixed before the tunnel is breached. If that happens, rail service could be affected on the secondary for quite some time. Officials at Pine Creek Lumber are worried that the hole could swallow the buildings and devastate the local economy.

President Obama promised swift government action in this matter but, the town's people said no thank you. Seems as though they do not want to rely on the government's programs and, they also do not want to deal with slow moving FEMA.

RAILFANNING ON THE CSCD



This is a photo of the Es-Kay Chemical Corporation in Kernville. The building was formerly located near Mentor, OH. It is not known how the building was relocated to the new site. The building was kitbashed from two Heljan kits.



CORNPLANTER DIVISION OPS TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

It has been decided that regular operating sessions on the Cornplanter Division will begin in August. Sessions will be once a month and, will likely be on Saturdays. I really cannot commit to a regular day (i.e. the second Saturday of each month) due to my work schedule. A separate OPS



HAPPY RAILROADING!