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General offices at: 851 Reed Road
Clarion Pa, 16214



Crew Call time is 18:00 hrs. (6:00pm – for the civilians)

Another session is set to go - Thursday night - 6/24/2010 !

Electrical:

I have increased the amp trip settings for all of my Circuit Breakers on the layout. This is in anticipation of the additional load of Sound Engines. Having planned ahead for this from the very beginning made the changes simple as changing a few CVs on the DCC circuit boards.

Those that decide to cut a corner or two usually find out in the long run it will cost them more as we all know the Sound Engines won't go away!

Room:

I have added additional fold down steps in the new room along the Emporium Yard wall. This will make it easier for the Operators to access the yard and switching areas.

I also added a Fold Down step over at Clarion. This area has always needed one and I decided to add one on a trial basis. The real problem with having one there is the narrow aisle. I don't want to cause problems with Operators trying to pass each other in any tighter situation than necessary.

I have also purchased the 1/2" thick colored foam pads for use on the floor (the type used at Daycare and Kindergarten rooms for the kids to play on) to be used at a few of the switching areas. This is for testing purposes. I operated at a layout once with those pads and it was really easy on my old legs when standing for a couple hours or more during an OPs session.

These are brightly colored interlocking mats and are really soft to stand on. I tried to color-code areas with Reynoldsville having the RED mats - Brookville having the BLUE - Dubois having BLACK.

Now why use these colors at these towns??? They just so happen to represent the TOWN Pin colors ! DUH !

Trackwork:

The trackwork in Reynoldsville is in and operational. We have added an additional run around siding and placed the turnout for the Hill track on the west end. Operations seemed to go rather smoothly last session as it will take some time to get totally familiar with the new track arrangement.

I have also added a short Passing siding in Falls Creek Yard. The Falls Creek Yard operator will now have some additional room to store cars during those time of peak car movement.

We continue to look for ways to speed up switching operations in all areas of the layout. I prefer to keep the stress level at a minimum and if any Operator has an idea for a trackwork change please let me know and I will look into it for a possible change!