



News from the Backshop

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It was a busy week for the Miola Central. CR # 8207 did a shake down run at Phillipston Yard last Thursday; everything on the unit was in working order.

The car shop foreman has reported that there now 280 cars ready for service. These cars have been placed in several areas for storage and will be going to the customers soon.

The MOW crew has been in the Boyd's Run area installing ground throws. One has been installed at the car dump at Clarion River Power and the other one has been installed for the coal ramp at the boiler house at Cook Lumber. More ground throws are being installed at Smithport yard and Clarion Jct. this week. New panel track is now being delivered to the coal ramp at Cook Lumber. The old ramp is now being rebuilt to handle 70-ton hoppers. It is necessary to up-grade this area because all the bi-products that is left from the logs are now being shipped as chips and mulch. In order to keep the dry kilns operational coal must be used to keep the boilers operational.

More preparation on the backdrop in Smithport yard is being done in order to put a new coat of paint on the backdrop. Ridgeway is also on the list to be painted. After the yards are painted, new areas for industries and customers will be established and it will be easier to spot the cars in the Ridgeway area. New Whistletown and Carman are next on the list.

Cook Lumber is getting a new building for it's debarker and new piping for the sawdust/chips is being installed to the chip loader. New grade crossings are being installed to make it easier for the log trucks to get to the mill. A new dock ramp is being built to get better access to the car loading dock.

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Welders are now working on the Fly Ash loader at Clarion Power. The new silos and conveyer system will help load covered hoppers with less waste on the ground. Fly Ash is used in Portland cement, Soil stabilization, Flowable fill Asphalt Concrete, Geopolymers, Roller compacted concrete, Bricks, Metal, Matrix Composites, Waste management. Just to name a few. Clarion Power is planning on supplying other industries on the Conrail low grade and factories in Pittsburgh via interchange at Carman.

I now have my new pin board ready, thanks to Bob for helping with the 45 degree corners for to the frame. This will make so much better to re-pin the cars, I am working on the dispatcher's board and getting it up graded. Up-Grading it will include new pushpins to help identify the train, siding lengths just to name a few.

Till next time

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