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## News from the Backshop

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Well the foreman of the car shop was called on the carpet last Saturday.

It seems that one of guest crews that was operating was asking for a wheel gauge. Normally when you visit a layout a simple bad order is written up and that is that. When a guest starts borrowing tools out of the shop that is when I get nervous, and feel like that I'm not doing my job, I know I certainly don't do this when I go to someone's layout. I wouldn't think of embarrassing the owner.

The shop must have missed checking the wheel set on the car. Is all I can say? If that was the problem...

Then this same person started in on the MOW crew, it seems that the "dip" in New Whistletown was bothering him. New Whistletown yard has a dip in it due to a piece of warped homosote, I thought I could take this out when I installed it, however, and it didn't work. The MOW crew keeps an eye on this area, but since it is straight track the crews has never seen a derailment yet and the dip has been there for over 10 years. So rather make a lot of work in trying to fix the problem and shutting down the line for months. The president and the CEO have told the MOW dept. "Don't fix it if it is not broken"! There has been no problems so far and has not hindered ops.

There were two turnouts that this person didn't like, and he worked on one of them without authority, our legal dept. strictly forbids anyone working on the track. Labiality comes into play here. The CEO has this person on a no ops list, and is now on probation. His crew did not deliver cars and it messed up the order of things. When I have done ops on his layout I have made sure that the instructions and rules were followed...I really don't understand this guest, when I visit his layout I don't do these things.

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As far as the Central. I am working steadily on things I know I need done. And I would appreciate the guests to either mark the problem spot with a red tack and or Bad Order a car.

I know the rest of the visitors had a good time and I hope they all come again.

Another ops session is scheduled for May 20, 2010. Starting a 6. Bring your keypads because so far I only have two.

Enough for now.

Rich