



News from the Backshop

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Happy Memorial Day everyone. Remember to thank the vets this week. The crews have been busy at the shops and on the ROW. Even though all effort is going into keeping the grass down around the buildings and properties. The work force now has a garden to keep up too.

The foreman at the car shop reported that some cars that were released, were back in the shop for more repairs and then released for service again. Some cars are in the shop are getting a total rebuild. Estimated number of cars on the layout stands at around 290. The engine shop has repaired 214 and it is back on line.

The MOW crew is out in full force. They, along with the engineering dept. are in the Clarrington area realigning and adding more sidings. The industrial park is expanding, in order to have our crews switch out the cars better; two passing sidings are now being installed. This way any north or south bounds will not have to wait on the local crews to clear up and let them through. The Clarrington area is one of the main areas the Central serves. Most of our customers are in this area. The MOW crew repaired a switch in the Boyd's Run area and it appears to be working fine. More ground throws (Caboose industries) are being added.

A restricting speed sign was posted at Mill Creek tower. The switches are giving the road crews problems, so a 5 mph restricting was posted through this area until the MOW dept can get the materials and time to repair the problem. The area is marked with a green flag with the letter "R" so when the crews see this they know to slow down.

They are now cars at the Penn Central interchange for shipment to Emporium Instructions and paper work go with each car so that the crews know where to ship the car.

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A lumber company in the Hallton area has discovered a very large block of trees that will be shipped. These are veneer logs and there is a customer in the west that has already bought several loads. The Central plans to ship these via Carman interchange.

Rich's Road Kill and Scrap has sent plans into the county planners for a new building to be built in the Clarington Area. This area is ideal because it is close to the interstate system and main roads in the area. The company has a process that makes a slurry for feed and other agriculture aids.

Another ops session is being planned for this coming Thursday evening. Starting at 6 pm and ending around 8:30 or so, this is when we will have some refreshments and a good ol BS session. Maybe even watch the movie. Everyone is welcome, if you have a hand held for Digitrax please bring it, for I only have two units. Please keep in mind that if you bring any 6 axle or sound units I am limited on how many the system can handle. I really enjoyed your visit last time, and it helps me to keep working on the layout to improve ops. I know that the layout is not up to were it needs to be yet so I ask that if you see a problem (track work rolling stock, motive etc.) Please let me know and I'll try to get it fixed by the next session. With the summertime here I know I'm gonna be busy with the outside chores. I now mow two places and now I'm am taking mom to therapy 3 times a week and I still take meals over to her and take care of her too. So I only get a couple of hours here and there working on the layout. I am really looking forward to the Ops on the Cornplanter Div. and the OPTUD at Bob's in July. If you haven't contacted Bob or Scott on coming to these events Please do so. They need a body count. I will be traveling to my friend in Allentown for his ops session in June.

Rich