

Apr 12-13, 2025: Ops summary

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Summary:

I am very concerned about the volunteer numbers for this set up. It is indicative of a trend which started a couple years ago. We didn't meet the minimum for setup and only just met the minimum for take down. Minimums are meant to be by exception, not the norm.

Friday setup

- We had a firm commitment from 11 members and a maybe from 2. However the most who showed up at any one time was 8 people, which is far less than the minimum of 12. From 1-5pm there were only 6 members and one prospective member. Of these 3 had physical ailments preventing them from full time setup duties. From 5pm onwards, 4 members joined in.
- Layout was up, levelled and wired by 8:30pm (30 mins after the standard)
- Layout was populated by 9:30pm (30 mins after the standard)

Note:

- Despite the layout getting set up, it is unacceptable that so few people were present. We ended up with less than the minimum amount.
- Given only 11 people committed to the setup and the minimum was set at 12, the Exec should have cancelled the layout in hindsight. We didn't because usually a couple unconfirmed people show up. The problem was that some confirmed people couldn't make it

Saturday

- Light attendance, 7 at most at any one moment

Sunday (thanks to Bob P for the report)

- Takedown went reasonable well.
- A relatively small layout so didn't announce the sweep until 3pm, but some members had actually begun about 2:45. Power was off around 3:15.
- The carts had been moved to the garage near the door and several carts were already in the room.
- We started out with about a dozen members, including several novice members, (I believe Pat has a more accurate count), but lost about half that number by 4pm.
- There were a couple of errors packing up the storeroom with a couple smaller items that were missed early on, like the power bars and two smaller bridges.
- But overall we got everything stored and the last car left the garage about 5:15.

- Jackfish Bay - There was a cart that was labeled for the module, but some question about how exactly it was to be utilized. With both end plates attached it did not quite fit. The "top" endplate was removed and Robin will trim a bit off the end which should allow it to fit the cart. However...care should be taken when removing the modules from the cart.
- Overall, not too bad. Carts certainly help. A little more care required with the early stages of the storeroom loading to ensure all the shelf and floor items are in place. There seems to be a point where the that process begins when you are very busy searching for something that is missing or helping sort out a problem. So things get missed. Maybe a numbered list for all items to be completed before any carts are rolled in might help

April set a new LOW record for Hours ran. The following stats tied for second lowest ever: #trains ran and # people ran. The number of people participating in April has been declining for 3 years now! See chart below.

[image.png](#)

- This is a disturbing trend and makes me wonder whether we should even offer a layout in April.
- Over the weekend, 21 different people ran a train. HOWEVER, we only had 8 people for setup and a high of 15 for disassembly. Clearly some people didn't live up to the convention of helping out at setup or take down.
- If the club doesn't commit to the minimum number of people for May, it will be CANCELLED!

Train Counts

Freight Total: 51
 Freight – through: 6
 Freight – local: 45
 Build own train 0
 MoW: 2
 Passenger total: 14
 PT: 9
 PR: 3
 PL: 2
 Total trains: 67

Hours Count

Hours 74.0

Top 3 freight locals were:

FL2 - 6
 FL3 - 6
 FL8 - 5

Top 3 Engineers by trains ran were:

Jim G 8
 Dilip C 6
 Josh A 6

Top 3 Engineers by running time

Josh A 7.6

George T 7.5

Keira C 6.6

Runs by train

- 4 people ran 1 train
- 6 people ran 2 trains
- 2 people ran 3 trains
- 5 people ran 4 trains
- 1 person ran 5 trains
- 2 people ran 6 trains
- 1 person ran 8 trains

Freight run counts

FL1 - 4

FL2 - 6

FL3 - 6

FL4 - 3

FL5 - 4

FL6 - 3

FL7 - 1

FL7A - 1

FL7B - 0

FL8 - 5

FL8A - 0

FL8B - 0

FL9 - 5

FL10 - 3

FL11 - 4

FL12 - 0

FL12A - 0

FL12B - 0

You can view your custom stats [here](#) by selecting the drop downs on the bottom of the screen