

Feb 2023 Operating Status

Overall, the layout ran quite well. Saturday was quite a busy day, with most of the trains out. Brandon, in his video, mentioned that he had not seen so many people present in a long time. Perry was there early as usual and checked the main line for trouble spots. He found about 5 or 6 places where the joiner track was not in right. And after Paul and Pat got the power up, he ran a test train with his auto racks. He found a couple of power problems which were fixed easily. He also found a couple of humps that were fixed. The layout seemed to run quite well.

A total of 34 members were in attendance over the weekend, with 33 on Saturday. This is about 67% of the membership, which is a very good showing.

Set up & Disassembly:

The layout set up on Friday started at around 1 pm. Most of the layout was set up by 5 pm. There were 25 people who showed up for the setup, which allowed for a smooth setup. The layout was up and levelled (but not wired) by 8 pm, and freight planners were also out of St. Anthony's by 8 pm.

Sunday takedown was done by a total of 18 people, with 17 of them still present at 4:50 pm. Having a large group working meant that the takedown went very well and was completed in what might be record time. The storeroom was closed at about 5 pm on Sunday, and the last member left about 5:15 pm. The last car was loaded and gone at 5:09 pm.

Overall statistics:

Brandon compiled the stats from the 2023-Feb operating session:

A total of 97 trains were run. Of these, 80 were freight, no MoW, and 17 passenger trains. Total running time was 126.4 hours. RTC operations was not run.

Stats breakdown:

<u>Freight</u>		
Through	20	
Freight Local		98
MoW	0	

<u>Passenger</u>		
PT	20	
PR	3	
PL	1	

<u>Freight Locals</u>		
FL1	was run	4 times
FL2	was run	6 times
FL3	was run	7 times
FL4	was run	5 times

FL5	was run	6 times
FL6	was run	3 times
FL7	was run	6 times
FL8	was run	7 times
FL9	was run	4 times
FL11	was run	7 times
FL12	was run	2 times

No. of trains run by Engineers:

14 engineers ran 1 train
11 engineers ran 2 trains
14 engineers ran 3 trains
13 engineers ran 4 trains
6 engineers ran 5 trains
12 engineers ran 6 trains

Module Building Program

Paul Churcher helped Liam lay track. Mark C practised his soldering technique with help from Paul Anderson and Colin Churcher. Ben V worked on wiring and got his Anderson Power Poles installed.

Issues to be addressed:

Dilip overheard someone saying trains made up in the fiddle yard had been left there, preventing others from using the fiddle yard to make up their train.