Jan 3-5, 2025: Ops summary

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Summary

The 3-day operations session was a successful event with extensive train activity, leading to a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Key highlights include:

- **Attendance on Thursday setup:**
    - **Maximum at a time: 15 participants.**
    - **Total signed up: 21 participants.**
    - **Total attending: 20 participants (some left early).**
    - **Ideal setup requirement: Continuous max of 18 participants (target not met).**
- **New Features:**
    - **Introduction of Starbase and Mimchuk modules.**
    - **Return of Cornwall (Provincial Paper).**
    - **Introduction of Build Your Own Freight Train activity.**
- **Progress and Performance:**
    - **Orientation of 4 probationary members.**
    - **Efficient RTC (Rail Traffic Control) with George excelling as dispatcher.**
    - **Ideal takedown with over 18 participants, meeting timeline standards.**
- **Innovation:**
    - **First-ever use of a block of modules with operating signals at each end, controlling block access. Special thanks to Jeff and Paul A for resolving signal issues.**

Daily Breakdown

Thursday:

- **Start: 1:00 PM.**
- **Layout leveled: 8:30 PM (30 minutes past standard).**
- **Freight operations: 9:00 PM (met standard).**

Friday:

- **Operations start: 10:15 AM (45 minutes past standard due to electrical issues).**

Saturday:

- **LocoNet issues reported on the turntable branch.**

Sunday:

- **RTC ran with all trains in operation.**

- **Sweep: 2:45 PM.**

- **Takedown: 3:00 PM.**

- **Storeroom closed: 4:50 PM (10 minutes ahead of standard).**

- **Final departure: 5:10 PM (20 minutes ahead of standard).**

Statistics: per this link

- **Overall:**

  - **Total trains run: 137**

    - **32 Passenger, 105 Freight, 0 MoW.**

  - **Apprenticeship runs: 5 trains.**

  - **RTC-operated trains.**

  - **Participants operating trains: 29 unique individuals.**

  - **Total running time: 207.5 hours.**

- **Records (no new records set):**

  - **3rd highest number of trains run.**

  - **Tied for 3rd most hours run.**

  - **Above average unique participation.**