

The Central Suffolk Dispatch

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The "A-Team" operations crew of the Central Suffolk Operations Group met at the Great Northern Rail Road on Thursday, March 10, 2016. We all know that the "A-Team" is comprised of Ron, John, Jeff and Byron and they were all present and ready to run this session. Ron acted as Dispatcher, John was the Saint Cloud Yard Master and engineers Jeff and Byron did all of the heavy lifting. The session started with an empty Saint Cloud Yard and by the end of the evening, after all the trains were configured in the yard and dispatched, the yard was completely empty again. What else would you expect from the "A-Team" Yard Master? Great job John! Jeff and Byron started out operating the coal train interface at Hinkley. Jeff brought the loaded open hoppers down from the mine atop Helix Mountain. Byron brought the big GN400 "Hustle Muscle" hauling empty hoppers up from down below. The pair completed the transfer in spectacular fashion and soon was on their way home, Jeff back to the mountain and Byron hauling the coal back to the city. The Dispatcher made the comment that he has observed this exchange in as many as eight different ways but never anything like what he just witnessed. Byron then started the local freight run and Jeff started his first train. By the time Byron finished up at Elk River and Hinkley, Jeff was on his second train. By the time Byron made the consist exchange at Saint Cloud and started back headed for Hinkley, Jeff was operating his third train. Jeff was also spotted doing Hostler work in the Yard and was observed doing precision operation of the turn table. By the time Byron made it home to Duluth, Jeff went past operating a passenger train. Oh yea, there was a new water car train thrown in there some place. What a guy! He also spent a lot of time crawling around on the floor. Don't ask what that was all about, because we don't know!

It was learned that Ole Andersenstedtson might be bringing his family over again this summer for vacation since they had such a wonderful time riding the Great Northern last year.



Ron made mention of that rowdy crew that was in on Monday. A bunch of rough necks was the way Ron put it. They broke the track in the Duluth staging yard and never said "howdy" about it. In spite of that, the "A-Team" was able to operate around this inconvenience tonight. Ron also related that the Monday crew stated that they were the real "A-Team." Not only that, in the middle of the session a call came in from that same group and that they were now over busting up

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the New York Connecting Railroad. We ask you, just look at the enclosed photograph. Be honest, does that look like an "A-Team?" Someone commented that it looked more like a Class B Minor League Team!

If you want to see what a real dedicated group of operators looks like, we direct you to view the photograph below.



The Real "A-Team"

The other half of the CSOG met at the New York Connecting Railroad tonight. We don't know what they were drinking. All we can do is re-direct your attention to the first photograph. The operators for that session included Ward, Jack, JJ, Howard and Mike. The two good looking guys in the foreground are Ward and Jack. The three guys in the rear may be wanted by the Great Northern Rail Road police.