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The Central Suffolk Operations Group (CSOG) met at the Great Northern Rail Road, April 7, 2016. Ron, John and Byron were the only operators in attendance for tonight's session which made for a really quiet meeting. Ron operated as Dispatch and John was the Saint Cloud Yard Master. Byron did all the hard work operating his train assignments, both of them. He started out with the GN400 Hustle Muscle coal drag for the hopper exchange at Hinkley with the coal train coming down from the mine atop Helix Mountain. Ron operated the coal train. After that, Byron ran the local freight for the rest of the evening. John added the two additional open hoppers to the coal train on its east bound leg, and removed the two loaded open hoppers on the west bound leg. He also constructed the consist for the local freight east bound run home to Duluth. Ron and John made a few train interchanges but all-in-all it was pretty quiet, and friendly. Missing the fourth operator appeared to really make a difference in the volume of traffic in the yard and Ron was making up tasks for John to do to keep him busy. We missed you Jeff.

There was some discussion about the performance of the "a Team" on Monday morning. It was related that they too were missing an operator for their session.

The Great Northern group usually receives an obscene phone call during our session from the guys over on the New York Connecting Railroad. None came in tonight so it was assumed that there was no session going on over there.

Aside from one covered hopper being "five oh'ed" and a few operator frog problems, not much happened out of the ordinary. The biggest excitement turned out to be when someone knocked over a tree, which on closer examination turned out to be two trees. Since Ward wasn't here tonight (he has a thing about trees) and the situation could easily involve the law firm of Dewey, Cheetem and Howe, we will leave it to our reader's imagination as to who the culprit might be.



No Ponderosa Pine here!