



Bob Fisher Retires
 Wisconsin Division
40 Years of Service

Wisconsin Division Engineer **Bob Fisher** retired February 27, 1981. His son, Illinois Division Conductor **Bob Fisher**, found some pictures of that occasion which we are happy to post.

Bob grew up in Eagle Grove, Iowa where his father was a C&NW engineer on the Northern Iowa Division and **Bob's** first railroad job was on the Eagle Grove Section Gang. Later, on June 9, 1941, **Bob** hired out as a fireman on the Wisconsin Division. During World War II, he was assigned to the Railroad Battalion and served in Alaska among other places. He returned to the Wisconsin Division after the war, was set up to engineer on February 14, 1946 and retired off an Elk Grove job on February 27, 1981. We are very pleased to report that **Bob** is active and doing quite well at the young age of 89.



Bob receives his Retirement Plaque from Elk Grove Trainmaster **Phil Leitherer** on February 27, 1981. **Phil** is now Superintendent at Global One.

Bob with his crew, (left to right) Brakeman **Jack Straley** (07/18/1947), **Bob**, Conductor **Jack Stratford** (02/21/1947) and Brakeman **Wendell "Windy" Bloomstrand**. Our thanks to **Bob Fisher** (above) who remembered.



Bob and Conductor **Jack Stratford** at Bob's retirement party held in March of 1981.



Jack Straley, Conductor **Tony Stacneck** (01/10/1946), **Bob & Jack Stratford** at **Tony's** retirement ceremony in January of 1981. Prior to Tony's retirement, this crew had the most seniority of any Wisconsin Division crew – 143 years.

