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Iowa Division

We welcome a new contributor to the web site, **Dave Kroeger**, who brings us some photos from the Iowa Division, a locale where previously we've had very little. Thanks, **Dave**!



Here is Engineer **W.W. "Bill" Wilson** from Lisbon, IA on Job 32 at Beverly (Cedar Rapids), Iowa in July of 1995. **Bill** hired on with the C&NW in the mid-1970's and one of his first engine service jobs was firing on the former M&STL between Marshalltown and Albert Lea, MN. Today (December 4, 2011) **Bill** is on the extra board at Cedar Rapids on the UPRR. Dave Kroeger photo.



Here is Conductor **G.L. "Gay" Williams** handing up an ATC Seal to a westbound PRKCA train at the Cedar River Bridge in Cedar Rapids IA in March 1992. At that time, the C&NW was in the process of adding CTC between the Bridge and Fairfax, IA. **Gay** would occasionally work a switch tender or flagman job. **Gay** hired out at Clinton in 1972 and has also worked at Beverly. He currently (2011) is in the Long Pool between Clinton and Missouri Valley.



Here is another photo of **Gay Williams** with his grips walking to the van after being relieved off an eastbound train at Mechanicsville, IA in March 2004. **Gay's** brother, **Randy Williams**, also hired on the C&NW. Both **Gay** and **Randy** work the Long Pool out of Clinton, IA.



Here is a gathering at Boone Yard in April 2011. From left to right: unknown, then Engineer **Janet Schultz**, who hired out with C&NW as a brakeman and now works in the west pool out of Boone. The man with his back to the camera is retired MOP **Jack Weber**. The man sitting down to the rear is unknown, then Conductor **Seth Thomas**, and to the far right is West Pool Engineer **Joe Kudron**. Joe hired out with the C&NW back in



Here, in June 2011, is the crew on a Operation Life Saver (OLS) train that ran between Gowrie and Grand Junction, IA on the former M&StL. From left to right: **Don Hedding**, Ft. Dodge Conductor who hired out with the C&NW in 1970. **Don** has also served as a director of the UPEC. Next to him is unknown. The man without the vest is **Tim**

1979. His brother **Tim** retired from the CN (CCP) this past year (2010) in Ft. Dodge.

Gustafson, former CNW man now on one of UP's steel gangs. Next to Tim on the right is Eagle Grove conductor **Eric Darland**, who also is a representative for UTU Local 306 at Eagle Grove.