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MID-MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: BOILER SAFETY / ENGINES

1. A yearly State of Michigan boiler inspection shall be completed on any boiler to be operated at Mid-Michigan.
2. Boiler certificate must be of the current year, provided the state is conducting inspections for the current year.
3. Safety chains or proper drawbar to be used between engine tender and all cars, at all times when the Public is riding. A knuckle coupler is not a proper draw-bar.

SECTION 2: OPERATIVE SAFETY RULES / PASSENGERS

1. All passengers must sign insurance waiver and have hand stamp.
2. Passengers will be loaded and unloaded at designated station only.
3. Passengers shall always be seated facing forward. Arms and legs shall be kept inside cars when train is in motion. Passengers shall be advised of this prior to departure.

SECTION 3: OPERATIVE SAFETY RULES / TRAINS

1. All engines must be run at a safe speed and under complete control at all times. A brisk walk is a good way to judge the maximum speed when carrying the general public.
2. All engines shall be run at reduced speed and prepared to stop short of obstructions in areas of congestion or limited sight.
3. All engines will operate at a reduced speed when crossing bridges.
4. A train stopped other than at a station will, when possible; send out a flagman at a reasonable distance to the rear.
5. Trains operating on public run days will be required to have either:
 - a. A conductor/brakeman seated in a position to observe the passengers and easily communicate with the engineer. By setting backward in the front most seat or, if using radios, in the rear most seat.
 - b. In lieu of a conductor, all engineers on trains not staffed with a conductor must carry a FRS radio that they are able to hear and understand while the train is in operation.
6. Mainline switches must be returned to normal position and points checked after use. *Exception*, remote controlled switches may be left in the reverse positron.
7. Relief engineers must be thoroughly briefed on the individual engine he / she is to operate. A complete understanding of the engine and safety rules must be made.

Anyone who has consumed alcoholic beverages will not be permitted to operate trains and/or support the operations of the Mid-Michigan Railroad Club. PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

The safety committee and club officers reserve the right to restrict anyone from activities on the Mid-Michigan railroad if he/she violates any of these safety regulations.