

Censorship on RYPN

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I find it very interesting the way posts and threads are censored and removed from RYPN. It shows/proves a few things. A.) as long as it does not hurt one of you personally, it can stay. B.) once it hurts you personally it needs to be stopped or removed. C.) if it offends a buddy of yours or a high profile steam God (that you like), you must stop the offense but D.) if it offends anybody else (as long as YOU the moderators don't like the guy), it needs to stay as a matter of "Fact" and honesty in the industry. E.) it really is not a "public" forum, it is your own sand box and as long as you like the players in the sand box, you keep them. But, once a player has caused YOU an offense, YOU need to delete them and remove their first amendment rights by not allowing them to post.

Really, the page needs to be shut down. It is causing too many problems in the industry. It is driving young people away and ruining our industry as a whole. It once was a great place to learn. Now, it is simply a complaint forum. No worries about me...I am finished. But, why does anybody else need to suffer the same fate that I have mostly at the hands of RYPN.... a community Forum and then, why do you as Moderators promote pages like the Deleted RYPN FB page? The mere fact that you mention the page on RYPN is damage enough. I didn't even know about the page until one of YOU mentioned it on the page. Thanks! The best favor any of you could do is to lock the page permanently and allow it to be a record of events in the industry but nothing to ever be added to again.

It is offensive that you delete what you want and leave what you want.... you guys the moderators are the nations most stoic example of hypocrisy.

Mr. Wilkins, no need to send this to my lawyer. I have the free right to address you and to speak my mind. I have not threatened you or intended any harm. I have made no mention of my legal case. I have every constitutional right to voice my grievances to you and the other moderators. I do not authorize this message to be posted in-whole or in-part on the page and I do not authorize you to speak of or even mention me or this email on RYPN. I simply wanted the group of you as moderators to know that I find your actions to be appalling and I have the legal right to let you know how I feel. Please do however send this to the rest of the moderators that may not be included in this message via email but not on the web page RYPN.org



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John,

Despite your statements, I've copied your attorneys.

Let me be clear. I never agreed to limit dissemination of communications from you before you sent this unsolicited email. I'm under no obligation to meet your demands on where I can and cannot post it. The law doesn't work that way, and anyone who told you that got their law degree off of the back of a serial box, or probably isn't a lawyer in the first place.

I let your attorneys know the last time about you making baseless legal threats to RYPN's moderators as a professional courtesy to them. Having a client like you, who is doing idiotic stuff like this, indicates to me that you are not taking your upcoming criminal matter seriously, despite what is at stake. I thought maybe they could woodshed you and explain to you the gravity of the situation and that you'd start acting like it. I was apparently wrong.

I've also copied your counsel on this message for this point. If you ever send me another unsolicited e-mail, or try to contact me in any way without my prior consent, I will go to court that day and get a stalking injunction against you. It'll be served on you by the time you sit down for dinner that day. Then, you can explain to a federal judge and the U.S. Attorneys Office why such a stalking injunction doesn't violate your pretrial release conditions, or recognizance bond. I also hold this offer open to any of the other recipients to this email, I'll do it pro bono.

John, for your own sake, take your situation seriously. There are more important things ahead of you than a forum about railway preservation.

Goodbye John. You have serious challenges ahead. Sending unsolicited screeds overnight isn't going to solve anything. By the way, you can post this anywhere. Even put it on a billboard. I don't care.

David