

Happenings

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TTC 416

Work on the car continues albeit at a reduced pace due to the poor weather. Cleaning and painting of truck parts continues as the trucks are prepped for reassembly. We are still waiting for the new pedestal liners to be fabricated. Once they are received, truck reassembly will kick into high gear.

TTC TP-11

The plow is progressing well. The removal of the rotten side sheeting on the closed side was completed and one of the four new side sheet panels has been cut and drilled in preparation for welding. The floor inside the closed side doorway has been repaired and the controller has been reinstalled. The wiring in the controller is about 60% complete and should be finished by press time. The resistor grids have all been reinstalled and wired up. Connection of the motor leads under the car is now complete except for two ground cables. The brake cylinder on the front truck had a new pressure end gasket installed, as well as the installation of new flex lines to both brake cylinders. All of the brakes have been set up and adjusted including the removal and reversal of all the dead levers and ball hangers. Mechanically, the car is now ready to roll. Work on refinishing and repairing the windows and doors is progressing well, and installation of the front windows and trim has commenced. The project has gained significant momentum and the plan is to see the car 100% complete by the end of this year. An interim milestone will be its first trip under its own power in eight years, which is expected in the next month or so.

TTC S-37

Details, details, details. With the exterior of the sweeper substantially complete, attention has turned to completing the interior. The seemingly neverending process of stripping, sanding, painting and reassembling is starting to pay dividends as sections of the interior are finally complete. Work is progressing at a good pace. The sweeper has been used for snow clearing as required.

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Work on the new upper sash continues with the balance of the sash in various stages of fabrication. Attention has turned to the lower sash, which is also in need of replacement. Sufficient wood is on hand to replace the sash on one side of the car. Options for new safety glass for the sash are being investigated. It is hoped to replace the lowers concurrently with the uppers on the south side of the car.

TTC 4600

A condition assesment for the repair work on the open side has been completed. However, work is currently on hold due to a lack of funds. Approximately \$1,500 is needed to replace the side sheeting and repair the side sills on the open side of the car. Please contribute if you can.



The next batch of 416 truck parts painted & ready.



TP-11's new side sheeting



S-37 sweeping Yard 2

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TTC RT-25

Work on the snowblower is progressing well. The engine has been completely dismantled, cleaned and prepped for reassembly. All of the heads, valves and pistons have been cleaned and the cylinders honed. A new set of piston rings and gaskets has been donated and reassembly is underway. The blower should be complete by the end of January.

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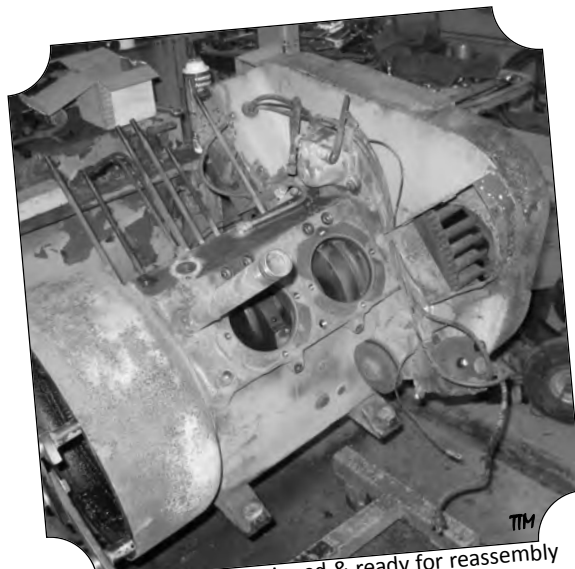
The forklift suffered a catastrophic failure of one of the steering wheel hubs. The spindle that the wheel is attached to broke off the steering yoke. Unfortunately, being a 40 year old machine, an exhaustive search has failed to locate a spare part. As such we are evaluating options to repair the old one. One of the unsung heroes of our operation, the forklift is a critical piece of equipment. Only now do we realize how many tasks it performs when it is out of service!

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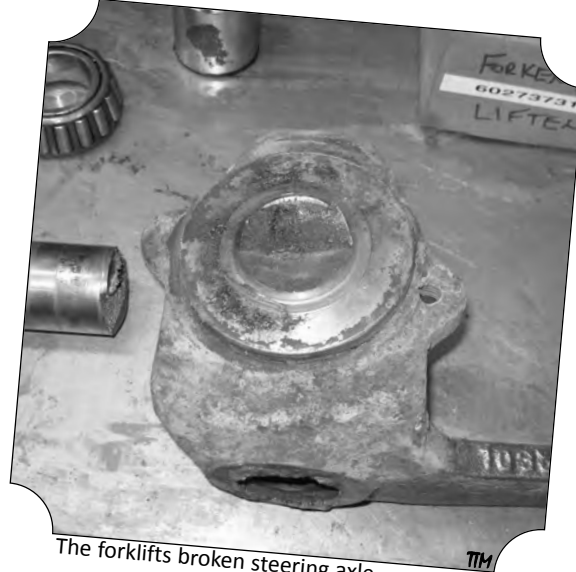
A new entrant to the list, our new caboos has been undergoing a cosmetic spruce up in preparation for entering service next season. A spare set of Brill Witt trucks were rescued from track 13 at the east end and have had their motors and brake beams removed. The trucks will be cleaned, brakes serviced and installed under the caboos until such time as its Bettendorf trucks can be regauged.

It has been a busy winter so far. The Christmas shows were very well received with nearly 1,000 visitors between the two days. All of the decorations were cleaned up after the second show, at which time all the picnic benches were stacked and the grounds prepped for winter.

There is lots of car work going on and we are grateful to have a number of new members coming out to assist in the shop and elsewhere. Winterfest will be upon us before we know it and I expect the feverish pace to continue throughout the winter. All members are welcome to come out and get involved. There is something for everyone and we'd be happy to have you. Contact Tom Twigge-Molecey (ttwigge@yahoo.ca) or Gord McOuat (gmcouat@rogers.com) for more information.



RT-25's engine stripped & ready for reassembly



The forklifts broken steering axle



Brill Witt trucks being prepped for the caboos