

Happenings

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T. Twigge & G. McQuat visiting Port Stanely. D. Barrett

TTC 416

Work on the north side sash installation is nearly complete with only two windows left to go. Installation of the vestibule roof wood is also ongoing, and the first layer of the east end is nearly complete.

TTC TP-11

Work on the trucks continues. Several worn pedestal liners have been removed to facilitate the fabrication of replacements. Disassembly and overhaul of the rake heads and levers is ongoing. Overhaul of components also continues, and we are gearing up for a major push on the car through the winter. Assistance is needed, and no skill is necessary. Work will continue on the car every weekend through the winter.



New pole on the mainline being installed.

CP 2210-20

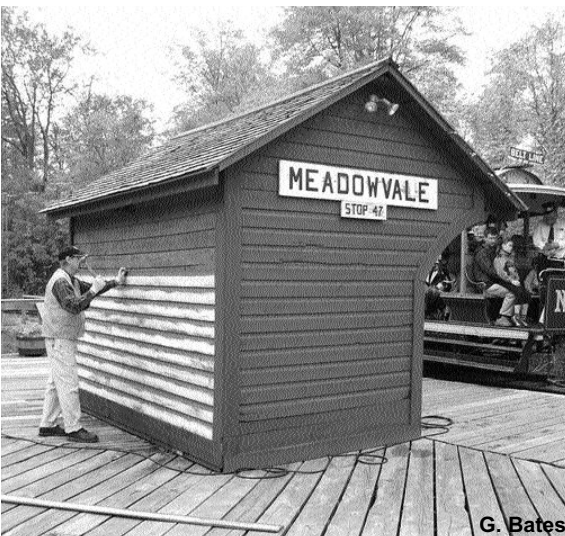
The newly re-sleeved drive axle was received from the machine shop and reinstalled. The alternator was realigned, and a number of final repairs were completed. The unit is once again fit for service.

TTC 4600

The car suffered propulsion problems, and days were spent on troubleshooting and repairs, but unfortunately reliability continues to be an issue. The car will receive a thorough "going over" this winter, and will return to service in the spring.

TTC 327

The open car suffered from a defective hood switch. While several spares were on hand, they were all in poor condition. New phosphor-Bronze trip springs were fabricated, and two switches were overhauled, calibrated, and one was installed. We now have a rebuilt spare for the next time.



John Johnson painting newly installed siding on Meadowvale Station. G. Bates

CP360724

Work is underway to regauge the trucks. The brake beams have been dismantled to facilitate regauging of the brakeheads. After the first one, this is a relatively simple process, and the brakes will be complete by the time the axles are complete. Negotiations for regauging the axles are ongoing with National Steelcar.

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The ford bus received a minor tune up and new voltage regulator in preparation for the Santa Claus parade in Milton. Despite some minor "hiccups" on the road, the bus performed well. Thanks to Chris Fox for all his efforts to get the bus down and back safely.

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TM2

The currently un-numbered ex-CPR, ex-Whiting 2TM trackmobile is in the shop for regauging. The drive chains and axles have been removed, and work is underway to regauge the frame. Once complete, the unit will be available as a backup should we suffer a DC power failure.

CP 166031 & 166081

Work on the archives cars is progressing well. The contractor's work is complete, and all the doors have been installed. The cars have been primed inside, and painting is ongoing. Installation of the permanent electrical service is underway and the electrical work should be complete by the end of December. A platform connecting the cars was built, along with a staircase for access. The cars have turned out better than expected, and will be a fantastic facility when complete.



Newly installed stairs!

TTC 9339

One of the TTC E-700 trolley coaches was traded to the Illinois Railway Museum for spare contactor parts for 107 & 797. The coach was shipped in November, and IRM is very pleased with their new acquisition. The coach is stored inside, and the IRM Trolley Coach department intends to get the coach into operational condition in the next few years.



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Bus moving off the property.

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Many hours were spent washing, stripping & priming the tamper. The project is on hold due to the weather, but painting will resume in the spring.

Some additional grading work was done along track 37, and the whole track has finally been properly aligned. It will be jacked and ballasted next year once the ballast car is regauged. Six overhead poles were changed in November, and all of the lines at the east end were transferred onto the new poles installed last year. Grounds cleanup is ongoing, and a significant amount of brush trimming and cleanup was done at the east end. New siding for the back of the Meadowvale shelter was donated by member Gord Bates. The improvement appearance is significant.

It was a busy and productive fall, and we are looking forward to a busy winter. If you are interested in working in the shop, please contact Tom Twigge or Gord McQuat. There is a lot to do, and all assistance is appreciated.



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Empty lot!