

Happenings

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TTC 416

The truck overhaul continues and most of the components have been cleaned up, painted and are ready for re-installation. Work on the new pedestal liners continues and they should be ready to re-install shortly. The trucks are now on track 21 awaiting reassembly over the winter. The first layer of fibreglass was installed on the roof of the car, but its completion has been deferred due to the cool weather. Work on the seats continues and new coil springs were purchased and delivered. A significant milestone occurred in early November when the elusive M-28 brake valve with the integral door selector was acquired as part of a parts swap after more than 25 years of searching.

TTC TP-11

Progress continues to be made on the plow, but it was backburnered somewhat this fall due to all of the other work going on. It was moved over the pit to facilitate brake set-up and adjustment and the cab floor is being repaired around the controller. It is still planned to get the control system completed and have the plow mobile in the new year to assist with snow fighting efforts this winter.

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Work on the new upper sash continues. With the car in regular service, installation had been deferred until the winter months. The balance of the heaters in the car were overhauled and hooked up and for the first time in many years it is toasty warm. Repairs were also done to the lineswitch arc horn and arc dividers.

TTC 2424

The installation of the blast heater motor and ovens was completed and the car has heat again for the first time in many years. With the lettering now complete, the car is substantially finished except for some minor wood refinishing.

TTC S-37

The restoration's pace has slowed somewhat, but work continues in the interior. The brooms were adjusted and the air valves were all overhauled and serviced in anticipation of the car going into service this winter. Work on the north sliding door is nearly complete and wiring of auxiliary circuits continues.



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TTC RT-25

A new entry to the list, the snowblower is being resurrected. While we have plenty of equipment capable of clearing snow off tracks, the resulting windrows beside the track are difficult to manage. The snowblower has been removed from its "truck" and is being modified to allow it to be mounted on the forklift. Unfortunately, the engine has seized up and it is in the process of being dismantled for a quick overhaul.

TTC 4600

The car was serviced and operated for the two Halloween shows before being sidelined by a minor limit relay glitch. The car is back in Barn 2 for the winter and the open side will be opened up, structurally repaired and new side sheeting will be installed. Approximately \$1,500 is needed to complete the frame and body repairs. Please contribute if you can.

This fall was incredibly busy. As reported elsewhere, the balance of the track into Barn 4 was completed, as well as all of the concrete pads and walkways. After 25 years of planning, the building is now full of cars.

Besides Barn 4 and car work, time was still taken to look after the grounds and prepare for events. The two Halloween shows were very successful again this year and preparations are underway for the Christmas shows. TTC 327 was loaded onto a tractor-trailer and participated in the Milton Santa Claus parade and it was very well received.

With Fiscal Year end approaching, this year will go down as one of our most productive. New cars are on line, new facilities have been built and the groundwork has been laid for another great year in 2010. If you haven't been out to the museum in a while, I'd encourage you to do so - the changes are remarkable.

Thanks to everyone for all their dedication and hard work. 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 McQuat (gmcouat@rogers.com) for more information.

