

Happenings

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TP-11 going back together

TTC TP-11

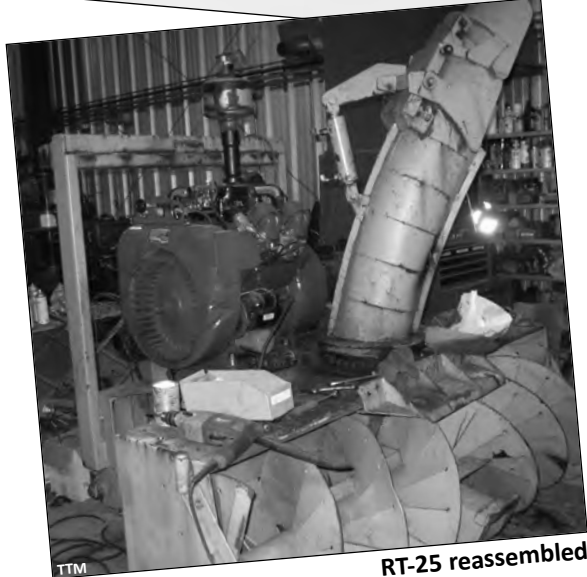
The plow continues to progress well. Installation of the control and traction wiring is complete. Refinishing and reinstallation of the front sash and sliding doors is also complete. The headlight has been reinstalled and connected, as well as the dash lights. The side wing plow control wiring and the wiring for the hydraulic pump motor for the front blade are substantially complete. The auxiliary circuit panel has been completed and the cupboard and fuse cabinet reinstalled. The interior has been cleaned out and cab painting is underway. Attention has turned to the small details, and one by one, the auxiliary circuits are being completed. The progress has been tremendous and the crew is to be commended.

TTC S-37

Interior clean-up continues, along with paint scuffing, sanding, refinishing and painting. Overall, the progress is tremendous. However, with each passing day the incremental improvements become less and less noticeable. The sweeper has been a tremendous asset for keeping the track clear throughout the winter.

TTC RT-25

Work on the snowblower is substantially complete. The engine overhaul was completed and successfully test run in mid-February. The blower chute was dismantled and the bearing was repaired. The blower reassembled and now substantially complete, but for installation of the skid, which will enable it to be mounted to the forklift.



RT-25 reassembled

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L&PS 8

Windows, windows, windows. The past two months have seen some incredibly intense progress. All sixteen new mahogany upper sash have now been completed and a total of nine are now installed. All eight on the south side and one on the north. Concurrent with the work on the uppers, 18 new lower sash have been completed with 18 more in various stages of production. New safety glass has been purchased for the new lower sash and all sixteen windows on the south side will have been replaced by press time. The goal is to have the remaining seven uppers and 16 lowers installed on the north side by the end of April.



8's new sash being installed

HSR 504

The forklift is on the verge of reassembly. After the fruitless search for replacement parts, our master machinist fabricated a new spindle and pressed it into the yoke. It was sent out for welding and is now ready for reassembly. New wheel bearings are on-hand along with a new kingpin and upper yoke bearing. Nobody could have foreseen what a tedious and time consuming process this apparently simple repair would be.



8's interior

CP 437123

Work on the caboose has continued throughout the winter. A rotten section of the floor was removed and replaced. The cupola was dismantled and completely rebuilt and the short section of the roof had new boards installed. Overall the work is progressing well and should be substantially complete by May.



437123's rebuilt cupola

Winterfest went off without a hitch in February, and a good time was had by all. Fortunately, with the mild winter, snow clearing has been relatively painless compared to years past. Preparations are underway for March Break and it is hoped that March Break Madness will be a significant source of income to see us through the rest of the winter. We have had a great year so far and progress is evident everywhere you look. All members are invited to come out and get involved.