



MTTV News Loop

May, 2012

Museum of Transportation Trolley Volunteers

Diligence!!

We recently suffered the derailment of #44 at the rubber switch. The likely cause of the problem that led to the derailment was improper maintenance on the switch several months back. The switch appears to have worked fine until the heat of the last few days caused binding that caused a partially closed point. And that didn't occur until 2:30 in the afternoon.

On approaching the faulty switch, the operator, at the last minute, realized that all was not right. But it was too late. He hit the brakes, but the car went on the ground.

Now, nothing that I'm going to say here is faulting the operator. He reacted quickly in applying the brakes. The crew then got the passengers off the car using the emergency stairs without further incident.

On another day last week, I saw #44 leave the platform with the dockboard lowered. For that, I fault the crew. But there is something we all can do to try to avoid this kind of incident. We probably do not emphasize this enough during training.

Be ever watchful. Because the last trip went well, don't assume that nothing has changed especially concerning turnouts. This applies to the pole staying on the wire too. Keep your ears open at all times to the telltale thump-thump-thump of a dewired pole.

Your nose can sound alarms too. Overheated electrical wiring adds a distinctive aroma to a streetcar. As is our standard, when in doubt, stop the operation.

In conclusion: Heads up! Eyes, Ears, Nose, everywhere.

No Operations Around the Loop

We are not operating around the loop because of an out-of-gauge situation at another switch on that side of the line.

Regular operations will resume after the repairs are completed and inspected.



Car 44 De-railed

Thanks to Al Weber, Steve Binning, Bob Leight, and Ted and Larry (County employees) who got the car re-railed Sunday morning.

Which Car to Operate?

If a scheduled car is not available, use the car scheduled just before or just after.

Thursday Date	Thu	Fri	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM	Sunday Date
5/10	2740	2740	2740	2740	2740	2740	5/13
5/17	44	44	2740	2740	44	44	5/20

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Broadway, St. Louis, U. S. A.

Above is a souvenir postcard from 1907. It shows several trolleys sharing the roads with horse drawn wagons on Broadway in downtown, St. Louis.

Parking
We apologize for not making it clear to newcomers that the parking against the restoration shop is reserved for County vehicles.
However, if you get blocked in by a County truck, the keys are usually in it somewhere. It is OK for you to carefully move said vehicle to get yourself out.
MAINTENANCE VEHICLE PARKING ONLY

Car #10 Still on Disabled List
No word yet on when #10 is going to be available.
We are trying to procure a coil needed to make a reliable air compressor regulator. We also need to replace the glass in most of the car.

Your Input Will Be Appreciated
Do you have news, pictures or other information of interest to your fellow trolley volunteers? Please let me know by e-mail, U.S. Mail or phone.
Thanks,
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Trolley Operations Scheduling
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See the Run Board at:
http://www.mot-trolleyline.org/schedule/schedule.html

