

MTTV News Loop

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Museum of Transportation Trolley Volunteers

HEAT WARNING

Summer is here and it's time to think about *HEAT*!

Know your limits.

Heat exhaustion can sneak up on you but there *are* warnings. You have no energy. You feel hotter than Hades. You may get disoriented. If you have any doubts about what is happening, get out of the heat. Get to an air-conditioned place ASAP. Don't worry about the car. If it needs to be parked, leave it. If your actions will stop the operation for the rest of the day, so be it. If you are having problems with the heat, you cannot operate safely anyway. If there is any truth in anecdotes, it appears that the older we get, the quicker heat becomes a problem. So be aware and careful. Let's stay safe.

Each of us is responsible for safe operation of the cars and the safety of all around us. So, during this hot time of the year, operators must watch out for each other. Many times, I can see problems with the heat in *you* long before *you* are aware of them yourself. So, do your fellow operator a favor, if you suspect that heat is causing your fellow worker to be losing it, tell him. And don't take "No" for an answer.

Your safety is involved here too. If your fellow operator gets to the point that you are concerned, park the car and tell him that you are done until he goes to a cool place to recover.

And remember, the older your coworker is, the more likely it is that he is having trouble. So, to sum it all up:

Our operators are in charge. If you are feeling heat exhaustion, stop operations and get to a cool place.

Watch your fellow operator as well as yourself. Some people don't like to admit that they're having problems.

If you see any patrons of the museum having trouble, consider calling 911.

Work on the 1743 is down to a lot of fine details and knotty problems. We have great need now for an electrical engineer type to get the car's wiring in shape.

Trolley Extension Update

Work is moving ahead in spite of the heat. It appears that it will be into October before we will have any interference with our normal operations. We are in the middle of two meetings with the county about this project. One of the costs will be to get rail bent and purchase fittings for the tightly curved track at the South end.

Please give us your opinion of spending about half of our bank account to get this rail bent and purchase the hardware for it.

The alternative is for MTTV members to fork up significant donations to cover the expected 8 to \$9000.

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Noel Moss came across the image above from an old glass plate negative in the Shorpy archive.

It's St. Louis, Olive Street, looking west from 6th Street, circa 1900.

There appears to be a center rail or slot between the two traction rails. Could it be a remnant from the days of cable cars downtown?

Farewell to Two MTTV Members

We are losing Dave Wilkins and Calvin Blanksteen from our group and the St. Louis Community.

We thank them both for their contributions to our successes and wish them well in their new locations!

Car #44

Car 44 is still out of service. We have not tackled the car's problem yet.

Volunteers Needed

"Sign ups" for trolley operations have been slipping.

Please come out and give a hand so we have reliable trolley operations for our museum visitors.

Volunteering is like this: One single person can make a difference.

If a whole bunch of "<u>ones</u>" gather together to work on the same project, they can make it better!

Every person can contribute something toward the success of the whole!

Every person is important!



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,

Charlie Jones

MTTV CREW SCHEDULING

To **Schedule** or **Change**, contact Charlie Jones Home: 636-391-8258 Cell: 314-277-2748 or, **charlie.jones@charter.net**

Trolley Operations Scheduling

Watch for the email updates, or, give me a call to discuss your preferences.

With your help, we can avoid cancellations.

See the Run Board at: http://www.mot-trolleyline.org/schedule/schedule.html

