



MTTV News Loop

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Museum of Transportation Trolley Volunteers

Safety!!! Attention!!! Concentration!!!

We've had two incidents recently that appear to be caused by the pole not being set properly in the hold-down hook. Pole damage has resulted in both cases.

Remember, after bringing down the pole, to be sure that it is in the hold down hook properly, pull the rope horizontally back and forth a couple of times. This will either spring the pole loose or set it in the hook if it wasn't previously. We are running out of trolley poles. SO be careful every time you change ends!

The Stairs at the Roberts' Building:

When traveling Eastbound, this is a danger zone. Approach the stairs **SLOWLY and cautiously**, especially, if you are not stopping at the platform.

This brings us to **Concentration**. It is of the greatest importance to not get complacent or groggy when driving. It is recommended that the two crew members switch jobs regularly to avoid losing your focus.

If it is not possible to rotate responsibilities, then the operator should take short breaks off the car: go to the toilet, get a drink, walk around, have a smoke if you are so inclined. But, **stay alert**.

We have an excellent safety record so far. Let's not blow it now!

Safety Stop Continues

Please continue to make a safety stop when Eastbound at the new rubber switch. The switch appears to be working correctly, but we want to always give it proper attention. This also helps keep your speed down when going through the wire frog that follows shortly thereafter.

You didn't miss the June/July edition of the News Loop. It just did not get done. However, there are some important items included here for your consideration.

Track Extension

Our reliable track crew has continued to do great work on the track extension.

To avoid causing them problems when they're working, ask them where they want you to stop at the west end of our present track.

Also, when using a temporary stop, do what you can to make boarding and de-boarding safe for our museum guests.

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You Are Still Needed!

Our operator participation is seriously in need of improvement. Even though we have 29 certified trolley operators on the roster, we're having difficulty in covering all shifts.

Our expectation is that each operator will commit to at least two shifts per month. However, so far this year, only 12 of our 29 operators average two or more shifts per month. Seven of the twelve are averaging four or more shifts per month.

It's understood that we'll have a few who are ill or unavailable for important reasons, but, we have 10 operators who average less than 1/2 shift per month.

A minority of our operators are covering the majority of the shifts which means that they sometimes work a double shift to provide minimum coverage

Assuming that you are truly interested in MTTV's success, please review your participation, and, whenever possible, increase your activity in this unique organization.



You are needed!

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

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

With your help, we can avoid cancellations.

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<http://www.mot-trolleyline.org/schedule/schedule.html>

