Hello, Coby!

Following is the progress report for the Bailey Farm Divco Dairy truck restoration project for the week of 11 August 2019. Please refer to the attached photos. We have also incorporated all photos and this report into a PDF document for ease of review.

Work continues on the sanding and straightening of body components, in anticipation of bondo repairs and priming activities to follow. We expect that these activities will continue for some time into the future.

The rear of the truck body was raised back to the proper position and additional structural support was provided to secure the rear of the truck body to the frame. The rear doors close properly now. Some minor alignment of the doors and latches will be required.

It was decided that the yellow color of the new modern wheel will not work with the original color scheme. We did a test on the wheel to see if the primer surfacer we will use will properly adhere to the powder coating and not flake. The test was positive and no problems with adhesion were noted. It is planned to paint the new modern wheels the same color as the body.

Metal patches are being welded to the passenger side of the truck. Bondo activities will commence once all metal patches are in place.

The rear tail lights and license plate panel were re welded back together and placed back on the reaqr of the truck to check fitment. We plan to rust reform all of the steel behind the panel before we permanently attach it back onto the truck.

List of outstanding items for cosmetic restoration (NO PARTICULAR ORDER):

~~Clean, wirebrush truck floor in storage area~~
Paint truck storage area floor
Repair/replace rusted areas of operator cab floor
Paint floor in operator cab area
Clean up, repair other areas in operator cab and clean/paint dashboard
Clean up steering wheel
Repair, reupholster driver seat
Sand, repair roof area
Repaint roof area silver color
Fabricate new diamond plate panel for attachment to rear bumper
~~Repair or fabricate new damaged sheet metal panels on rear of truck behind bumper~~ and reinstall permanently
Align, repair rear doors
Complete weld repairs to sheet metal panels
Complete weld repairs to structural components for sheet metal attachment
~~Raise and resecure rear truck body to truck frame~~
Repair operator cab doors
Clean, repaint engine compartment
Repaint engine "Ford Blue" color
Reinstall expanded metal to grille in nose section and on vent grilles on sides of truck
Complete all sheet metal bondo repairs and prime all exterior sheet metal

Reinstall all parts removed from the truck, including front nose, fenders, hood sections and doors
Paint front and rear bumpers semi gloss black, and reinstall on truck
Final sand primer, and finish paint exterior
Install new decals on all sides of truck
Install new modern wheels and tires
Final cleanup and inspection for exhibition

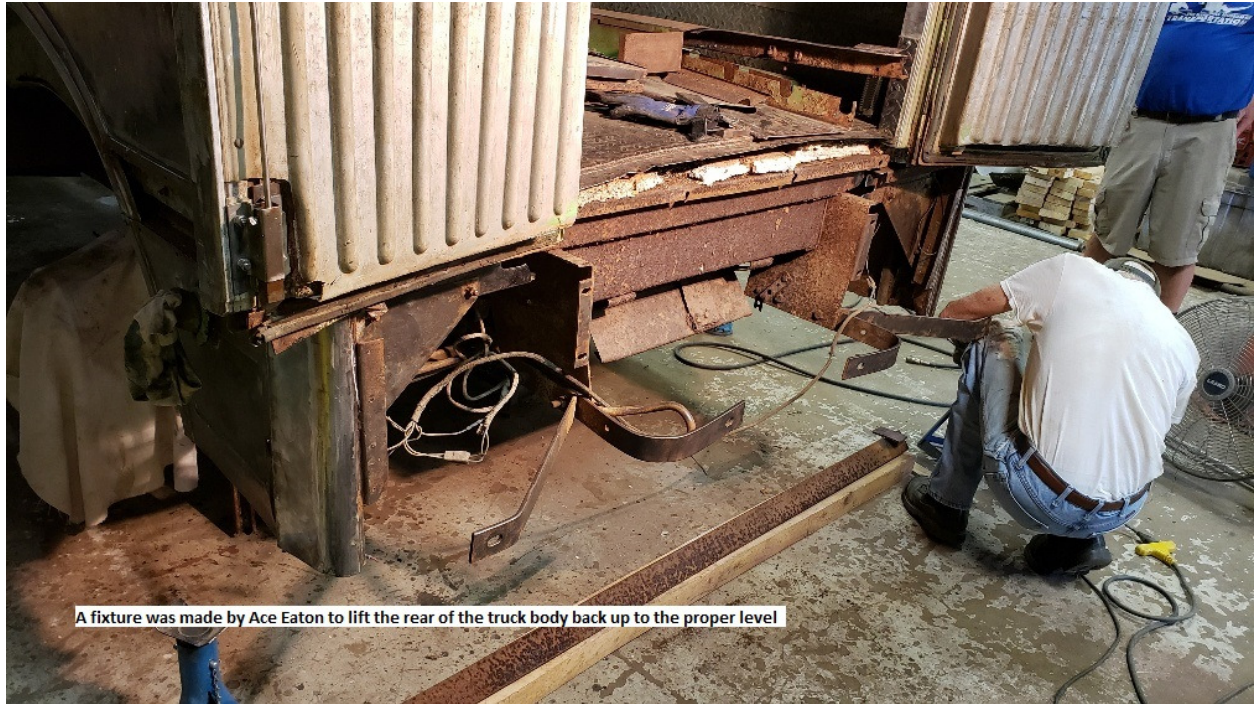We may add or remove items above, as we get further into this project.

Hope to see you tomorrow.

Regards,

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A fixture was made by Ace Eaton to lift the rear of the truck body back up to the proper level

The structural support for the rear truck body failed on both sides, and the body dropped approximately 2 inches

The fixture was placed under the body and raised with an hydraulic floor jack

A steel angle iron was cut to size to span the broken structural supports

The angle iron was welded to the frame and the broken structural steel components to support the body in the correct position

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We tested the powder coating on the modern wheel to see if it will accept the primer surfacer we plan to use to repaint the wheels. The primer surfacer adhered with no problems noted.

Further metal patching repairs continue on the passenger side of the truck by Bob Segasture and Phil Dudley

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The finish welded rear tail light and license plate panel was set in place to check fitment