

Trolley Barn Newsletter

September 2008

Happy Hollow Line Electrification: We are moving forward quickly. Five iron poles have been received. The city Parks folks are starting to prune trees and bushes along the line. The location for all the poles have been marked. Several items need to be closed with the city before they will issue a letter saying we can start, but no real problems exist. As I said before, the devil is in the details. Late breaking news: The wire hanging hardware has arrived.

Car 124: Our friend has finished rewinding the line breaker coil and returned it. The old style fuse has been refurbished and put on the shelf for future use. The seat that was removed for re-caning and repair of the seat back has been completed and re-installed. We will be re-caning about 4 more seats in the coming months. **The car has been performing perfectly.**

Birney: We are working toward replacing the brake shoes. Which brings up the point that the more you coast and the less you brake, the longer the equipment will last. I offer a challenge to the motormen; see if you can coast to a stop exactly where you want to be. No fair leaking a bit on the brake valve.

Melbourne car body: The owner has given up on the possibility that he can find time/money to retrieve the body and has given it back to us. He is giving CTRC his payment as a gift. A new owner has agreed to take it and is planning to remove it before the rains come.

Bean Orchard Sprayer: The engine's radiator has been installed and the framing to cover the engine has been started.

1928 Chimney Sweep Truck: A light sanding has revealed an older sign under the top coat of paint. The older one gives a phone number to call for service.

As if we didn't have enough to do: Years ago about 15 tons of tie plates were put in the flood plain. Our City Forest has asked the city to let them expand their growing area, so we've been asked to remove our parts. We're working with the Parks people to obtain barrels and, if possible, help to remove them.

One of those comments: A youngster was riding the trolley (many times) while Jim Maurer was motorman. The youngster's Mom said that it was time to go and he said no. She offered that they could go get ice cream at O'Brien's. Again, he said no. She asked why to which he replied that he can get ice cream at home.

Wells Fargo "Week of Caring": About 5 employees from Wells Fargo will clean Little Buttercup on September 11 as their contribution to Wells Fargo's "Week of Caring". We will have a Trolley Barn member on hand to work with them and motormen to give them a trolley ride at the end of the morning.

Motorman/Host assignments for October:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
4	Huff	Ouimett/Boehm	5	Ryan	Stallard
11	R. Maurer/J. Maurer	Brownlee	12	Ryan	Raby
18	Huff	Brownlee	19	Bingham	Gaddis
25	Butler/Ullmann	Schneider	26	No trolley*	Traill/Brownlee

* "Haunt the Hollow", 3000 kids expected

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Iron and Wood Poles Ready



Chimney Sweep Truck with Top Layer Sanded Off

Photos by Bob Schneider