

December 31, 2012

Happy New Year,

With Christmas and bad weather last week we only worked on Thursday and Saturday. On Thursday it was Heather, Richard and I. Heather was running parts and working in the office. I started after lunch to look for the ballast regulator hydraulic leak and air leaks. I found the air leaks in the dash on the hoses for the plow locks. The hydraulic leaks were found on the hydraulic pump which sits under the transmission. It is a going to be a very hard job to get the pump out. The machine will have to go over to the shop for the repairs. Then Richard and I worked on the motorcars until it got dark. Then went back to the shop and worked on the shop forklift which has power steering issues. Saturday we had 9 volunteers brave the cool temperatures to go out and change ties. We changed 26 ties. Most of the old ties came out in little pieces as they were so rotten. We got back to the shop and put everything away and were out the door a little after 6pm. Coming up we have allot more ties to change and the turntable project starting in 2 weeks. If we can get enough volunteers we will split into 2 groups so a small group can continue to changing ties or the track will not be ready for the school trains and the new season. Also 214 training is scheduled for Wednesday Jan 9 and for Sat. Jan 19. The Wednesday class should start at 5:30 pm and the Sat. class will start at 8:00 am.

See you out on the line,  
Alan and Chris

