

New England Electric Railway Historical Society  
Seashore Trolley Museum - Kennebunkport, Maine

## Cleveland Railway Center Entrance Car 1227 Needs your financial contributions to get it rolling again.

From this



Jobstown, N.J. 1973-1984

To this



Seashore 30 Dec. 2006



Jobstown c. 1972



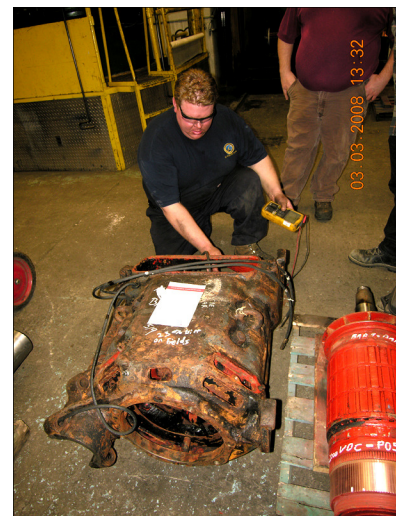
Seashore June 2007

To This! (A. C. Electric Motor Shop, Bangor )Maine



Seashore's Restoration Technician Randy Leclair at A. C.,  
measuring the insulation resistance of one of 1227's motors

See the  
other side  
for what  
happened  
and how  
your contri-  
butions can  
help change  
these  
pictures.



A. C.'s Jason Seymour checking the  
other motor

Now for the rest of the story. . . .

Restoration of Cleveland car 1227 is nearing completion from its being received from another museum in a state of advanced decay. What a beauty it is now! Unfortunately it had a high impact setback on a test trip a few months ago. Strange and decidedly incorrect sounds came from its traction motor no. 2. Measurements of its internal resistance indicated a dead short in the armature.

This offending motor, along with its 'running mate' no. 1, were taken out and sent to A. C. Electric's Bangor Shop for an analysis of what it would take to put them in first-class condition. This would include the expensive rewinding of one armature. The answer was a staggering (but still a favorable) \$12,000!! This sum is about what we would spend on a general restoration with funding flowing in throughout the year.

As members following the project over the years know, the restoration of our Cleveland center-entrance car has been one of the grandest transformations in the field of streetcar preservation anywhere. This restoration provides Seashore with a well-known, historically significant—and distinguished—car type representing one of America's giant street railway complexes. It is an outstanding addition to the restored collection in "The National Collection of American Streetcars".

Ever since no. 1227 was acquired it has been well-supported by a large and expanding corps of members who appreciate its importance and what it adds to the Museum's collection. Despite its received condition, many supporters saw it as a lost opportunity retrieved when it surfaced in 1984. Museum people could not finance acquisition of a serviceable car when the last of its type were replaced by used PCC cars by Shaker Heights Rapid Transit in 1960.

At this point we should remind members that no. 1227 is actually the first part of a two-car restoration program to also include matching non-motorized trailer car no. 2318 of 1917. Many of you know that Cleveland had the largest trailer fleet in North America (nearly 500 cars). Motor-trailer trains serviced some main streetcar lines until the early 1950s. The trailer is scheduled to enter Town House Shop in about three years, after we totally complete no. 1227 and build up a cash reserve to make good initial headway on no. 2318. So far, no North American museum has completed the restoration of a motor-trailer streetcar train. Indeed, only about six North American streetcar trailers exist in preservation.

This unanticipated need for major motor work is a serious setback. We are appealing to the generosity of members who appreciate how much has been done on this car so far, or who have a specific interest in the Cleveland streetcar system, to assist with the costs of getting the car operational again so we can re-focus on the final work of getting the car out-shopped.

The greater the response to this unexpected appeal the sooner we can give the go-ahead to A. C. Electric, and then get to the final details to complete the car.

Many thanks in advance for your support!!

*YES! I want to help complete car 1227 by assisting with the \$12,000 costs of overhauling two of its traction motors.  
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