

NC Transportation Museum

CONDITION REPORT

Object: Former NS Rwy bunk car #911

Accession Number:

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Current Location:

NC Transportation Museum Yard

Description:

51 foot long steel troop sleeper car

Prior Changes:

Built in 1943 by Pullman as a sleeper car, transferred to the NS Rwy railroad to be used as a sleeper car. NS Rwy modified the interior of the car, and possibly the window configuration. It was donated to the NCTM by Southern.

In 1988 the car was repaired and modified. The exterior was cleaned, painted, and relettered to the Southern era. The interior was modified to allow use as overnight accommodations by the NCMX mechanical volunteers. One or more partitions were removed to provide a meeting room. A coal stove was installed, 110VAC wiring was installed for lighting and outlets. The interior was painted.

Current Condition:

(Mechanical) Brief inspection revealed no obvious problems, though the brakes are understood to be nonfunctional.

(Cosmetic) The exterior paint is peeling and the body is rusting in some areas (2%). The steal roof appears to be intact (with some recent patching), although it too has some peeling paint and rusting.

The two side exterior wooden doors (exterior house doors with 6 panes of glass) are both rotten. The frames for these doors are also rotten (or rotten away, see photos). One of the end steel doors is separating, and probably requires serious attention.

The 11 windows all require replacement, painted a few years ago to seal the bare wood, all portions of the windows (frame and moving sections) show rot, and age. Even with the paint, they are likely to start collapsing in the next few years.

The interior shows no major deterioration, a few portions of ceiling are drooping.

Suggested Action (to maintain car exterior integrity):

Replacement of the two wooden side doors and their frames.

Repair and possibly replacement of the south end steal door.

Replacement of the 11 wooden windows.

Repaint and reletter the exterior, and roof.