

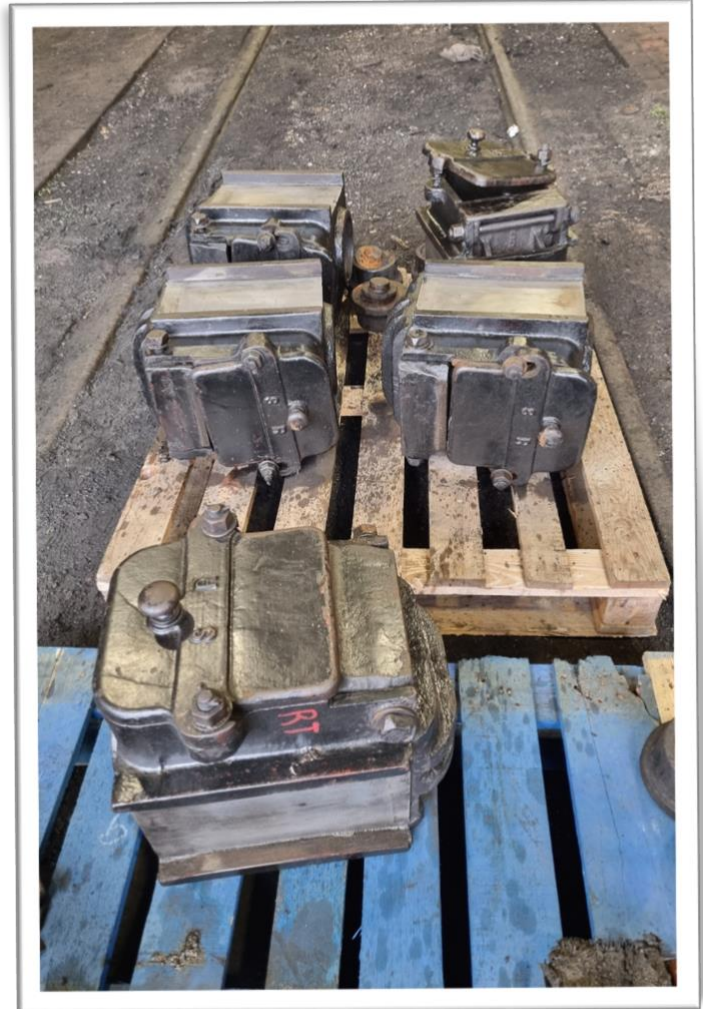
Q Class 541 Overhaul Progress

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Down at Leaky Finders premises in Devon, work is proceeding well on the boiler. 75% of the foundation ring rivet holes have been reamed, countersunk and bolted up, ready to rivet up. On the chassis, painting of the dragbox and rear inner frames is nearly complete. The first of the new frame inserts have had the horn block faces machined, offered up to chassis and marked out. They will shortly start drilling the bolt holes ready to ream up and fit horn blocks to it.

Back at Sheffield Park, plans are being worked up to paint the tender tank. The tender may need to be temporarily re-wheeled to move it out of the workshop for the duration of model railway weekend. To help this happen, the Maunsell Locomotive Society working party has assisted by cleaning up the tender axle boxes and one of the wheelsets prior to re-painting the wheel set.

In addition, the MLS volunteers have continued cleaning and priming various sections of the loco's boiler cladding that are present at Sheffield Park.



Above right: Tender axle boxes after being cleaned.

Right: Tender wheel set ready for being re-painted.

Both photos: Steve Pilcher





Left: New main frame inserts to replace the corroded areas of the frames around the hornguides.

Below: Inside of the frames newly painted after works completed to the right trailing horns.

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