Check procedures for riding cars

Daily

Make sure safety chains are attached between each. Do not let the chains drag down too low, idealistic they should be roughly 1" above the rail head. †Make sure the quick links on the chains are fully closed.

Check string for any stand out defects. If any problems arise that are continuous throughout the day should be reported to the train master.

Monthly

Check for any vertical movement of the axel against side frame. No movement is preferred. If a very fine amount is detected note which car it is keep an eye on it. †If it appears to be sloppy in there, either bad order car till truck is fixed or find a replacement truck for car.

Check couplers to make sure they open and close freely as well as move side to side freely. †If defective try lubricating them first if that does not solve the problem replace with a new coupler.

Make sure all safety chain brackets on the cars are secure and shows no sign of damage. Replace if damaged.