Maintenance Research Bulletin: May 2011

NTREC--New Technology Research Equipment Committee
MOR-- Maintenance Operations Research

Upcoming Events

22nd Annual Transportation Research Conference
Crowne Plaza St. Paul, Mn
May 24-25, 2011

Fall Maintenance Expo
St. Cloud Public Works
October 5-6, 2011

Maintenance Research Website
http://www.dot.state.mn.us/maint/research.html

Take time to remember those who fought for us
Memorial Day May 30, 2011

Lea
dership Exchange:
Farideh Amiri (Research Engineer) is leaving the Office of Maintenance on a 1 year mobility to the Research Services Section. Clark Moe will manage the Maintenance Research Program while Farideh is on her mobility. Thanks for all you have done and Good Luck Farideh!

Comments? Questions?
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Limb hog

The limb hog is a chain saw attachment that attaches to the tractor’s front-end loader bucket. This allows crews to safely trim limbs 8 feet higher than the bucket can reach while the operator is safe in the tractor cab. Currently, maintenance crews use ladders to reach limbs that need to be cleared because boom trucks aren’t always available. This creates safety risks due to the potential of falling with a running chain saw or injuries caused by falling limbs. District 6 will evaluate the limb hog for its ability to clear limbs safely, efficiently and whether or not it will eliminate the need for boom trucks to clear high hanging limbs.

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