White Forklift: 09/10/2019

Lets discuss the problems with the White Forklift.

1. It has a broken spring mail leaf. It has a wrapper leaf holding the spring in place. It will fail and the steering axle will shift and not be operable. The spring will have to be replaced or at ;least a new mail leaf installed. When this is done the spring eye bushings, pins and shackles should also be replaced as they are worn out on both sides. The weak spring is bottoming out on the frame when used. The cause of the failure was done sometime in the past by people operating the unit off road. This unit was designed to be towed behind a truck on a highway and to be operated on flat level ground or in a wearhouse. Not off road or on our parking lot. Especially not over rail road tracks to pick up ties. Although I noticed the broken spring a few years ago the problem wont fix itself. I recommend we try to set aside the needed funds to do repairs as soon as possible. I can only imagine that the estimated cost could reach 5 to 7 hundred dollars when all is said and done.

2. The engine as you all know needs some major work. It needs the head removed and a valve job done and possible rings and bearings. This could also cost in the hundreds of dollars. In the long run it would be cheaper to repair in house than to send it out to a shop. Also it would be cheaper than buying a replacement fork lift. Bil