I didn't really extend the merge window by a day here, but I gave myself an extra day to merge my pending queue. Thus the Monday date for the rc1 rather than the usual Sunday afternoon.

And it wasn't all _that_ big or painful a merge window, for some reason I just didn't get to the end of the queue until fairly late in the second week, and continued to get a few more pull requests even then. Part of it was just other discussions too happening, so I didn't do _just_ merges all the time. But part of it was just that I also spent some of Sunday away from the computer, doing some welding instead.

Anyway, what I'm saying is that the Monday rc1 isn't really a sign of any real trouble or more issues than usual. More just random timing.

Size-wise, 5.4 looks to shape up very regular. It's almost exactly the same size as 5.3 was at the same stage, both in commits and in lines added (honestly in advertising: 5.3 had more lines removed mainly due to some isdn removal). Nothing major stands out, the most notable may be the long-pending lockdown patches that weren't all that big, but that now finally aren't tied to just EFI secure boot, so you can test them out other ways too.

[2]

Also: The 5.4-rc1 kernel is out [3]