

Greetings!

This is your Maintenance of Way Team update for July 13, 2014. Another great week of progress and another truncated version of the update as I (Richard) am still out of town). Fortunately, Alan, Heather, and Frank have kept me informed so that I can keep you informed. So, let's get started.

Tuesday, Frank Werry, Joshua Ilac, Gene Peck, Harry Voss, Bob Ress, Frederick Carr, Cliff Barnes, Pat Scholzen, Heather Kearns and Alan Hardy brought the MOW Team spirit to the Erecting Shop. Pat, Gene and Harry, as our jacks of all trades, worked on a variety of projects and shared important information about equipment maintenance with each other. Heather, Conductor Frank, and Josh went over to Old Sacramento to bring the Weed Team's chipper to have its chipping blades sharpened. The machine will be serviced, as well. Cliff did a large amount of welding. Josh did an outstanding job of removing the old hydraulic motors and winches from the Kalamazoo. Fred worked on the dump truck and Alan did basic Kalamazoo stuff. Everyone went home happy and pleased with their accomplishments.

Thursday, participants included Heather, Frank, Cliff, Mike Harris, and Alan. Heather ran errands and serviced both the Big Green Machine and the yellow electric forklifts. Cliff did his usual excellent job of welding. Mike, Frank and Alan worked on the Kalamazoo. Slowly but surely, it's getting it done.

Saturday, the assumption is that doughnuts did show up. No complaints were lodged so, assume that's a safe bet. The Team split into two groups. Frank took Mike Florentine and Steve Nemeth out on the line where they replaced broken track joint washers and tamped two ties. Heather Clem Meier and Josh started changing out the blades on the chipper. Fred tackled the exhaust systems on the Kalamazoo and the new pink *USS Sea Tiger* ballast regulator. Chris Carlson and Alan installed the feet on the "new old" tamper. Chris worked on the air-conditioning and electrical systems on the tamper. Frank and Chris worked on improving the large doors to the building which stick when being opened.

This coming week, Tuesday and Thursday the doors will be open by 5 o'clock sharp. There is a threat of doughnuts on Saturday. Show up at 8 o'clock a.m. to see for yourself. Many thanks to Alan, Heather, and Frank for the updates and photos (Heather). Next week, I'll be back in town and so will the lengthy, wordy, yet pithy update. Until then...

See you out on the line,

Alan, Chris, and Richard.



Steve and Mike F. replace lock-washers on several joints



Josh and Chris work on the chipper





Clem get the chipper's shoot repaired