

December 16, 2012

Happy Holidays,

It was a busy week. On Tuesday night I got the chainsaw put back together with Gene's help and it runs okay. So much for the shop that said it was terminal. Richard and Heather went over to the containers and worked on the motorcars. John showed up with dinner and Pat cooked, so we all enjoyed sausages and potato salad. Mike worked on the tamper and got the first work-head off. There are some very worn parts, so we will have to order new parts. Bert worked on his roof. Thursday night with Richard and I since there was a managers meeting in the shop. After that, Richard and I took 9 plugged ties down to the bike path since John is going to change ties on Friday. John and crew got 7 ties changed on Friday.

Saturday we had a crew of 8 to go back down below the south switch at Setzer and changed out 11 more ties for a total of 43 ties over 3 days. We had to stop at 2:30 since the trains started at 3:30. We are just about done in the area that has so many bad ties. Next week we will work in the shop Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 5:00. Also, we should be out on the line Saturday since we will be done with Polar unless it is raining too hard. Also thanks to the signal crew that works in the shop on Thursdays; they have agreed to install and wire the lights on the new tamper; it has never had lights on it before.

See you out on the line,
Chris and Alan



