

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW Folks:

This is your next edition of the MOW Weekly Update. While the update maybe late the information is just as important and timely.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We split up into two groups today. The first group was busy in the shops working on both the green machine and the motor car both in for service. The second group went out on the line and started adding more ballast to the track where the raise occurred. As the track was raised we ran out of ballast, this is adding ballast recently acquired from West Sacramento.



MOW Loader filling our ballast carts



John standing on ballast in front of the ballast train.

Thursday: Again we continued work spreading ballast along the line where the raise was taking place. We spread more ballast with a little fugitive dirt in the mix. Now we need to go back and tamp it under the ties again.

Saturday: Chris took the crew out to service switches along the line. The hearty crew was able to address 10 switches. They also found a few switches that foolishly were out of adjustment so they whipped them into shape and tightened them up a little for smooth railroading. Meanwhile, Sandy was on the loader in Setzer moving ballast around to make room for even more ballast.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: As we are giving a late update the week ahead will be brief. We will meet at the shops at 3:00 p.m. for early birds and 5:00 p.m. for all others. We leave it to your determination if you are an early bird or other.

Thursday: Again meet at the shops at 5:00 p.m. for more shopy things.

Saturday: The crew last Saturday adjusted the first 10 switches, but we have many more on our line so we will continue with this work and also take care of any defects that we find along the line.



Bert keeping an eye on everything

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris

*Photos courtesy of Richard Paul