

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW Folks, it is forecast for a rainy week and a little wind just for extra humph. We were able to make the most of last week with meetings during four of the total seven days. So let's get right down to it and get'er done!

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: It is almost without fail we were busy in the shops on Tuesday and that is what we were. Frank and Gene worked on mounting the air hose reel to the truck and made preparations for connecting it to the truck compressor. Mike and Ron worked on the shaker; they began the process of cutting



Richard next to the scarifier covering the windows.

out screens to guard the shaker motor from our wonderful residence in Setzer. You would think that the folks living around Setzer would want to be neighborly and not trash our equipment. But sadly they are products of a modern age that does not respect our property. Sandy worked on the computer inputting purchases, while Richard was busy covering the windows on the scarifier. Lastly, I believe that Bert was there working on the motor car roof but you will have to ask him to confirm his presence.



Volunteers taking the test during the Wednesday 214 training.

Wednesday: We had over 40 volunteers show up to take the Part 214 training. They all took the little test at the end of the class and passed. Good Job! The next 214 training class is on Saturday, January 23 at 9:00 in the CSRM theater.

Thursday: We had a smaller crew working in the shops on Thursday. Cliff was busy welding up the shaker. Richard was still covering the scarifier windows for painting, and John replaced the belt on the shaker.

Saturday: A nice work party gathered on the foggy cold morning of Saturday for MOW. Racing against the storm projected and currently howling outside the writer's window, we accomplished quite a bit of work. First, we set out to swap the motor cars at Cliff's as the current one had broken down. This accomplished, we began work on



Repairing the Cliff's spray rig. Harry on the welder while the others clean up the equipment.

repairs to the Cliff's spray rig. This was damaged during our container's last encounter with an idiot driver who does not know how to stay on the road. This done Mike Taylor set about testing the equipment. After lunch we all went back to the shops and split into work parties. The first group let by Steve N. went out and began positioning crane legs for transport down to Jamestown. Ed, fired up the trusty torch, or hot wrench, and



Ed, on the torch cutting off bolts.

removed a turntable for destroyed truck trailer. Chris removed the transmission from the track inspector motor car returned with, that's right, transmission problems. And John, Frank, and Ron, took the hand tampers out to the shops yard to tamp in some new rock dumped by sandy on the yard track.

WEEK AHEAD:

with a little extra time in their day than needs filling, or 5:00 p.m. for those with a little less extra time but still want to work at MOW.

Thursday: AGAIN, IF IT IS NOT RAINING, we will meet at the shops but only starting around 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: **This is the second day of 214 training.** We will start training at 9:00 a.m. in the CSRM Theater. We would then have lunch and IF IT IS NOT RAINING TOO HEAVY, we will start around 1:00 p.m. with a little work to do in Old Sacramento on one of the yard switches that has been reported by the inspector, switch #7 needs just a little tightening. But as with all little jobs at MOW this could get ugly. We have lots of other stuff to do as well.

Tuesday: IF IT IS NOT RAINING, we will meet at the shops at around 3:00 p.m. for those



Frank and Ron on the hand tampers in the shops yard.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris