

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Greetings fellow MOW folks. It is time again for your weekly MOW update. We had a busy week with much going on. This week may be a little soggy with the rain and all but we hope to have a good MOW BBQ no matter what the weather. So lets get to the update and on with the week.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We had a number of projects going on in the shop. First, we had a group of folks working on the MOW truck to find out why the reverse beeper was not working. This problem was solved by Ron, Brenton, and Gene. Mike Harris worked on the shaker looking at all the belts for potential replacement. A third group did some work out on the yard track's joints our yard track is always in need of a little work.



Richard greasing the loader after use.

Thursday: More work at the shops and out on the line. First Richard took the loader and began to clean up the debris brought over by the side dump car on Wednesday. A second group John, Ron, and Brenton went out to the stub switch in Old Sacramento and spiked down one of the switch straps that had begun to work loose creating a tripping hazard. They then went on to tighten up a few loose bolts on the tamper discovered last Saturday during the track raise.



Brenton and Ron working on the tamper at Clunie.

Saturday: Chris took the crew out to work on switches along the mainline starting at baths switch #20 and working back to Old Sacramento. Harry gave a class to a number of MOW folks present on the operation of the crane on the MOW truck down at Baths. The crew was able to evaluate and make some repairs on switches #12 to #20. There is still much work that needs to be done on the switches and new ties that need to be replaced.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We plan on working in the shops on Tuesday. We don't know what the weather will be like but hope for the best (we need rain). That being said what our tasks will be will depend on what the weather is like. Start time is 3:00 p.m. for those with flexible days and 5:00 p.m. for those with fixed work schedules, we meet at the shops.

Thursday: Again we plan on working on Thursday. We start at the shops at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: Our MOW Picnic day. We hope you are all planning on attending. We will hold the picnic rain or shine. If it is a nice day we will be down at Miller Park along the mainline. If it is a rainy day we plan to be in the Stanford Gallery. This is your chance to enjoy some fine food and good company with your fellow MOW Folks, and other museum people. We start at 11:30 ish and go till we have eaten our fill and all the sodas are gone.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris