

# MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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OK folks it is your MOW Weekly Update, please hold all your applause till the end of the update. We had a good week working for MOW this week so let's get started.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

**Tuesday:** Day started with the weed crew out working on keeping our line clear of those nasty green invaders that encroach on our track. In the evening Bert and Randy continued work on the motor car roof. Leonard, Brenton, and Bart all went and collected the hand car program's motor car which needs servicing. And Mike Harris started servicing the motor car. Pat and Gene lead the BBQ crew which cooked up the leftovers from last weekends MOW BBQ for the Tuesday crew. There was much rejoicing by all the Tuesday crew.



(l-r) Mike, Harry, Sandy, and Chris finishing up the Tuesday BBQ.

**Thursday:** We went out on the track to start changing bad ties in and around switch #16. We worked till we ran out of light before returning to the shops tired and ready to go home. It took us a little longer than expected to get started as we forgot to bring gas for the section gang machine. By the time we got started we were able to change one tie and rip the end of a second.



Frank, Brenton, and Steve changing ties on the SSRR mainline.

**Saturday:** We split the crew into two work parties in the morning. First group lead by Harry took the chipper and chipped up the limbs which had fallen during the last major Sacramento storm. This helped clean up the right of way area. The second group, which was later joined by the other group in the afternoon, continued work changing out the switch ties at switch #16. We were able to change about three ties in the switch and a further 5 ties along the track near the switch. By the end of the day we were very tired and ready to go home.

## WEEK AHEAD:

**Tuesday:** We will be meeting at the shop at 3:00 p.m. for those who do not have to stay at work till the end of the work day, and 5:00 p.m. for those dedicated to a standard work schedule.

**Special crew call for Tuesday: The Weed control team will be doing to vegetation trimming at Setzer spur, just south of where the SSRR crosses front street on the east side of the track. They could use your help, if you have time please report to Setzer between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to Mike Taylor. If you have questions please respond to this e-mail.**

**Thursday:** We will be meeting at the shop at 5:00 p.m.



Steve, Brenton, Chris, and Clem using the section gang machine to change ties.



Harry, Clem, and Brenton preparing to insert a tie with the section gang machine.

**Saturday:** All of your MOW leader will be out of town on this weekend. Since it is Halloween and there are countless weirdoes out and about there is no sense in MOW being exposed to those wild Halloween people. So we not be working on Saturday but do plan on working next week.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris