

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks, strap on your seatbelts and hold on because it is time again for you MOW Weekly Update! We have the news and you want the news it is the way our system works. Let's get right down to the business shall we.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: Sandy led the crew on Tuesday. There was much activity in the shop, cleaning up and general work on a number of fronts. We were also able to finally get parts back to put the tie shear back together so we can head out on the line and do some good changing ties.



Saturday Crew: (l-r) Frank, Ron, Clem, Ed, John, Harry, Chris, Brenton



Harry starts the air compressor

Thursday: Was a quiet evening, or as quiet as MOW can be with all their heavy machines and hammers. Bert continued work on the motor car roof, he is making progress you can see and appreciate. The rest of us were our cleaning up some rail for use on another part of our line.

Saturday: We had a dedicated crew working on Saturday. We started the day replacing ties in the shops yard. This was made difficult by the fact that the existing ties were powder and had to be dug out. Further complications were found when we discovered more ties buried under the existing tie, who knows

what the Southern Pacific did in that yard. But with determination and lots of effort we were able to change eight ties in an area of track that really did not have anything.

In the afternoon you would have found the MOW team in Old Sacramento. Dogs and Ponys were running wild as we prepared and presented our show to the new docent class. As part of our presentation we trimmed trees and worked on switch #6. The repairs on switch #6 were in response to an inspection by the FRA on Thursday and the discovery that #6 needed some more work. More switches to be adjusted in the future. Our Saturday crew performed great work



Ed driving spikes with help from Frank and Harry

throughout the day and a big cheer for their efforts. Further, the new docent class appreciated their demonstrations and dog and pony show.



Frank inserting a new tie while Harry looks on.

excitement for all.

Saturday: Start time is 8:00 a.m. for a full day of fun out on the line making the ride for all those wonderful visitors that much smoother and safer.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be busy in the shops doing shoppo things. No this is not the shopping but mechanical shop. Start time is 3:00 p.m. for those with the cool breeze of freedom in their hair, and 5:00 p.m. for those still under the whips of employers. We meet at the shops

Thursday: It is again more work for MOW. We meet at the shops at 5:00 p.m. for fun and



Ed driving more spikes with help from Frank and Harry