

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks and welcome to the MOW Weekly Update late edition because I kept forgetting to write the darn thing. This will also be the brief version because I am a little irritated right now as I had a nice long, detailed update with lots of cool comments that would make you laugh and cry all at the same time. That all disappeared when I hit some key, I don't know which, that instantly shut down my computer before I could save it. So I am now rewriting a brief edition, and listening to my upstairs neighbor gallop around like a herd of elephants. So, now you have the story let's get the update.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We worked in the shops again. Things break, we fix them. Bert did more with the motor car roof, Mike started putting a cylinder back on the tie shear, and frankly the rest of the evening is a little fuzzy to me so we will stop there.

Thursday: Guess what! We worked in the shops again. I remember the weed crew was out fighting their eternal battle against invasive green things down on the Hood line at some point during the week so we will mention it here in the update. Brenton began servicing the A4 motor car for placement down at Cliff's. Richard worked on placing rail on the handcar program's trailer.

Saturday: We had a good crew and accomplished a lot. We repaired switch #10 with a new connecting rod and tamped the heel of the switch points. A second crew took the man lift out and trimmed trees along the entire mainline to accommodate the improved North Pole with some high structure that needs clearance. It was an eventful day including locking our entire crew out of the New MOW truck for lack of a spare key. Lucky we were able to receive help from one of the friendly Parks maintenance staff to pull the extra key Parks has in the big four building. It was a long day and there was much tiredness at the end of it.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We work in shops doing cool stuff that only those who come on Tuesday will ever get to do, or maybe not. Meet at the shops at 3:00 p.m. for those who are just free as birds with the schedules, and 5:00 p.m. for those who are not so free.

Thursday: We meet at the shops at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: We meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m. We do something awesome and neat, but I can't tell you because I don't know what it is yet.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris