

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Well MOW Folks, it is time for your MOW Weekly Update. As we head into the holiday season let us take a moment to remember all the great things that MOW has done for you over the course of the year. Since I do not want to type it all out we will keep this a personal remembrance done on your own time in memory only. Let us finish with a remembrance of what MOW was able to do this week.



Frank, Harry, Steve, and Caleb working on replacing ties at Clunie.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: The MOW Tuesday team in the shop spent the evening enjoying a nice holiday dinner of lasagna, bread, and salad. We also began work on fitting the electrical cover on the shaker, another step to get the machine back into service.

Thursday: The crew had a short night of work. What they did is a slight mystery to me as I was working on the final weekend of the Polar Express. But rest assured that it was something really cool.



Frank and Caleb taking a quick rest before more shoveling of Ballest. Or are they training for Caltrans?

Saturday: Saturday was a very busy day with multiple projects started and completed by the small six man crew. We started out by changing out 5 ties with the backhoe in the Clunie area. This was followed by the crew moving on to begin repairs on the MOW tamper. One of the vibrating motors on the tamper began leaking during its last operation. We also pulled out all the equipment in the Clunie container for service and repair. The rail mounted air compressor needed new cooling belts which were installed, the A6 motorcar needed a new

fuel pump and spark plugs which were all changed and replaced. The axles of all the rolling stock in the container were greased, and finally we began inspection on the transmission to the inspector's motor car which is now stuck in 2nd gear. Lastly we sent out a crew with the leaf blower to start clearing the track of leaf litter. In all a very productive day.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be busy in the shops for our final day of work before Christmas. We will start at 3:00 p.m. for those who have time off from work early before Christmas, retired people, or those that just don't care about their pay job enough to stay until COB.

For the dedicated few or those who are physically trapped at a paying job we start at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: Have a Merry Christmas Eve without your shop time. Go eat some bad food that tastes great!.

Saturday: Take this day to kick your heels up and relax with you family and friends, but not at MOW.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



Chris on the Backhoe pulling out a tie while Steve sets spikes on a newly inserted tie.