

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW Folks and welcome to the latest installment of the MOW Weekly Update. Now we have much going on and not a lot of time to cover all the wonderful topics. So let's take this moment to fly off on a tangent thought. Winter is a great time to volunteer with MOW. Now that is done let's get on with all the exciting things that have occurred and have yet to occur.



Brenton checking out the seat on the lawn mower.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: A crew worked in the shops on Tuesday, shocking I know. Mike took the bearings of the MOW trailer to be greased and tightened. Pat and Gene worked on the MOW truck putting the extra battery in the vehicle. Cliff did some welding, and I can't remember what else happened as I was really not paying close attention, but we did get in a lot of good chatting, or power chatting as Richard likes to say.



Jack and Frank cleaning a support arm for the Tie Shear.

Thursday: We had a small group of only about three in the shops on Thursday. It was dryish to start but the heavens opened up and it got a little wet as the evening progressed. So, Cliff welded more screen on the shaker until the rain hit, then he repaired our pullers which were broken a couple of weeks ago. Frank and John both worked on putting a horn valve on the scarifier with help from Cliff at the end of the evening. We now only have to connect the horns to the air tank and we will be ready for fun on the line.

Saturday: We had a great crew on Saturday; we started the day out in the shops and ended the day in the shops. To start Steve started to paint the scarifier cab, Brenton painted the tie shear engine hood, and Chris worked on something with Jack I am sure. In the afternoon we moved on to painting the cab of the tie shear, cleaning up a support arm of the tie shear before returning it to the machine, and after a long afternoon of hammering, swearing, pressing, pushing, pulling, yelling, kicking, punching, and gentle taping, we were able to put most of the tie shear back together.



Chris tightening a bolt at Miller Park

Further, in the afternoon we received a call from Mark Spellman who happened to be out on the track at Miller Park. He reported a joint missing two bolts, So Chris and John

loaded into the MOW truck and motored out to Miller and replaced the bolts. Thank you for finding that issue Mark!



Brenton painting the cab of the Tie Shear while Frank makes sure he does not miss a spot.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We have much to do in the shops, we have two motorcars that need to be repaired, we have the shaker that needs to be armored and tested before transport down the setzer, the tie shear needs some part attached and modified before it is completely finished, and the scarifier need more work on the air horn. We start at 3:00

p.m. at the shops for those with the joy and freedom of a flexible schedule and not demanding job, or 5:00 p.m. for those that don't have that stuff.

Thursday: More shop work Thursday, just look up at Tuesday for what projects, we start at the shops at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: We meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m. I am not sure exactly what we will be doing on this day, we may be down at Freeport, or we may be out changing some switch ties. Time and weather will tell. But we all hope to see you there on Saturday at the shops.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



Chris and Brenton fighting to put the shear arm together.