

# MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Greetings MOW folks. The week can officially start now that you have your MOW Weekly Update. Here is where you get all the news that is important to your future riding the rails of the California State Railroad Museum. Without waste let us carry on.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

**Tuesday:** We had a crew working on Tuesday in the shops. Cliff salvaged some steel plate off old ramps stacked on the south end of the Boilershop. The rest of the crew worked on sorting out the good ties from the stacks brought over from Commerce Circle two weeks ago.



Frank and Jack with the bolt machine tightening the joints south of Sutterville Rd. Signals in the background working on the crossing.



SSRR 2030 crossing Sutterville Rd.

**Wednesday:** Leonard and Sandy began using the shaker to separate rock down at setzer. Even though it was a bit damp the shaker was doing a good job. Thank you to Leonard for arraigning the generator and skid steer for use in the rock cleaning operation.

**Thursday:** Continued to separate rock with the shaker most of the day. In the afternoon Cliff went down to the shaker to repair some modifications by

adding a larger screen. This modification worked well till the light weight screen broke and was removed that evening. Back at the shop, Brenton painted the bumper on the scarifyer, Frank worked on the computer before helping to paint the scarifyer and tie shear. Cliff worked on building a better screen for the shaker, and Gene helped sandy load rail.

**Saturday:** We had two crews working in the morning. Leonard, Chris, and Brenton worked down at Setzer shaking rock till the shaker broke down, two pulleys bent and a belt snapped. Thus ended our first round of cleaning rock. Good news is that we have



Mike F. on the chain with Harry in the loader pulling out the Pampas Grass.

enough clean rock to do the repairs on the CPPS track #2. The second crew worked down at Sutterville Rd. At the request of the Signal Dept. MOW removed a large stand



Harry is crossing guard for the day on Riverside Dr. protecting the loader hauling the Pampas Grass to the side dump car.

of Pampas grass growing along the right of way that prohibited signals from inspecting their bond wires. As part of this project SSRR crew brought down the sidedump car in which to haul off the Pampas Grass and other debris in the south of Sutterville area. MOW prepared the track by running the bolt machine and tightening up all the joints. The Signals Dept. was on hand to operate the crossing at Sutterville and test their equipment. It is our understanding that the heavy rust on the rail created problems for the signal equipment. By the end of the day, the grass was gone and the area was

substantially cleaner. Many residents in the area were pleased to see the crew out cleaning up the property.

### WEEK AHEAD:

**Tuesday:** We will have a crew working in the shops on Tuesday. Start time is 3:00 p.m. for those with a little extra time on their hands, or 5:00 p.m. for those stuck in a job when they would rather be at MOW.

**Thursday:** Again more work at the shops. We meet at 5:00 p.m. to continue the work not finished on Tuesday.

**Saturday:** This is the day of the Docent Training class visit to the shops and MOW. We will put on the dog and pony show, so bring your leashes and saddles. There is much work on the mainline with only a few more weeks before the operating season starts again. We meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m.

See you out on the line,

John, Chris, and Sandy



MOW finishing up on the track south of Sutterville Rd. after the Pampas Grass is removed.