

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello Fellow MOW folks and fans,

Start your grumbling because it is time for the next installment of your MOW WEEKLY UPDATE! (queue trumpets) In this weeks edition you we will cover such exciting things like engine repairs, painting, and for all our big clean freak fans out there, floor sweeping!

WEEK IN REVIEW:



Mike smelling the exhaust from the Amtrak 281.

Tuesday: For those new to the update we normally update about working in the shops on Tuesdays, and surprise surprise we were working in the shops on Tuesday. With sporadic rain and exhaust fumes from the Amtrak 281 as company we were able to accomplish a number of tasks. First, Gene was



Gene working on the loader

able to replace the fuel pump on the loader and get that beast running again. Mike finished draining the fuel tank on the forklift, getting it ready to be removed. Sandy was buzzing around on the forklift. Of special note we all took a break to enjoy a delicious German meal prepared by Pat and John of BBQ sausage, German potato salad, and red cabbage. This was cooked on site and enjoyed by all!

Thursday: Funny enough we broke from tradition this evening and were not busy in the shops. Your fearless MOW leadership team Sandy, Chris, and John headed down to Niles Canyon Railroad to look at a Burro Crane that they have offered us. We wanted to see if this crane was something that we might want to ask the museum to acquire. As it turns out the crane is in working order and was tested by the leadership team after a new battery was supplied by the friendly folks at Niles.

Saturday: Even though it was Easter Weekend we had a crew of about 7 folks. This turned out to be a busy day in the shops working on many odd but important jobs. First a crew took the dump truck and continued to haul ballast from West Sacramento to Setzer. Second, our backhoe had sprung a fluid leak which was identified and repaired. Third we were able to service



Sandy flashing back to his days on the WP!

one of our many motor cars. Lastly, a dedicated team of folks attacked the floor of the MOW lounge area to clean it up and make it spiffy.

WEEK AHEAD:



Chris testing the Burro Crane at Niles

Tuesday: Shockingly we will be busy in the shops again this evening. Start time is 3:00 p.m. for those of the flexible work schedules and 5:00 p.m. for those without a flexible work schedule. Meet at the shops.

Thursday: More dedicated shop time. Meet at the shops at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: We will meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m. in an attempt to continue work on the track raise project. With the end of the track work down at Clunie our window of exclusive track is

coming to a close so we need to finish as much of this project as possible. See you Saturday. Of course if we have enough people I would not be surprised if we are also hauling more rock this weekend.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris