

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW Folks and welcome to the latest MOW Weekly Update. This is a special update because it includes some big news. Some of you may have already heard that John Chandler has put in his notice as Manager of Track Programs. Well, I will be stepping down at the end of this month as Manager of Track Program. This is a hard decision but my life is going to take me out of the area in the near future so I will not be able to perform management duties. I will still be around for a few more weeks and hope to see you out on the line. If you have any questions come down and volunteer and you can ask me then. Let's get to the updating!

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We worked in the shop as normal. Pat, Gene, and Cliff worked on the MOW truck. Mike, Heather, and Mike Taylor worked on the week mower and were able to test the equipment out around the shop briefly before it broke down and returned to the shop, Test failed! During the day Mike and Heather were able to work down at Hood.



MOW crew on Saturday changing ties on the SSRR mainline at M.P. 2.2

Thursday: It was cold and wet. The crew went home after a brief announcement that John Chandler had put in his notice to leave the management position.



MOW crew driving spikes on new ties on the SSRR mainline at M.P. 2.2

Saturday: We had a busy day on the line. We were intending to move the weed mower to Hood but that did not happen. So when you are handed lemons you make lemonade and the hearty crew went out on the line and changed 13 ties under train traffic. We all worked very hard and miracle of all miracles none of the equipment had a major break down. We also had a second crew under Alvin working on surveying the line for all the comp joints. They were able to complete the much needed survey. It was a good day and good work by all the crew!

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: Mike Taylor is meeting that day starting in the morning, contact Mike or me if you are interested. We will meet in the shops at the normal time for the evening crew starting at 3:00 p.m. for those free and easy and at 5:00 p.m. for those bound and working for pay.

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

Saturday: We will continue good work on the line meeting at 8:00 a.m..

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris

Photos courtesy of Heather Kearns



Green machine at Setzer moving rail away from the track to create safe walking space for the train crews.