

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the MOW weekly update, where you get all the exciting news of the week in one convenient package. We will have a few select photos taken during the week; actually they were all taken Saturday because I forgot my camera on the other days. Enjoy your MOW update.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Monday: Al, Leonard, Sandy, and John all spent the day working transferring ballast from west Sacramento to Setzer yard. This took all day with Al driving the dump trucks, Leonard operating the loader at West Sacramento, John on the MOW loader in Setzer and Sandy in the GMC pickup fixing all the stuff that we broke or ran out of fuel during the day. Hey did anyone see a mud flap?



The Saturday Crew.



Using the spot board to raise the rail 2 inches

Tuesday: We were busy in the shops, Mike and Pat went down to Setzer and tried to repair the gate leading down to our yard. This proved to be unsuccessful because the welding could not hold to the rail used as a gate post. I guess we will just have to leave the security of our OTM to the resident homeless, clothing optional, guy living down there. Gene worked on trouble shooting the loader as it failed to work at the end of the day on Monday, and helped Richard wire the flashy light on the scarifier. Meanwhile a forklift chain was started moving all the ties collected and sorted as good from the Docks project into the Erecting Shop.

Thursday: A small crew of only two, Richard and John, took the evening to go around and service all the equipment out on the line: the tamper, man lift, and ballast regulator.

Saturday: We had a medium size crew today of only five people. Though we were small we where mighty. So we moved out on the line and worked on the track raise project. Last week we had all but finished our first pass on the rock we had placed with a raise of two inches, this time we started back at M.P. 2.0 and began raising it another two inches, which showed a vast improvement on the track surface but really ate up all our ballast we had placed.



A sea of Jacks

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We are planning on being busy in the shops as normal. With all our major wheeled equipment in need of repair we have much to do. We start at the shops at 3:00 p.m. for those of flexible work situations or retired, and 5:00 p.m. for those of the work as a profession that requires your dedicated service to the last minute of the day.



Saturday Crew Tamping the raised rail

Thursday: We will NOT BE meeting this evening as the Management team is going to be out of town on a fieldtrip. So I guess this means you all experience Thursday night, MUST SEE TV.

Saturday: MOW will be busy out on the line again Saturday. If we have a large enough crew we will continue with the track raise, if not then we will go out and find other smaller projects on the line that need our attention. Start time is 8:00 a.m. at the shops.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and
Chris



Jack taking a break toward the end of the day