

# MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks, time again for the great MOW Weekly Update. It was a fun week of food, fellowship, and occasional work. The crews had a great time and enjoyed some good food during the Friday night banquet. So let's review what happened last week and predict what may happen this week.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

**Tuesday:** As normal MOW was busy on Tuesday. We are always concerned about the environment in which our trains run so we sent out a crew to clean up a few spots of leaked oil from our track machines. The rest of the crew was busy doing some cool things in the shops. Also on Tuesday we had a nice BBQ, to test out the grill that Cliff built for the MOW crew. The verdict from those



Pat and Cliff man the new MOW BBQ for its inaugural MOW dinner.

present was that it grills great burgers and sausages. There was much working and eating by all.

**Thursday:** This was a clean up night. The afternoon started with the MOW crew watching the training of Docents on shop equipment for the upcoming behind the scenes tour of the shops. After all the general docents departed we got down to serious business. We moved out all our equipment in the soon to be car department area. Much of the equipment went over to the Erecting shop for storage and repair.

Good job to Heather and Hallie for all their work on the forklifts.

**Saturday:** This was a multiple task day, we started out working on changing ties down around M.P. 2.0. The start was slow because much of our equipment was buried or needing to be jump started. Once the crew shuffled through the morning railroad operations in the Old Sacramento yard we were high railing to the worksite. The bulk of the crew was already on the worksite where Clem was able to get them started pulling ties, blowing off leaves, and cleaning out ballast from around the ties. We were



Ron, Richard, and Bart work to clean up some minor oil leaks in Old Sacramento.

Ron, Heather, Sandy, and Pat eating in the MOW Lounge.



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able to change only about three junk ties before trains started to run. However, these three ties did give us a chance to test the scarifier, only a few issues yet to be resolved on that machine before it is ready for heavy work. The afternoon we were in Old Sacramento servicing switches. We serviced three switches one of which needed to be adjusted. Good job to the Saturday Crew.



Testing the scarifier fresh from the shops.

#### **WEEK AHEAD:**

**Tuesday:** We will be busy in the shops. We have two call times, 3:00 p.m. for those of less work for food minded living, and 5:00 p.m. for those still in a mandatory labor frame of mind. We meet at the shops.

**Thursday:** We will be meeting at the shops at 5:00 p.m. to continue the good work that was started on Tuesday. And hopefully we will be able to take a

moment and trim some trees along the mainline. Time and crew will determine our tasks.

**Saturday:** There is a 8:00 a.m. call time for MOW crew at the shops. We have many projects to continue working on. First we have more ties to change, second we have more switches to service, and third we have many laughs to share.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris