

# MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello fellow MOW folks, it is that special time of the week again for your MOW update! This edition does not have pictures because our crack photo staff forgot their camera. But you still get all the great news and none of the fluff, or at least minimum fluff.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

**Tuesday:** The crew was busy in the shops and out on the track. Work progressed on the green machine although slower than normal as we are still working for resolution on title of the vehicle. Another group took the tamper out and worked on tamping more rock around the track raise area. This was the last night of tamping for a while since the tamper was moved over to the shops for much needed repair.

**Thursday:** Mike attacked the tamper with extreme prejudice using an impact hammer, replacing all the tamping bits with new bits ordered a few months ago. Now we have new bits ready to pinch that rock into place and keep the railroad in shape. Jim and John worked on the fire truck preparing it for an upcoming trip to Ione, for more information see below. Sandy swirled around on the forklift for a while after a long day of office work and shop projects.

**Saturday:** Harry led the crew, completing the switch servicing for the start of the season and adjusted at least one switch. His crew also addressed some wide gauge on the setzer spur that was a holdover from last week's crew work list. After lunch they retired to the shop tracks, putting point guards on a couple of the trouble shop switches to help reduce potential derailments. The point guards act as a little help to ensure that the car or locomotive wheels are moving down the right track when making a facing point move. Sandy was working on fuel movement and later was in a ballast rodeo with the loader in our setzer storage yard.

## WEEK AHEAD:

**Tuesday:** Another shop day, we have a couple of projects to work on in the shops, including more work on the tamper, the scarifier, the forklift, two motorcars, and other shop jobs. Start for those free of the chains of labor is 3:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. for those still slaves to the paycheck. Meet at the shops

**Thursday:** Of course we are planning on meeting at the shops starting at 5:00 p.m. depending on the turnout we will work in the shops or perhaps move out on the line for some work out there.

**Saturday:** We will start work at 8:00 a.m. at the shops, but if you are wondering what we will be doing, that is a very good question. Some may wish to speculate and that is encouraged but the facts of the matter are as follows. First your fearless leaders of MOW have yet to discuss Saturday's activities, second we don't know what our crew size will

be, and third I really have not thought about it much this weekend. Rest assured that we will have plenty of work on Saturday.

**Special Alert!!!** This Memorial Day weekend the MOW crew will be hauling the fire truck down to Ione for the annual rail show there. We have done this for the past two years and have always had a great time. The folks running the rail show are much fun and it gives us a chance to operate the truck for the public. If you are interested in going we need crews for **both Saturday and Sunday** , please **RSVP your interest to this e-mail** so we have an idea of how many wish to go with the fire truck.

**Memorial weekend Saturday May 23, and May 24. All Day in Ione  
RSVP by e-mail your interest!**

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris