

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello and good week to all you MOW Weekly Update readers. I know you are all waiting with baited breath to hear about all the fun and exciting things happening at MOW. Well not to disappoint our valued readership let's get right into the update!

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We were busy in the shops with several projects happening all at once. Gene and Pat were working on the Green machine pulling out a bad selector valve to help with four wheel steering. Richard Paul was working on something important helping Mike. I think it was upgrading one of our work tables but it was so important I can't remember. Eric Peak was also around working on the fire truck to get it ready for the big trip to Ione.



MOW staffing the Parks information table at Ione



The CSRM fire truck along side a CalFire truck at Ione

Thursday: A group of folks lead by Jim worked on the fire truck in the morning to get it into top shape for Ione trip particularly the engine. By the afternoon this work was done and our normal MOW crew arrived and proceeded to load the fire truck on the trailer and to clean it. We also gathered all the needed materials for the upcoming trip so we would not have much prep come Saturday morning. And that my friends is

call preparation!

Saturday: The big day arrived for MOW to take the fire truck to Ione for the weekend. We departed early in the morning with the truck and all auxiliary materials already loaded on the fire truck. Ed, Chris, Sandy, Ed Moriarty, Richard, John, Harry, and Eric all went to Ione on Saturday to represent the Museum in fine fashion. We were able to talk to many folks and run the fire truck around squirt the hose, ring the bell, sound the siren, honk the horn and generally have a great time sharing railroading and railroad history with the public of Ione.

Sunday: Again we were up for a special second day of the weekend of MOW at Ione with the fire truck. Now some of you may be wonder or do not know where in Ione we were



Chris cleaning the fire truck

running the fire truck, it was on the old Amador Central tracks during the Ione Rail fare. On Sunday crowds were lighter but we were still able to zip around on the truck and generally enjoy the day representing the Museum. We were joined by Brenton for Sunday. At the end of the day we loaded up the truck and returned to Sacramento and put the truck back in storage awaiting its next foray onto the high iron.



Harry spraying the fire hose during a demonstration for the public.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be busy in the shops again. We will still have some clean up with the fire truck and such after the Ione trip. We also have two green machines that need some TLC before we can return them to service. We at the shops at 3:00 p.m. for those on permanent vacation or 5:00 p.m. for those working around a paying job.

Thursday: Still more work to do, which might possibly include a trip out to work on

trimming some trees around the mainline or setzer spur. This will depend on how many folks we have, as always we will be busy in the shops as well. Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the shops for all willing to give a little time on a weeknight for fun.

Saturday: Now we are back into the working weekend. We have several projects to accomplish, including working on the switches in the yard, working on the switch on the mainline which operations has voiced difficulty in throwing. And finally as you may find on the menu in some fine restaurants there is always EIC choice, which would be up to the EIC for the day whoever that might be.



Richard and Brenton on the fire truck

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



Driving the fire truck through the Ione yard.