

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks and welcome to your early morning edition of the MOW update. Of course this is your source for all the great and wonder projects, happenings, disasters, and generally fun activities of MOW.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We were active in the shops and on the line both. Randy completed removing all the teeth from the scarifier, and Pat was working on the Herculean task of organizing our bolts and such. Mike Harris put the fuel tank back on the green machine, while another group headed out on the line to work on tamping in the extra ballast scattered on the track raise project.



Saturday Crew



Mike cleaning green machine parts in the washer

Thursday: A small but dedicated crew worked in the shops on Thursday. Mike and Sandy started to take the steering apart on the green machine; this is to tighten it up to remove much of the play in the steering. For those of you that have driven the green machine, you weren't really driving the machine but actually herding it down the road. John went over to the erecting shop and put the water soaked tarp off the fire truck and checked all the fluid levels on the truck and fired the puppy up to test the engine. After a little tuning it should be running like a

top.

Saturday: On this rainy day your dedicated MOW team would not be kept from its vital duties. The crew continued work on servicing switches and addressing the few defects found in our PUC inspection last month. We replaced a bolt in the yard track formally known as the mainline. Serviced 6 switches, adjusted one, blew leaves off the track, and attempted to address a wide gauge problem on the setzer spur.



Mike and Harry replacing a bolt in the yard

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be working away in the shops on Tuesday, still many projects to complete. Start time is



3:00 p.m. for those with flexible hours or living the dream of retirement, 5:00 p.m. start for those still under the thump of society keeping the economy sputtering. Meet at the shops

Thursday: Again we will meet at the shops but this time only a 5:00 p.m. start time for all the fun and excitement you can handle.

Saturday: MOW will continue with track servicing, we still have 6 switches at Baths that need attention and there are the switches at the shop that also need attention, including the addition of point guards to help reduce the derailment potential on those switches, after all derailments are bad for the track. We will meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m. for a fun filled day.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris

Crew blowing out leaves from Miller switch



Mike tightening a bolt on Setzer spur.