

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello fellow MOW folks. It is that time again, to grab a nice alcoholic beverage, sit in you comfy chair, and read the next installment of MOW Weekly Update. We had a lot going on this week so let's start from the beginning.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We were busy in the shops and out on the line on Tuesday! First, Pat and Gene worked on improving the ramps on the parks trailer. This would enable the parks folks to drive a vehicle with small wheels up the ramp and on the trailer. Mike Harris was driving bushings on the old green machine, now that is one more step to getting that hanger queen out of the shops and back out into the real world, WORKING! John and Sandy both went out to the switch at Clunie crossover. This time they had the right ground throw and were able to complete the installation of a ground throw switch following the aborted attempt last Saturday. The installation of the ground throw included many four lettered word, some more colorful than others.



Pat with some metal decking for the trailer.

“big dig” behind the museum in preparation for the Disney train and we do not want to have a big pit during their event. Leonard concluded filling the pit on Friday while still leaving the historic bridge artifact/ hurdle/ flower garden feature exposed for further determination of how to handle the artifact.

Saturday: We had a great crew of about 10 people working. We split into two teams, the shop team and the track team. The shop team consisted of Harry and Sandy, their mission was to continue fixing equipment in the shop and anything that was broken by the track team throughout the day. Harry worked on rebuilding weed eater motors while sandy did something mysterious but productive. On the Track team we had Clem, Jack, Ed, Chris,



Mike Taylor clearing a fire hydrant at the Shops area. LOOK IT WORKS!

Thursday: On Thursday it was just Sandy and John, so they took the backhoe, loader, and backhoe. (I know that is only two people and three machines but that is just how we roll at MOW) We began the process of filling the



Sandy using the backhoe to position the new switch stand.

John, Mike, Steve, and John Rexroth working. We first worked on further adjustments to the new ground throw switch since it was still really hard to throw. Then we began working on changing some very aged ties south of the crossover. We started changing with the section gang machine but after a few failed attempts with the poor little section gang machine we used the backhoe to change only about 9 ties. Why so few, let me just point you to the word “aged” in the description of the ties. That can be interpreted as sawdust, wood chips, or any sort of disintegrated wood.



Steve and Jack moving a new tie into position.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be busy in the shops on Tuesday. We meet at the shops at 3:00 p.m. for those accepted in the pearly gates of retirement and 5:00 p.m. for those poor souls still trapped in the purgatory in a devilish place call work.



MOW Saturday crew and the backhoe working on tie replacement.

Thursday: Again we meet at the shops we will start at 5:00 p.m. for everyone. This gives most folks a chance to get off work, and drive like mad to the shops to work. If you are a little bit late, you are forgiven, but only if you still show up on Thursday.

Saturday: As is normal we will meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m. for a fun weekend. Sandy will be leading the crew. We have several tasks that need to be address. If you are at all interested in what fun and exciting task we will tackle, I suggest you

meet at the shops at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and you can find out!

Special Note: On Sunday, Red and his merry band of engine service people worked on the turntable fences. He was able to substantially improve the stability and the functionality of the turntable fences. GOOD JOB fellas.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris