

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks. I would just like to say that we here at your MOW weekly update really appreciate your dedicated readership and understanding of our poor grammar and spelling. Well now that all the nice stuff is out of the way we can get down to the really important stuff and information about WHAT THE HECK WE HAVE BEEN DOING ALL WEEK?

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: As is normal, we worked in the shops on Tuesday night. Gene and Pat ran a few errands in the MOW truck, while Richard worked on the tamper preparing it for SSRR decals. Mike patched an air leak on the tamper before attacking the green machine. With the help of Caleb, Mike was able to remove one of the main lifting hydraulic cylinders which had blown out its seal and was in need of some serious work.



Sandy and the crew working on the yard track

worked on organizing and cleaning more space in the boiler shop.

Saturday: Another average Saturday for MOW, nothing to special. We started the day with a call from the railroad that the turntable needed attention. We arrived to find that MOW member Leonard moonlighting as a member of the train crew was able to move one of the rail on the turntable that was dragging against the turntable wall. We spiked the rail back in place then returned to the shops to prep for the docent class visiting the shops later that morning.

We took the tamper and tool caddy out onto the shop tracks to put a switch back in service and tamp ties that were replaced months ago without tamping. A group of



Steve driving a spike on the turntable

Thursday: Thursday was a clean up and organizing day. We moved the cribex and MOW rail toilet into the erecting shop. Yes, you read correct rail toilet. Come on out and try it sometime. Jim and Bert then worked on fabricating some support arms for the roof Bert has been designing for the motor car. Caleb

and
John



Working on getting the derailed equipment out of the container at Cliffs

docents and the new docent class was shown our dog and pony show complete with spiking demonstration by Steve Nemeth of History channel fame.

After the docent class dog and pony show we had a delicious lunch, if you want more



Sandy holding up the grill from the car that hit the container

detail on the lunch just let me know and you can get a complete rundown, we were off to the Cliff's container and the Hood line. Our container at Cliffs was the victim of careless driving by some most likely foolish or inebriated individual in a Hundai. I know this because the car grill was still at the container. This wreck dented our beautiful container, derailed all the equipment in the container, and shoved it whole thing about three feet down the track.

Using the typical MOW ingenuity and can do attitude we were able to rerail all the equipment and move the container back into

its rightful position, to the inch. All of this was done despite the 100+ degree heat and stuffy interior of the container. After that task was completed we changed out the motor cars and returned to the shops to unload and head home.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be busy working in the shops and out on the line on Tuesday. As always we have many projects that need attention in the shops. We also will be working with the SSRR train crew to load some scrap rail from the Clunie worksite. Meet at the shops at 3:00 p.m. for those of post work lifestyle, and 5:00 p.m. for those still dreaming of better days ahead.

Thursday: Thursday is NOT going to be a shop day. For our regular reader I will remind you that we are heading to Railtown for the July 4 weekend for track work and fire truck demonstrations.

Saturday: We will NOT be working in Sacramento this Saturday, but we will be at Railtown in Jamestown. If you are looking for MOW you will find us there.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



Frank working on swapping out motor cars on the Hood line