

# MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello fellow MOW folks it is time for your next installment of the MOW Weekly Update. Summer is in full swing with fun, sun, and great times at MOW. I can't think of a better way to spend your summer than out on the track swinging a spike maul, well I can think of a couple of better ways but they don't help get you out and helping with MOW. So without further interruption let's get started.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

**Tuesday:** We were busy in the shops, I know shocker. Cliff and Bert were welding pipe for a new motor car roof for one of our motor cars. Cliff was also able to repair the

bucket on our loader with the help of Leonard, they also fixed a broken castor on our track bolt machine which broke last weekend. Gene and Mike were able to effect repairs on the bolt machine motor which would not start last weekend, last weekend sounds like a bad weekend for the bolt machine. After some cleaning of the points the machine was back in action. Later Gene and Pat were working on the Green Machine to address the brake sticking issues and fast idle of the machine, after much trouble shooting and some cleaning of some valves they were able to get

the Green Machine back to working condition. Richard worked on prepping the roof of the scarifyer for painting.

**Thursday:** A small crew in the shops, Richard continued work on prepping the roof of the scarifyer while John and Sandy removed some crane components that have been acquired for Jamestown. They will be traveling to Jamestown in a couple of weeks.

**Saturday:** This was a cool but soon hot day for the small MOW crew. Under the instruction of Chris Carlson we continued work on the track south of switch #20. This is to address a kink in the track. At this stage we are trying to put some space back in the railjoints south of the switch as currently they are all tight as a Fort Knox. Well after



John and Chris use the torch on a tough track bolt.



End of the day crew, Saturday.



Chris and Mike inspecting the bridge track.

working on the track for hours and hours of pushing, pulling, beating, banging, thumping, and bumping we were not able to move the rail to create the needed space. Well later in

the afternoon we finally had some success, the track finally started to open up and we were able to space the rail, grease the joints and end the day with some sense of accomplishment although extremely tired and wishing for a MOW jacuzzi in which to relax.



Crew pulling off joint bars for greasing.



are countless projects which need attention. For those no longer worried about the loss of their job as they may have already retired or quite start time is 3:00 p.m. for those still under the threat of furlough days and layoff start time is 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** It is a big shop so we have much more that needs to be done. We start work at 5:00 p.m. Come ready to have fun with tools.



2030 stops to talk with MOW crew.

**Saturday:** We will continue work on the track south of switch #20 on the I-5 bridge. We have much more rail to space out and hopefully with the lessons learned last Saturday we will be much more efficient this Saturday. But regardless it promises to be a great day. Start time is 8:00 a.m. at the shops.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



Grease keeps the railroad moving smooth.