

February 4, 2013

Hello All,

We had a busy week. Tuesday started out with the weed crew spraying the north end for weeds and finishing after dark. I installed a battery in the A4 motorcar in the shop and got it started for the first time in at least a year. Harry stopped by and put the weather cap on the exhaust stack of the backhoe. Richard, Taka, Matt and Mike H removed the reflectors for the bad lights in the shop so we can clean them before we install new ballasts and tubes. Cliff worked on a light platform.

On Thursday, Richard, Cliff and I plugged about 15 ties and got everything ready for Saturday, when we removed the rail and the entire deck off of the turntable with the help of the shop crew. Thanks again for the help. Late in the afternoon about 5 of us went south with the section gang machine and backhoe and removed and replaced 7 ties that we had to replace to get the track back into service as our 30 day window was about up after our track inspectors had written it up.

For this week, Tuesday, we will take the tamper down and tamp and spike those 7 ties as most of the tie plates were broken and could not be reused. Also we need to install a d-rail for the turntable lead. Thursday we will get more ties ready and bring some of the turntable ties back to the shop to be drilled to get ready for installation on the turntable.

Saturday we will probably be changing ties back in the same area or working on the turntable or maybe both?

See you out on the line,  
Alan, Chris and Richard



