

December 9, 2012

Hello All,

Sorry you have not gotten an e-mail for a while as I have been having Internet problems, hopefully fixed at last. Tuesday Richard, Mike and Heather worked on the motorcars. Cliff, Pat and Gene worked on draw bars and I completed repairs on the section gang machine and Burt worked on his motorcar roof. We will test the section gang machine out on Saturday. Richard led the crew on Thursday and they worked on the motorcars. Saturday we had a small crew of 5 people, Richard, Mike F, Frank, Heather and myself. I gave a training on the section gang machine and we pulled 12 ties with it with no problems. We then installed 12 replacements and spiked and tamped them. Then went back to town as some of the crew was working Polar. For a crew of 5 we did good. Also on Monday Mike Taylor and his crew went down to Hood and cleared the track all the way to the big bridge. We can now spray the south part of the line to keep it passable. Mike will spray weeds the end of Jan. if anyone wants to help.

The dates for part 214 training are set. Wednesday Jan.9 and Saturday Jan19. Richard and I will give the Wednesday class and John Chandler will give the Saturday class. Please bring your 214 binder with you. If you want to work out on the line Part 214 training is required by the FRA. We will have a limited number of new binders for new volunteers.

See you out on the line,
Chris and Alan



