

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello to all our loyal readers of the MOW Weekly Update! Reports have been coming back from the field that some readers are not actually reading the entire update, every single word. It is also become clear that some have even taken to not reading the update at all. So, it is safe to say those light readers/ skimmers and others not reading the update would not be considered loyal readers and thus the greeting was not directed at them. Shame on them, for missing cool commentary, wonderfully misspelled words, and questionable grammar.

So without further wasted reading lets get on with the MOW Weekly Update. All are always welcome to see the error of their ways and renew their commitment to be a loyal reader everyone is always welcome back into the fold without reservation.



Cliff and Bart working on the shaker.

WEEK IN REVIEW:



Hallie with a painted engine cover, Richard a blur in the background would not stop moving.

Tuesday: The crew worked in the shops on Tuesday. Richard continued work on the scarifier, Bert worked on his motor car roof. Pat and Gene added a new battery to the MOW truck to give us more electrical power, and Cliff worked on the shaker. Of course as with all shop crews there was much socializing and stories from the weekend to be shared.

Thursday: A good team was out in force on Thursday working in the shops. More work was done on the scarifier, covering the windows getting it

ready to be painted. Cliff and Bart worked on the shaker further adding protection for the electrical components from the Vandal, Huns, Barbarians living down in the setzer region where the shaker is going. Hallie started to paint the engine and window shields for the scarifier, they are no longer a dull primer color but a vibrant safety color, and better protected from the elements. Bert of course

continues to fashion his motor car roof and front. Brenton and John worked on getting one of the riding mowers operating. Now we find out that the small mower is not what is desired and it will be returned to deep storage hortly.



MOW work train leaving Clunie.

Saturday: It was a beautiful day for working out on the track. We had a good crew of volunteers and were able to accomplish a fair amount of work. We started the day with trying to start the gas air compressor at the shops as it had not been run in a while. This was proving unsuccessful and since we were “burning daylight” it was decided to head out for our assigned work. So we all drove out to Clunie containers and began to pull out or MOW work train. This train has not been used much in the past 5 years so it was buried in the rear of the container. Lots of shuffling and a minor alteration to the weed crew sprayer we were able to pull everything out of the container. We then all went down to Setzer to fish out some 90 lb rail anchors to add to the work train stock and fully restock our supply car with needed tie plates.



Harry modifying the Clunie container to better fit the weed crew sprayer.

After lunch the crew split into two groups. The first under the direction of Chris took the green machine and trimmed trees on the road heading down to our setzer yard, this trimming was way over due as anyone who has driven a forklift down there can understand. The second crew took the work train down to Baths and began putting rail anchors on ever other tie across the I-5 bridge to reduce track movement in that area of the railroad. Many frustrations, sore shoulders, and one broken 12 lb sledge hammer latter we were half way across the bridge by quitting time. All returned to the shops and their was much rejoicing. Not to be forgotten, Sandy was in the shops all morning doing Sandy things for MOW like paperwork, shop repairs, and such.



MOW work train being loaded with rail anchors at Setzer yard.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: IF IT IS NOT RAINING, we plan on being active in the shops on Tuesday. We have a number of projects to complete in the shops such as more painting, repairs to the tie shear, repairs to the scarifyer horn, the shaker, and the like. All fabulous stuff. We meet at the shops starting at 3:00 p.m. for those of the less financial minded labor profession and at 5:00 p.m. for those still in need of the financial security of the paid labor profession.

Thursday: IF IT IS NOT RAINING we plan on continuing work in the shops starting at 5:00 p.m. We have many projects to continue from Tuesday night and new ones to start with a fun and exciting group.

Saturday: We plan on meeting at the shops at 8:00 a.m. if the storm and depending on the crew and the weather, will determine what project we will accomplish on Saturday.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



Janet, Frank, and Jack riding out on the MOW work train. to place rail anchors.