

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello folks and welcome to the next installment of the MOW Weekly Update. We have had a busy week, even though we had to cancel the Thursday night work crew. So without further useless typing let's get down to the updating!

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: The MOW Crew worked on Tuesday doing great work in the shops. Cliff and Pat worked on building a shield for the rock shaker. This is to replace the old shield which tragically turned up missing a month ago. Benton and Richard went out and secured the switch stand on switch # 13 which was reported loose by the track inspector. And there was much more going on around the shops on Tuesday night but for the live of me I have forgotten.



Saturday lineup of MOW equipment changing out ties along the SSRR mainline at Baths.

Thursday: This work night was canceled due to a lack of management staff to open the shops.

Saturday: What a busy day! We had a great crew of about 9 volunteers doing the work of about 13 volunteers. We changed about 25 rotten ties between M.P. 3.0 and M.P.



(l-r) Heather, Wolfgang, and Janet all working with the Tie Shear cutting ties along the SSRR Mainline at Baths.

3.05. This is the start of a larger tie change out program by the friendly folks at MOW. We were able to use the Tie Shear to remove the ties, the Scarifier to insert the new ties, the rail mounted compressor to spike the ties, and the Tamper to finish the work. Had we not forgotten a few key tools, which needed to be found, we would have changed many more ties. Great work by everyone.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We are planning on working in the shops as normal starting at 3:00 p.m. for those of great wisdom and retirement, and at 5:00 p.m. for those who still use their intellect to generate a living wage at the direction of others.

Thursday: We will meet at the shops at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: We will have MOW starting at the shops at 8:00 a.m. Depending on the crew size we may continue changing ties, or do some re gauging of the rail. But we will be working out on the line for certain.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris



(l-r) Steve, Wolfgang, and Heather spiking down new ties with the spike hammer and air compressor. Steve set the spike, Wolfgang drives the spike and Heather nips the tie.