

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW Folks and welcome to a late edition of the MOW Weekly Update. Some of you may have been thinking that you would have to wait until Tuesday before you saw the latest and greatest information from MOW. We had a thrilling week with lots of rain and a few accomplishments. So without making you sit too long in your desk chair let us get started

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We were busy in the shop area on Tuesday. The day started off well but ended with some sorrow. First, Brenton and Pat were able to replace the mounting bracket on the small generator. Bert returned to work on his motor car roof, which was actually placed on the motor car to check for fitting. Brenton continued work on attaching the teeth to the scarifyer and Richard began painting the inside of the shakers electrical box cover. The sorrow came when attempting to put our new cog belt on the shaker the belt ripped which forces us to purchase a new one. However, with this years budget cuts we with have to wait a couple of weeks till we start next year's budget.

Thursday: MOW was canceled this evening due to both the potential rain and most of the crew were going to be working on the Polar Express.

Saturday: Well we had a small crew of about four folks show up in the morning for MOW work in the shops. We started with dry weather, but as the day went on we had to increasingly spend time pumping out the water from our work areas as the rains began to fill the shop. Actually it is quite spectacular in the shop during a rain storm, kind of like Niagara falls. By the afternoon we started a rowboat service to the far end of the shop and issued life preservers to all personnel.

Despite the rain we accomplished a great deal. Chris and John were able to get the motor car to replace the Cliff's motor car complete and ready to go only missing a window which can be repaired in the field. Harry was able to repair a number of spike mauls with new handles. Mike was able to adjust the anvil in the week chipper to improve its chipping ability. Further, the whole team installed a flashy light on the tie shear to improve visibility and safety. A full and wet day.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be working in the shops on Tuesday. Bring your can do attitude and an appetite for adventure. We start at 3:00 p.m. for those sin employment or 5:00 p.m. for those poor souls still strapped to the yoke of labor. Meet at the shops

Thursday: We are not sure if we will have any management team members available for Thursday work crew, as many are diverted to the fun and excitement that is Polar Express.

Saturday: We will be busy doing MOW type things with much to do and little time to do it. We start at 8:00 a.m. and meet at the shops.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris