

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW Folks and welcome to the great and wonderful MOW Weekly Update. We here at the update or the MWU for those who like acronyms are pleased to spend more time on this update than the last several. Your MWU crew has found extra time by skipping our normal exercise in favor of communicating with our dedicated crew of volunteers. So let's get to the updating!



WEEK IN REVIEW:

Steve, Jon, Chris, Frank, and Heather work on Switch # 14 changing ties.

Tuesday: The crew worked in the shops on Tuesday, we welded, we bent steel, we and started installing air hose, all of this on the manlift by Gene, Pat, Mike, Marc, and we welcomed back Cliff. Meanwhile, Ron, Heather, and John went around the shop and started most of the MOW machines to keep them in good running order. Richard took his happy little box of paints and painted switch targets for later placement on the SSRR mainline.

Thursday: We worked in the shop and out on the line this day. Richard took his painted targets from Tuesday and went out and started work replacing weathered, faded, and graffiti covered targets. In the shop, Cliff and Heather worked on straightening a bent switch rod that has previously been brought to the shop for repairs. A good time was had by all.



(l-r) Jon, Steve, Mike, and Janet set spikes in a newly inserted tie on switch #14

Saturday: The crew started the day and ended the day attacking Switch #14 (north switch at miller park) This switch has some issues and is need of some focused attention. We spent the day by changing all but two of the ten foot ties in the switch. All of which were bad and needed to be replaced. We were able to tamp these ties before calling it a day and returning to the shop.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be working in the shops as is normal for Tuesday. We start at several times, 3:00 p.m. for those who are like free birds, escaped from the cage of work, and 5:00 p.m. for those little birds still trapped in the work cage. We meet at the shop.

Thursday: We will meet at the shop at 5:00 p.m. with a sufficient crew it is our intention to spend this day out tightening bolts on the mainline, and doing work in the shop. So if you have the time and want to work on the line, Then see you on Thursday.

Saturday: We meet at the shop at 8:00 a.m. We will continue work on Switch #14 with more ties to change and more tamping. Lots of work and lots of fun for everyone.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris