



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

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1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

- Upcoming Events: 1) The next CPR&SS club meeting is **Thursday, February 2nd**, 2017.
2) 2017 [Rail Festival](#) Committee Meeting – **Wednesday February 8th, 2017 at 7 PM.**
3) First CPR&SS passenger run at Carillon Park is Saturday, April 01, 2017 from 1 to 4 PM.

Topics to be discussed at the next meeting include: Plans for 2017's operations, improvements, purchases, etc.

CPR & SS meetings are FIRST Thursday each month at Kettering Assembly of God, 2250 E. Stroop Rd. (Two blocks east of Woodman Dr.) Social at 7. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Note to members: Current memberships are good through **March 31, 2017**. Renew at the next meeting. If your house or email address or phone number has changed from what may be in our records, please send an email to: Larry Wassell, Reilmann6240@att.net or postal mail to 2824 Vale Dr., Kettering OH 45420. Membership info: www.CPRSS.org/Membership

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Xenia Train Station – A replica built in 1998.
Photo by Curt Caden. Compare to old photos inside

There weren't any CPR&SS runs or other activities in Jan, so here's some info on a local train station that is now a park – Xenia Station. Compare this picture to the new station on the front page. The photo below appears to be from the early 1900's based on the vintage car on the far right, the women in long dresses and big hats, and the two boys on the left wearing knickers (pants).

The building in the foreground was originally the telegraph building – note all of the wires going into it. The structure on top is the “Hub Lookout” and was used to observe rail movements in the area. The long building behind it was the passenger depot which was torn down in 1955. A passenger waiting room was added to the first floor of the telegraph building and was in use until 1979.

Note the two large water stand pipes in the foreground and the steam engine that looks like a 2-6-0 Mogul based on it's cab, stack, and steam chests. The train is eastbound to Columbus from Dayton.

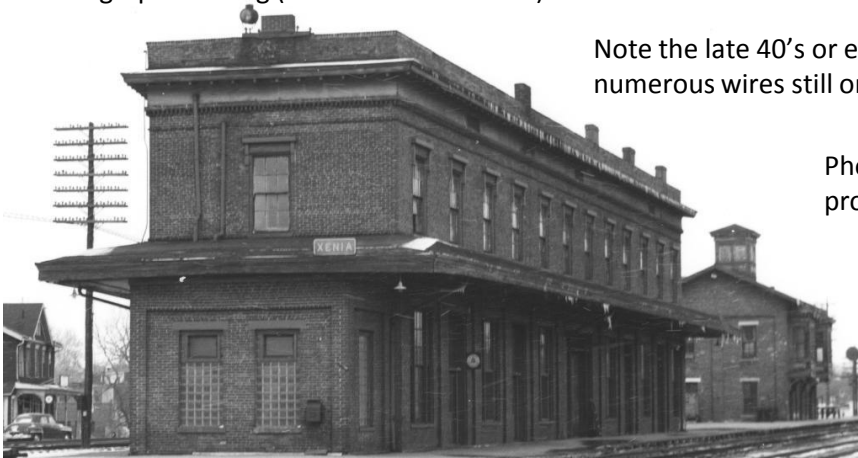
Also, note the ramp structure in the far back on the left. It has rails on it. Don't look ahead but can you figure out what it is? Photo is from Gary D Rolih Collection provided by Dave Oroszi.



Below is a view from the south on the Pennsylvania RR line that went from Cincinnati to Columbus. The line from Dayton to Columbus is on the left side of the depot and both lines join (see above) just beyond the telegraph building (with the hub lookout) and run as one line to Columbus.

Note the late 40's or early 50's car on the left and the numerous wires still on the pole at this later time.

Photo is from Eldon Neff Collection provided by Dave Oroszi.





Above is a view from the Greene Tower looking east toward the Xenia depot buildings showing the ramp structure. That tower controlled the crossing of the PRR Columbus-Cincinnati line with B&O's Dayton-Welston line (crossing under the front of the steam loco). If you enlarge the picture you will see that both locomotives of the doubleheader have full loads of coal. The ramp is for pulling a hopper car up the ramp for unloading coal down the two chutes on either side into the tenders. Note the row of ten or so switch actuator bars right behind the yard workers and the spare diamond rail unit in the lower left of the picture. Old guys remember "LSMFT"? Hint: Look at billboard. Photo: William Jay Collection provided by Dave Oroszi.



At left is the caboose at the Xenia Station that was restored by members of the Greene County Historical Society's Railroad Display Committee. It is open by appointment – contact the Society. Photo by Curt Caden.

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Miscellaneous links that may be of interest to CPR&SS members:

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#)

[Indiana Live Steamers](#)

[Lebanon Railroad](#)

[Bradford Railroad Museum](#)

[CrossRoads RR Club](#)

[Illinois Live Steamers 50th Annual](#)

[Mill Creek Central](#) is planning to have another "Buckeye Limited Convention" and has dates of Aug 9 through 13, 2017. Details of this event are still being worked out but they are now taking registrations. A tour of the [Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) is also being planned for either 10 or 11 Aug. Check their website frequently for updates and sign-up information.