The FIREBOX
Official Newsletter of the
Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society
1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409
www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events: Check the CPRSS.org website for more current info.
1) July Club meeting: SATURDAY, July 11, 2020 at 10 AM at the Carillon Park track shelter.
2) Next public train runs are scheduled for July 11 and 25, 2020 from 1 to 4 PM both days.
3) Ohio health orders regarding the coronavirus continue to be updated so you are directed to Coronavirus.Ohio.gov and for Carillon Park’s situation see DaytonHistory.org for the most current restrictions, mandates, and guidance.
4) Rail Festival. Due to the coronavirus, the 2020 Rail Festival was CANCELED.

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: Plans for the year, running trains in today’s environment, work days, train storage, update of Park plans, special events, etc.

Members: Club memberships EXPIRED on March 31, 2020. You MUST be a member to run ANY equipment at the track. 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. For info see Membership at: www.CPRSS.org

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Above are Blake C as engineer and brother Keith during the June 9th work day. They shoveled ballast into 5 gallon buckets and distributed it around the track where needed. The thermometer between their heads shows 100 – but officially it was “only” 90 F – maybe a local heat island here. It really was hot though. Thanks guys!

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The July CPR&SS club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 11\textsuperscript{th} starting at 10 AM.

Members are reminded, when you drive in the park, you need to drive slowly (~ 5 mph) and be aware of pedestrians and small children in the area.

At the track and meeting, you should wear a mask, practice social distancing, and comply with Federal, State, Local, and Carillon Park coronavirus regulations and guidance.

Above is Larry driving a 10 passenger car train with the conductor’s car in back. This was done on the June 23\textsuperscript{rd} work day as a test run. Timing of different routes was done. The double loop (green route) is 12 minutes; the Rail Festival route (orange) is 9 min; the school route (yellow), which doesn’t go through the tunnel, is 6 minutes. Larry also timed a new route that goes through the tunnel but is only a single loop. It is 8 minutes at 25 on the locomotive’s scale speedometer and just under 7 min at 30 on the dial.

At left is loco 7695 being refueled. It does that using a small pump on the engine. The hose needs to be inserted to the bottom of the can then the pump switched on. It shuts off automatically when the tank is full BUT YOU NEED TO TURN THE PUMP OFF MANUALLY. Let the fuel drain out of the hose and coil it around the fan grill. Note that gasoline fumes are heavier than air and will collect in low areas like the engine house. Never refuel in the engine house! Move the engine 20 feet away to refuel.

At left is the plate reminding you to turn the pump switch off.
Above left are Jim E (L) and Bob S (R) checking and performing maintenance on the passenger car trucks on the June 30 work day. Above right is Jim H repairing one of the tarps on the storage tunnel by putting in new grommets so the tarp can be tied down.

At left is Will G using his weed eater on weeds in the steaming bay area. A lot of the weeds have already been sprayed with weed killer and have died but needed to be cleared away. There are still some areas that need spraying.

At right are Jim E and Bob S lifting 7695’s shell to be reinstalled on the engine in back. This is definitely a 2 person job. The front end hooks on the frame then slides back just a bit where 2 bolts hold it to the engine’s frame. There is an electrical connector that also needs to be reconnected. Larry worked on the bell which is the round gray item on the engine. Larry believes he has fixed it by re-aligning the striker. Larry W and Will G are watching.
Below is the barn reconstruction on June 30, 2020. The barn was originally on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds area on the south side of Dayton and was provided to the Park. The Park’s ultimate plan is to install a 3 foot gauge railroad and use the barn as its storage place. On site, survey stakes can be seen outside the barn that layout the 3 foot track route.

**Eagle Update:** Both baby eagles have grown to full size and have successfully fledged (flown from the nest). One is named Prop and the other is Rudder – gender neutral names in keeping with Dayton’s flight heritage. They will have brown heads and tails until their fourth year when they turn white. Both fledglings and both parents can be seen regularly flying in the park. Fledglings have some white on their undersides.

Miscellaneous links: Check for coronavirus updates on each website.  
FortWayneRailRoad.org  Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers  Indiana Live Steamers  
Age Of Steam Roundhouse Tours appear to have been suspended – check their website.  
Lebanon Railroad  Dayton Train Show  
LAKE FOREST LIVE STEAMERS RAILWAY MUSEUM ←Track, Wheel, Data & Drawings & more.  
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