



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Sep 5, 2022

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) **NO TRAIN CLUB MEETING IN September !** The next meeting will be **October 8 at 10 AM.**
- 2) Next public train run is **SUNDAY, Sept 18, 11 AM** to 4 PM during [Concours D'elegance](#)
- 3) October run days are Oct 8 & 22 both from 1 to 4 PM.
- 4) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting 10 AM at the track in good weather.
- 5) [A Carillon Christmas](#) CPR&SS train runs 6 – 9 PM every night, Nov 22 thru Dec 30, 2022.
- 6) [Dayton Train Show](#) is Nov 5 & 6 at Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds.

October CPR&SS meeting topics: Latest park construction & 3 foot gauge train update, fiberglass tunnel fix, track restoration including deciding the track configuration between the yard and big tunnel, Dayton Train Show plans, "A Carillon Christmas" event plans, etc.

Members: Club memberships **EXPIRED on March 31, 2022.** You **MUST** be a member to run **ANY** equipment at the track. For memberships, sign up at the track or send an email to: Larry Wassell, Reilmann6240@att.net or postal mail to 2824 Vale Dr., Kettering OH 45420. For info also see the Membership page at: www.CPRSS.org

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These track sections have been removed from the tunnel. The 3-way switch frame is seen by the entrance, minus it's concrete which Bob S and Ken H broke out so it could be moved. Plans are to replace the tunnel.

Below is from the Aug 27 train run. Larry W (Engineer), Howard W (Loader), and Norm G (Conductor). Photo by Ken H.

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Below left are Ken H and Bob S (by caboose) moving Bob's live steam loco onto the transfer lift. Bob brought it to the track for a boiler test but the tester was not working. Bob has run this propane fired tank engine many times at the track. Standing in the background is Dave O who co-chairs the [Rail Festival](#) event occurring near the end of each June.



Below is Larry W as engineer and Bob S as conductor on club loco 7695 on Sept 3, 2022. It was misty early on but we were able to get a few rounds in before the heavier rain came in. We were running the Christmas loop which is fairly flat but wet rails forced us to cut out 5 passenger cars due to slippage with the full 10 cars.



3 Foot Gauge Track Update

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Below left is the first switch installed which is on the east side of the Horse Barn.
Below right is Ken H changing the switch direction at mid point of the change.



Below left is a pre-assembled switch frog and on the right is a pallet of other switch parts for this second switch. There are guard rails, switch points, an actuator rod and handle, bearing plates, spacers, and more.



At left are rails that have been rejected due to improper bending. The bender is shown at right. It is hooked onto a rail then the center ratcheting plunger is pushed against the rail until the desired bend is achieved.

Sometimes the resulting bend is too sharp as apparently the left rail (in picture at left) has a kink in it on the near end (at red arrow, very evident in person).



The Antique Fire Apparatus group brought their equipment to the Sept 3, 2022 train run. Below are just some of their keepsakes. They have been at Carillon Park before Covid and plan to come back next year.



Miscellaneous links: **Check websites for recent updates and further details.**

[Mill Creek Central](#): Check website for meets and work days. Buckeye Limited postponed to Aug 1-5, 2023. Next meets: Logging and Narrow Gauge meet Sept 22 – 24; Fall Blowdown Oct 6-9, 2022.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#) See website for info.

See <https://www.cvsr.org/steam> for 765 steam excursion dates, times, prices, departure station, etc.

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#) [Indiana Live Steamers](#) [Lebanon Railroad](#)

[Train Mountain](#) Triennial was June 20 – 26, 2022. Next Triennial is probably 2025.

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) **NEW: Steam to Victory, Sept 9 & 10 only. Tickets at gate; see website details.**

Roundhouse Tours \$20 on thru Nov 19, Thur, Fri, Sat, 10, 12, 2 PM.

Ferroequinologist: Last 3 Dates are: 9/17; 10/1; 11/5 \$75; 9 AM. Advanced tickets required for both.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) Their display event for 2022 is over. See website.

[LiveSteam.Net](#) Live Steam & Outdoor Railroading magazine – Articles, vendors, other clubs and schedules.

[DiscoverLiveSteam.com/](#) Live steam and diesel model RR – Locos & items for sale, vendors, articles, etc.