



The FIREBOX

Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Oct 6, 2022

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org



Upcoming Events:

- 1) The next meeting will be October 8 at [10 AM](#) in the shelter at the track.
- 2) The next public train run is **Saturday, October 8**, 1 to 4 PM.
- 3) The LAST regular season public train run will be October 22 also from 1 to 4 PM.
- 4) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting at 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: Track restoration plans, latest park construction & 3 foot gauge train update, fiberglass tunnel fix, 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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Above are Bob S and Jim H raising the stub switch just west of the yard. It had sunk some due to Park construction by the near end making a dip in the track. This is on our current passenger loop and we have had slippage problems here, so this should help.

Below is the preferred layout for new switches in the yard. Note the drain - we believe it is best to keep the track on the down hill side to avoid any drainage problems caused by the track if it were uphill. This spot has a good grade between the two tracks so connection should be easy. There will be additional discussion at the Oct 8 club meeting. L-R are Bob S, Craig B, Jim E, Jim H. Photo by John L.



Above are (L-R) Craig B, Bob S, and John L leveling a small hill so the track can be moved away from the next track. The picture at right shows the long view to the big arch. The outside track is not used at this time but we would like to restore it since there is no more Park construction in this area. Photo by Jim H.

3 Foot Gauge Track Update

Oct 2022

Below are several pictures taken on Sept 24, 2022. On this day the track was about half way across the triple arch bridge. The other pictures are of tools used to install the track.



Above is a track gauge and a ratchet bar used to set the 3 foot spacing.



Above is one of two tongs used to move ties – one guy on each tie end. At right is a tie spacer. It is set on top of two ties then the tie is hit with a sledge hammer to move it to its final position.



Below is a bucket of spikes – they appear to be the same size as used on a standard gauge RR.



Below is an air driven jack hammer. Spikes are started by hand with a couple of blows from a spike hammer then driven home by the jack hammer.





Above are (L-R) Jim H and Bob S working on the brakes for the passenger cars. Above right is an old and a new brake shoe which has "R" denoting it is a right side shoe. Shoes must fit the contour of the wheels which have a cone angle of 2 degrees and 50 minutes on the rolling surface. Four shoes are needed for each 2 axle truck.

At right is another view of an old and new shoe.



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 meet: Fall Blowdown Oct 6 – 9. Last run of 2022: Volunteer Fall Work & Run Oct 21-23.

[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](#) Roundhouse Tours \$20 on thru Nov 19, Thur, Fri, Sat, 10, 12, 2 PM.

Ferroequinologist: Last Date is: 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.