



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Nov 9, 2022

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Next meeting is Saturday, **November 12** at **10 AM** in the **main building** at Carillon Park.
- 2) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting at 10 AM at the track in good weather.
- 3) **A Carillon Christmas** CPR&SS train runs 6 – 9 PM every night, Nov 22 thru Dec 30, 2022.
Carillon Park is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day – No trains runs these days.
Members: See your emails for the sign up link for a support position – we need your help!
- 4) There is **NO** CPR&SS club meeting in **December** due to running trains nightly.

October CPR&SS meeting topics: “A Carillon Christmas” event plans, track restoration plans, latest park construction & 3 foot gauge train update, fiberglass tunnel fix, 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

CPR & SS 2022/23 Officers(*) and others:

***President:** Jim Eaton 812-603-6275

Jim.Eaton@CPRSS.org

***Vice President:** Norm Gibson

937-510-6142 NormGibson2015@gmail.com

***Treasurer:** Bob Schwenke 937-572-3411

RBSchwenke50@AOL.com

***Secretary:** Ken Hemmelgarn 937-275-9589

Ken.Hemmelgarn@sbcglobal.net

Membership, Engine Maintenance,

& Special Runs: Lawrence Wassell

937-293-3615 Reilmann6240@att.net

Safety Committee: Ken Hemmelgarn

Boiler Inspections: Ken Hemmelgarn

937-275-9589

Ken.Hemmelgarn@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter, Website, Volunteer Hours:

John Laugle (937) 269-4654

jwlaugle@yahoo.com



Above is Mark F operating Jim H's electric loco at the 46th Dayton Train show on Nov 5 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Dayton, OH. CPR&SS has been running a train like this for many years at the shows. Mark was engineer for the bulk of the trips on both Saturday and Sunday – thanks Mark.

Below is Larry W as engineer on club loco 7695 carrying passengers on the Oct 8, 2022 public run day. Thom P is the conductor in the last car. Ridership was light this day.



Below are pictures from the Oct 22, 2022 work day showing (L-R) Bob H, Craig B, and Bob S checking the air brake system on a blue riding car. They are using Loco 7695 to provide the pressurized air to actuate the brakes making sure the brakes work properly. Additional checks of the car, trucks, and couplers were also performed.



Below is a leaky brake hose which was fixed this work day.



At left are the controls for 7695. The lower arrow points to the small brass pressure control handle. The upper arrow points to the air pressure gauge which shows the air pressure actually in the brake hoses on the passenger cars. It is pointing to 30 PSI which is where engineers need to set the pressure to get good braking. Rotate the brass lever clockwise to increase pressure and CCW to lower pressure.

Dayton Train Show – Nov 5 & 6, 2022, Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds

Below left is Mark F arriving at the station at the ride's end. Thanks to all who helped support this event including: Bob & Linda S, Mike & Terry H, Joe M, Mark F, Ken H, John L & all who helped set up Friday. At right is club member Dennis G's Lego layout. He adds to it every year.



Above is the track being loaded onto Joe M's truck after the train show ended. Bob S brings and returns the loco and two passenger cars from the Carillon track.



Above is the Lego train and station donated by Dennis G as the CPR&SS club raffle item. This is the 31st year Dennis has donated a raffle item. These items are always a hit at the show.

Thanks Dennis.

Carillon Track Update

At right are Bob S and Craig B leveling track in the grove Oct 29. Below is the back gate area. The inner track was replaced Nov 8 so the Christmas loop is now complete. Train runs start Nov 22 and continue through Dec 30.



Three Foot Gauge Track Progress

Nov 2022

Below are the 3 foot gauge track workers on Oct 8, 2022 nearing the last rail connections behind the Grist Mill area. The track was completed later this day. The Park plans to have an official Last Spike Ceremony behind the main building some time in the future.



Below left are the two machines used to move and level the ballast. On the right is a close-up of the tamping rods and guide wheels. This machine levels the track and packs the ballast under the ties to hold the track at the proper height.



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

[Mill Creek Central](#): Buckeye Limited set for Aug 1-5, 2023. Meets are over for 2022.

Last work session is Nov 11 & 12, 2022. Check website for 2023 schedule details and track construction.

[WhiteCreekRR.com](#) 2023 Open Meet: July 5 – 8. All railroaders nationwide are invited to bring their 7.5 inch gauge trains. Drawbars or safety chains are mandatory. See website.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#) See website for info. Santa Train – Nov 26,27, Dec 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18. \$9 online.

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

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

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

Ferroequinologist: Last Date was 11/5. See website for next years tours. Advanced tickets required.

[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.