



# The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

## Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Jan 11, 2023

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

[www.CPRSS.org](http://www.CPRSS.org)

### Upcoming Events:

- 1) Next meeting is Saturday, **January 14, 2023** at **10 AM** in the **main building** at Carillon Park.  
→ **The CPRSS meeting starts at 10 AM** ← Ask at the front desk for room location.
- 2) Rail Festival meeting – Jan 11 at 7 PM in the main building at Carillon Park.
- 3) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track **in good weather**.

**January** CPR&SS meeting topics: Train run schedule for 2023, track restoration plans, latest park construction & 3 foot gauge train update, fiberglass tunnel fix, etc.

**Members:** Club memberships **EXPIRE on March 31, 2023**. 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](mailto:Reilmann6240@att.net) or postal mail to 2824 Vale Dr., Kettering OH 45420. For info also see the Membership page at: [www.CPRSS.org](http://www.CPRSS.org)

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Above are (L-R) Mark F, Jim E, Craig B, Thom P, Bob S, and Bob H after the CPR&SS club meeting on Nov 12, 2022. They are at the far west end of the track. The track at their feet is the Christmas loop.

Below is the first train load of passengers of the 2022 Carillon Christmas event which began on Nov 22, 2022. Larry W is the engineer of club loco 7695 and it is pulling 10 fully loaded passenger cars and a caboose with our conductor.



The link here is to a YouTube video of a complete train ride around the Carillon Christmas loop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V98PpHRhen8>

The video was taken by John L on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last train run at 9 PM on Dec 30 when only the first 5 passenger cars were loaded. After this run a few more riders showed up and were given a ride so they were actually on the last train to run this holiday season. The video shows the decorations around the track that the train club members put up in Nov.



At left is the track on Dec 28. Thanks to Larry W for pushing his snow shovel around the track and clearing the snow off before the train run. A long period of snow and high winds created some deep drifts at a few points around the track making some interesting ride situations. This section is by the sidewalk just before entering the unloading area on the west side of the Transportation building.





At left is Larry W on loco 7695 coming through the light tunnel on Dec 28 during the Carillon Christmas event. It takes a lot of club members to put up the decorations around the track and to run the trains from Nov 22 every night through Dec 30. That's 36 nights of running trains from 6 PM to 9 PM.

Thanks to all who helped. It would not have happened had you not put in your precious time toward this event.



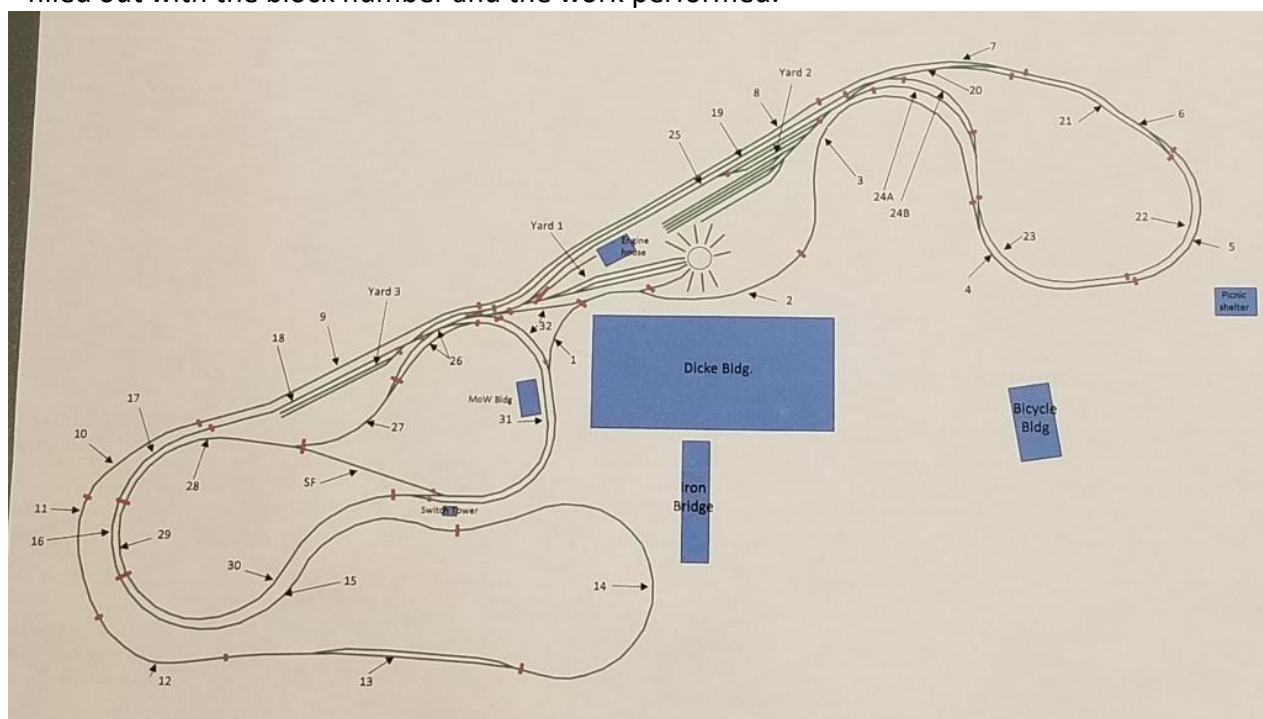
Above is a photo taken from the clock tower showing the Carillon Tower of Light in the upper left, the big girder bridge lit up in the upper right, and the CPRSS train at center right with its flashing rear end device (FRED) red light. Club loco 7695 was used exclusively during the Carillon Christmas event to pull 10 passenger cars. During weekends (Fri, Sat, & Sun) in decent weather almost all 10 car trains were fully loaded starting from 6 PM (or before sometimes) and continuing through to 9 PM and sometimes after that.



At left is a switch as found during the "walk the track" check before a run showing it stuck mid way by a small rock (at right). Make sure the handles AND the points are both sitting right.



Below is a diagram of the track that shows the track sections broken into blocks with each block being assigned a number. When work on the track is performed, a log book will be filled out with the block number and the work performed.



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

[Mill Creek Central](#): Buckeye Limited set for Aug 1-5, 2023. See website for 2023 meets and work days.

[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. No events listed yet for 2023 except 765 maintenance.

[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](#) See website for 2023 info.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) See website for 2023 info..

[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.