



# The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

## Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

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1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

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

### Upcoming Events:

- 1) Next meeting is Saturday, **February 11, 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 **MOVED** to Feb **15** 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**.

**February** CPR&SS meeting topics: Train run schedule for 2023, Rail Festival, 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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Refueling 7695 during the 2022 Rail Festival on June 25<sup>th</sup>. L-R are Lataya H, Larry W (Engineer), Gary S, and Shaun H. In the far background is Bob S checking the blue cars.

Below left is a picture of the loading area used during the Christmas runs.

**Feb 2023**

Riders were given a safety briefing inside then exited the doors at the far end of the brick building which is the Transportation bldg. At rides end the passengers exited through the yellow gate then up the sidewalk in the right hand picture. The third picture shows the area by the iron girder bridge. For Rail Festival, discussions are underway as to where to load and unload passengers. This Transportation bldg area is one option but passengers would likely be in lines by the iron bridge then come down the sidewalk to board the train then exit through the Transportation bldg in a reverse direction from that during the Christmas runs. More discussions are needed and a decision where and how to load to be made later.



At right is the area by the iron bridge where Rail Festival riders could be staged prior to loading onto the train.



At left is the extension being added to the train barn. This picture was taken on Jan 17, 2023. It should be completed before the big train arrives.



Below are pictures taken on the last evening of the 2022 Carillon Christmas event. Thanks to all who helped make this event another success.



**Now that Spring is nearing, here are some safety and operational reminders:**

Horn signals: **ONE** horn blast means the engineer **has stopped the train**. **Do not move the train for any reason** such as to put it in a “better” spot if you have blown the horn once. **People will be getting off!** To move forward, give **TWO** blasts of the horn **THEN** begin moving. To move backwards, give **THREE** blasts of the horn **THEN** begin moving.

**No cell phone usage** while you are the engineer or conductor – do your job - be safe.

**Never** try to get on or off of a moving train – **No exceptions**.

**Never** run the locomotive inside the engine house – **Carbon Monoxide is heavier than air and is DEADLY**. It will collect in the below ground level of the engine house and you’ll die.

**Never** refuel an engine in the engine house – **gasoline fumes are also heavier than air** and will collect in the below ground level of the engine house and ignite from any spark such as a light switch, refrigerator turning on, or a static electricity spark. **Always refuel outside** and 20 feet away from the engine house. Gas fumes can flow like water along the ground and collect in the engine house.

Some steam engines burn **propane** ( $C_3H_8$ ) which is also **heavier than air** and will also collect in low areas and ignite easily.

**Natural gas**, which is mostly methane ( $CH_4$ ), is **lighter than air** but, when trapped inside a building and cannot dissipate, will also explode if a spark ignites it. Many houses have blown up due to leaking and trapped natural gas – they’re on the news quite often.

**Never** drive the engine into the engine house – stop 10 or more feet away and push it in making sure **ALL** of the wheels engage the support stand rails. 7695 tends to derail if the support stand is not aligned properly. It weighs 900 pounds – make sure it doesn’t fall off.

Below are the gauge panel and hand controller for club loco 7695. This loco is our primary loco for pulling passengers around the track.

New engineers need to be trained on this loco under the guidance of an engineer already trained and experienced on this loco. It is also important that engineers and conductor know and follow the procedures for loading and carrying passengers around the track.



Miscellaneous links: [Check websites for recent updates and further details.](#)

[Mill Creek Central](#): See website for all 2023 meets and work days. The **Buckeye Limited** is set for Aug 1-5, 2023 and there are many new things. Registration opens Feb 10 at 6 PM. After you register you need to buy a pass – Weekly before Jun 30: Adult (\$30), Family(\$60). A ONE Day ONLY (No equipment) passes are \$10/person/day. Steaming bay space will be rented out for steam engines only. No trailer parking overnight at MCC – park your equipment trailers at Coshocton County Fairgrounds. See the WEBSITE !!

[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.