



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

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1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Next meeting is Saturday, **MARCH 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) March Rail Festival meeting is Mar 8 at **NOON** in the main building at Carillon Park.
Note the time → NOON ← so daytime Park workers can attend this Rail Festival meeting.
- 3) Boy Scouts at Carillon Mar 25. CPRSS train demo. See attached Minutes for more details.
- 4) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track **in good weather**.

March CPR&SS meeting topics: Rail Festival, Boy Scout plans, track restoration plans, latest park construction, 3 foot gauge train update, fiberglass tunnel fix, membership renewals, 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 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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Tunnel lights being taken down. L-R: Larry W, Bob S, Shaun H, Norm G, photo by John L. These were the last Christmas decorations that needed to be taken down. Thanks to all who helped set up and support the 2022 Carillon Christmas event – it would not have been a big success without your efforts.

There has not been any CPR&SS RR activity yet this year so here are some pictures of the track and Park on this page and on the next.

Mar 2023

Below left is a picture of the east end of the fiberglass tunnel showing some daylight toward the back. That's not the light at the end of the tunnel that you've heard about all your life – that's where the roof of the tunnel collapsed during construction work last year. It needs to be fixed before we can work inside the tunnel. The tunnel façade could use some rehab. The remnants of the concrete base of the switch that was there still remains. Plans are to lay one track through this tunnel so a switch is not needed here anymore.

Below right is the west end of the tunnel. It could use some rehab also. Shown is one section of track that was inside the tunnel and there is more track buried inside where the roof caved in. The risk of further cave in is not worth trying to retrieve it.



Both pictures above were taken on March 4, 2023 which was a day after the Dayton area received a very heavy rain. Of note is the vertical gap on the right side picture and there was little evidence of high water flow from above. There is a drain above by the 3 foot track and it seems to be doing its job.

At right is the east end of the tube tunnel. It shows some concrete sealing work that the Park has done to address water flow and resulting erosion where the two walls meet. This picture was also taken on March 4, 2023 after the heavy rain two days earlier.



Eagle Update: Based on the eagle's change in behavior, it is believe that one egg was laid on Feb 21, 2023. A second egg may possibly have been laid a day or two later. Typically, they would hatch in about 35 days - Mar 28th.

At right is the watch tower which is still in the grove but is being prepared to be moved. Note the two "I" beams at the base of the house with end plates and lifting holes. The outhouse is also going to be moved. Picture was taken Mar 4, 2023.



Below is the on-going construction of an overpass to provide access to the hillside slide. It will be high enough for the 3 foot gauge train to pass under the walkway and will provide an area where visitors may watch the train pass under.



At left is the extension that was added to the train barn. This picture was taken on March 4, 2023. It looks to be complete. The barn will store the Park's 3 foot gauge train over night.

Miscellaneous links: **Check each website for the most recent updates and additional 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 opened Feb 10. After you register you need to buy a pass – Weekly before Jun 30: Adult (\$30), Family(\$60). ONE Day (No equipment) passes are \$10/person per 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](#) **Orientation & Safety Training – Apr 15** – Members only? Join & Register.

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#) [Indiana Live Steamers](#) ← Tri Meet June 3, 2023 at ILS

[Train Mountain](#) Next Triennial is probably 2025. See website.

[Lebanon Railroad](#)

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Tours Thu, Fri, Sat – 10, 12, 2 PM. Ferro Tours: Mar 25, Apr 29, May 20, & more.

[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.