



# The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

## Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Apr 2, 2023

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

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

### Upcoming Events:

- 1) CPRSS meeting Saturday, **April 8, 10 AM** in the **main building, lams room** at Carillon Park.  
**The CPRSS meeting starts at → 10 AM ←** Ask at the front desk for room location.
- 2) **New Date =>** Rail Festival meeting is **April 19** at **NOON** in the main building at Carillon Park.  
**Note the time → NOON ←** so daytime Park workers can attend this Rail Festival meeting.
- 3) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track **in good weather**.

**April** CPR&SS meeting topics: First run day info, track restoration plans, fiberglass tunnel fix, 3 foot gauge train update, membership renewals, latest park construction, etc.

**Members:** Club memberships **EXPIRED 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 is Greg D on his tractor moving gravel from inside the tunnel where it was too thick and placing it on the outside track-way. At the end of the day all three tracks in, through, and out of the big tunnel were at proper grade.

**Apr 2023**

The Boy Scouts were at Carillon Park on Mar 24-25 for their over-night Camporee and the CPRSS club provided train rides and educational sessions. Below is Shaun H as engineer on club loco 7695. This was the first train operation in 2023 with passengers. The first regular public train run is scheduled for April 8.



Below left is Bob S explaining details of his tank engine's design and operation to a group of Boy Scouts. Below right is another group of Boy Scouts building a section of track from aluminum rails and plastic ties. These activities were all held on Mar 25, 2023.



At left is the low area just west of the Transportation building which has filled with water from the heavy rain the night before (Mar 24/25 – during the Boy Scout camp out, of course!). The “big” tunnel is on the far side of the lake. The water was almost gone by the end of the day due to the porous nature of the soil in the Park.

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Eagle Update: Based on the eagle's change in behavior, it is believe that an egg was laid on Feb 21, 2023 and maybe another a day or two later. Typically, they would hatch in about 35 days - Mar 28<sup>th</sup> but we have not heard any confirmation of hatching yet.



Below is a picture of some trees and the top of Carillon tower on Mar 21, 2023.



Below, on the right side, is a picture of the gate operator's tower that was by the Bowling Green station before it was moved. Photo Mar 21, 2023.



At left is the grading by the big tunnel. Greg D brought his compact tractor to the Park and graded the track-ways leading into ,through, and out of the far side of the big tunnel in a few hours. The far right track goes up to the tube tunnel and then into the fiberglass tunnel which is currently blocked. The track where the tractor is in the picture is the track that returns from the tube and fiberglass tunnels.

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**. You must register to attend. After you register you need to buy a pass – Weekly pass purchased 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: 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.