



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

May 10, 2023

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

1) CPRSS meeting Saturday, **May 13, 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) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track **in good weather**.

3) Tri Meet June 3, 2023 at Indiana Live Steamers

4) Rail Festival meeting is **June 7** at **NOON** in the main building at Carillon Park.

May 13: CPR&SS meeting topics: Rail Festival planning, track work days and restoration plans, fiberglass tunnel fix, Tri Meet at ILS, latest park construction, etc.

Members: Club memberships **EXPIRE on March 31**. 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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Above are (L-R) Dan C and Jim H replacing ties just west of the engine house. There has been a concerted effort to replace the old wooden ties with new plastic ones so this track section can be returned to service. It is a straighter route and avoids traversing extra switches in the yard.

Below is Mike H (leaning on the gondola) getting his propane-fired Shay locomotive ready to run on the April 8 public train run day.



Below are Scott L on club loco 7695 carrying passengers on the April 8 train run and Mike H tooting his Shay's whistle at the passing train.



At right are Bob H and Jim H on the April 11 work day cutting a 2 X 10 to repair a small wood bridge that will be used to protect the track. A large excavator will be brought in to do some work in the Park. These small bridges were used before at the far west end of the track about a year ago during Park construction then but some bridges were slightly damaged.



Below is Engineer Bob H on the April 22 public train run – the second of the year. The conductor is new member Dan C. It was still a bit cold and crowds were light. We started out with a 10 passenger car train but soon put 5 cars on a siding.



Below are (L-R) Jim H and Scott F replacing old wooden ties with new plastic ones on the track near the tarp storage tunnel on April 15. Tie replacement is continuing.



At right is a photo of a Killdeer's nest with three eggs in it. This is the fourth year we have had a nest between our track rails in this same area just west of the engine house. This nest is on our main line and our train runs over it on each passenger trip. Usually the eggs hatch but this year it appears that the mother bird has abandoned the nest possibly due to the heavy rains we have sustained.



Below are (L-R) Bob H, Jim H, Bob S, Howard W, and Dan C putting gravel down in an attempt to protect the track from damage when a large excavator is brought in past here. The excavator has a drilling attachment on its boom and is going to install anchor rods in the new retaining wall farther to the west in this picture. Wooden bridges and plywood sheathing were also put down but the track was still damaged. Some sections may be reparable but some will need replacement.



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. Safety chains between cars are mandatory as of Jan 2023. 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](#)

[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: 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.