



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) CPRSS meeting Saturday, **June 10, 10 AM** at the **track under the shelter**.
The CPRSS meeting starts at → 10 AM ← Plan to be early so you're not late.
- 2) Club Fun Run on Saturday, Jun 10. Bring your equipment or run the club's. No public riders.
- 3) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track in good weather.
- 4) Rail Festival: **June 24 (9:30 AM to 5) & June 25 (11 AM to 4)** Picnic Sat evening. Buy a ticket

June 10: CPR&SS meeting topics: Fun Run details, Rail Festival planning, track work days and restoration plans, fiberglass tunnel fix, 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 Jim H in front and Larry W on their work train ready to go out. That's Jim's electric loco. There's two flat cars with Jim's drills and tools for replacing ties which Jim has been doing for years. Next is Larry's acetylene torch which he and Ken H are going to straighten out some track at the far west end of the track that was damaged by the construction equipment building the 3 foot track.

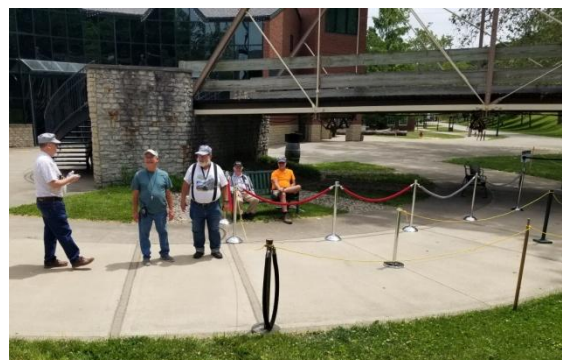
Below is Engineer Bob H on the Heritage Day (Memorial Day weekend May 28, 2023) public train run . The conductor is Mark F (orange shirt way in the back). We expected a large crowd as in past years but not so this year. The weather was very good so maybe people stayed home for activities there. The crowd did grow later in the afternoon but there was only one full ten passenger car train this day. We expect a lot more during Rail Festival.



Below are four tents that we set up as a dry run for our loading process to be used for Rail Festival. There are stanchions and a rope dividing the sidewalk in half. For this train run, riders waited on the side closest to the building and exited into the Transportation building after the run.



At right is the first waiting area which is at the top of the sidewalk close to the green tents. The Park's plan is to have large tents erected in this area to provide shade for passengers. We had a light passenger turn-out on Heritage Day so we did not get a real test of this loading process.



Below is a view looking up the sidewalk. That's Dave O checking things out. Dave is the co-chairman of the Rail Festival event. Recently there was some discussion about modifying the passenger exit route to go up the grassy area just in front of Dave.



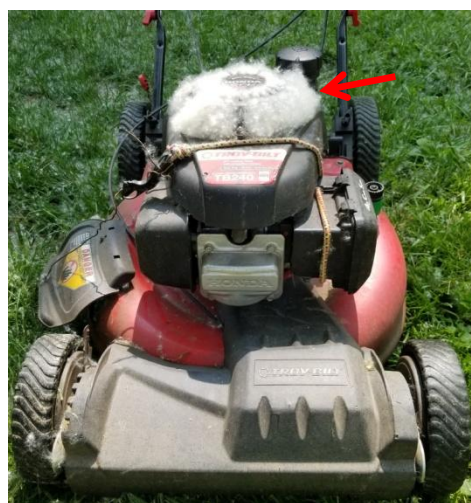
Above are Mike and Terry H (pink shirt) on their Shay on the May 13, 2023 public run day. They have brought the Shay to the track numerous times over the last several years. At right Mike has just finished loading more water into the loco and is preparing to continue running. Behind Mike is Bob H as engineer on 7695 and Larry W as conductor. Note that we have shortened the train to just the five blue cars due to the light passenger attendance. Usually we run ten passenger cars.





Above left is Jim H securing new ties on the May 23rd work day. Behind him is Howard W placing new ties where an old tie has been removed. Above right is Larry W spraying weeds using a hose and hand wand. Behind the white tank is a wooden frame that holds spray nozzles for spraying the track ballasted areas. There was a lot of activity this work day. Thanks to all who helped this day and other days.

At right is John L's mower after a short time of his mowing during the peak of the cottonwood tree fuzzy seeds flying – it looked like it was snowing. The air intake needed to be cleared off numerous times.



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. **Registration CLOSES June 30 !!** After you register you need to buy a pass – Weekly pass: 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 now. **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](#) Excursions are ongoing. Open house is July 29 & 30. See website.

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#) [Indiana Live Steamers](#)

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

[Lebanon Railroad](#)

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Tours Thu, Fri, Sat. Ferroequinologist Tours: Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 19, & more.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) **4014 Home Run Express Cheyenne to Omaha & back. Jun 7 - Jul 3. Many stops.**

[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.