



# The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

## Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

July 5, 2023

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

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

### Upcoming Events:

1) CPRSS meeting Saturday, **July 8, 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) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track in good weather.

3) Next public train runs are Saturdays, July 8 & 22 and Aug 12 & 26. All from 1 to 4 PM.

**July 8:** CPR&SS meeting topics: Track restoration planning, track work days, latest park construction plans, etc.

**Members:** Club memberships **EXPIRED 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](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 the loading area on the west side of the Transportation building. Bob H is engineer on the 10 passenger car train with Myra C as the conductor in the last car. Howard W, in white hat by loco, is the loader. Ken H is by the two green canopies and gives riders a safety talk before they load. Other members here include Lataya H, Shaun H, Scott L, & Tom D.

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Below are three live steam engines on the June 10, 2023 club run day. At far left is Ken H's Shay. In the middle is John L's Atlantic (4-4-2) and on the right is Bob S with his 0-6-0 tank engine.



Above is Ed Y running Engine 79 around the track with Don Y riding on the propane tank car.

At right is John L on his Atlantic. The loco passed it's boiler test and was then fired up using coal to heat the water. It made six trips around the track with no issues.





Below are more pictures from the June 10 club run day.

Below is Bob H running 7695 during the club run day and, in back, is Larry W on his Plum Cove with his granddaughter riding along.



At right is Bob S running his 0-6-0 tank engine. The water tanks are on each side of the loco's boiler. There is no tender. Bob uses a riding car to hold the propane tank.



Below is Bob S doing a blowdown at the end of the club run day. The blowdown port is at the low point of the boiler and expels any sediment that may have collected there.





Below is Ken H carrying a load of passengers during the Rail Festival on Saturday, June 24, 2023. On Saturday all ten cars were filled on every run except the first and very last train. The weather was very good Saturday and some rain was predicted for Sunday so more people came Saturday. Sunday's crowd was also big as the rain was predicted to be later.



Below is Mike H on his Shay carrying three passenger cars loads during Saturday's RF.



Above is Mark F leaving the station. New passengers were lined up along the sidewalk in back and, at the end of the run, exited into the Transportation building – just the opposite of the holiday loading. At right are Myra C and Tom D – both worked many shifts as conductors during both days of RF.



At below right is a view looking east to where the fiberglass tunnel was. On June 21<sup>st</sup> it was removed and the ground was re-graded then seeded. The fiberglass tunnel was at the far end of the light gray stone wall. The tunnel had been damaged by construction equipment building the 3 foot RR track.

Below is a view looking west to the tube tunnel.



Above are the three new eaglets on June 6, 2023 still in the nest. The nest is in the same place as it has been for the last few years in Carillon Park above Wright Hall where the Wright Flyer 1905 model is housed. As of June 24 the three eaglets have successfully fledged (flown from the nest) and can be seen flying about the Park. It is somewhat rare for 3 eaglets to be successfully raised in one nest. Usually the weakest eaglet does not survive. Bald eagles do not get their white head and tail until about the fourth year. The eaglets are all brown with some white areas on the underside of their wings. There is also a young hawk hanging around the track but it is smaller and much lighter brown with a white chest. The hawk pictured is at the east end of the yard by the shelter. It also spends time in the big maple tree west of the engine house.





Work day pictures. At right, the group is moving rail sections to a new storage location at the track.



Below are Jim H and Howard W replacing ties.

At lower right is Ken H checking the gauge on passenger car wheels.



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. **Online registration closed June 30**. You can still attend by buying a pass at the gate. Check the website for details. No trailer parking overnight at MCC – park your equipment trailers at Coshocton County Fairgrounds. Safety chains between RR 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: Jul 22, Aug 19, & more.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) 4014 Home Run Express – just completed. See website for next event.

[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.