



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Nov 8, 2023

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) CPRSS meeting Saturday, **November 11 at 10 AM** at Carillon Park – Room location is TBD. Check CPRSS.org & emails for final location. Ask at the main bldg front desk for the location.
- 2) **NOTE: Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be elected at the Nov 11 meeting.**
- 3) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track in good weather.
- 4) The Carillon Christmas train runs begin Nov 21 and run every night through Dec 30, 2023.

Nov 11 CPR&SS meeting topics: **Election of new officers for the 2024-2025 term**, Christmas holiday train run plans, restoration progress and planning, next year's schedule, 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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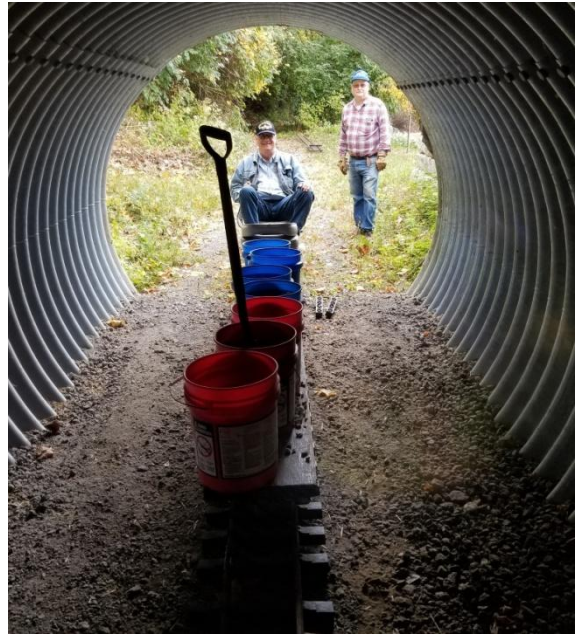
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Above is the crew setting up the track at the Dayton Train Show on Friday, Nov 3, 2023 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, in Dayton, Ohio. From L-R are: Jim E, Larry W, Bob H, Joe M, and Ken H. The CPR&SS club brings 280 feet of straight track, an electric locomotive and it's engineer's car, and two passenger cars.

Below is Ken H grinding a weld bead on the outer track to allow a joint bar to fit between two sections of track. Thom P is looking on. This was the last piece of track that connected the outer track east of the big tunnel to the track west of the big tunnel. At right shows Ken H on this outer track inside the west end of the tube tunnel just after the track connection at left was finished on Oct 17, 2023. Thanks to the many members who are restoring the tracks.



Below left are (L-R) Howard W, Larry W, and Thom P bending steel rails to a 50 foot radius on the Oct 28 work day. We needed 30 ten foot tracks or 60 rails bent. Below right are Jim H and Bob H assembling a track section using the plastic ties with molded-in tie plates and stainless steel screws. With parts at hand, a track section could be assembled in about 7 minutes.



At left are John L and Bob H with 13 just-completed track sections which are being moved up to the tube tunnel area. Below right is the area east of the tube tunnel showing the main (outer) track and the inner bypass siding. These tracks have just been placed in their approximate locations and have not yet been connected to one another. There may be some changes to the switch and slight adjustments to the final track routing. All of the track in this picture is "T" rail except for the switch which is square bar stock. A change to a "T" rail switch is being considered which would make for a cleaner installation.



At right is Bob S on the Oct 24 work day scraping the I-beams under the bridge getting them ready to be painted. Bob has also scraped and cleaned the bridge's top boards and gotten them ready for paint. Bob did get the boards painted with a first coat later this work day.



At right are (L-R) Dan C, Bob H, and Jim H assembling a track section using the new assembly table on Oct 31, 2023. We had been using two picnic tables under the shelter but they were too short, too wide, different heights, and prevented workers from getting close to the work which caused back fatigue. The new table is 10 feet long, 2 feet wide, and at a good working height. We moved it out into the sun since it was a bit cold on this Halloween day.



Above is CPRSS's display table at the Dayton Train show with Ken H working there. The straight track that the club gives rides on can be seen out the windows. We bring the electric loco in each night and charge the batteries.



Above is the LEGO train set that Dennis G donated for the raffle this year.

Below is a view of the track setup at the Dayton Train show. There is about 280 feet of straight track and a ride is all the way down and then back.



At right is Jim H carrying a load of passengers on Sunday of the Dayton Train show. The loader is Shaun H. The show had very good weather both days and a lot of attendees inside as well. We probable did at least 50 train trips each day but we didn't count them.



At left is Dennis G sitting in the middle of his LEGO display at the Dayton Train show. Dennis has contributed a LEGO train set every year for the last 15 years including this year. CPR&SS sells raffle tickets for the train set and draws a winning ticket late on the Sunday of the show.

Election of CPR&SS Officers for the 2024/2025 term:

This year is election year for the CPR&SS Officers. The election will take place at the November 11, 2023 club meeting by those members physically present at the meeting. The club meeting starts **promptly at 10 AM** at Carillon Park, Dayton, Ohio, probably in a room in the Carillon Park main building. Check this website and your emails for any possible changes. Only ballots cast at the November 11 meeting will be counted. NO email, postal mail, Zoom video, or other forms of absentee ballots will be accepted. Each member in good standing in attendance may cast one vote for each officer position. The current slate of officers and officer positions is:

PRESIDENT: Jim Eaton (Does **NOT** want to run; nominees needed)

Mark Fenbers is a candidate for President

VICE PRESIDENT: Norm Gibson (Does **NOT** want to run; nominees needed)

Shaun Hromada is a candidate for Vice President

SECRETARY: Ken Hemmelgarn (Does **NOT** want to run; nominees needed)

TREASURER: Robert Schwenke (Wants to run for the Treasurers position)

Nominations for ALL positions are open up to voting time at the November CPR&SS meeting. If you would like to run for office or to nominate someone (they also need to accept the nomination) to an officer position, contact Jim Eaton with your nomination or state it at the meeting before the voting. Contact Jim Eaton at: e-mail: Jim.Eaton@CPRSS.org Phone: (812) 603-6275

Miscellaneous links: **Check each website for the most recent updates and additional details.**

Mill Creek Central: See the website for all meets and work days. The last meet of 2023 is the Turkey Run: Nov 24 – 25. Safety chains between RR cars are mandatory now.

The 2024 event and work day schedule has just been posted to the MCC website.

Below are some YouTube links to MCC operations and to some individuals associated with MCC.

Buckeye Limited Convention 2023 Part I:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9TSw9pjKr0&list=RDCMUcNt5jxbsvzH4Qrm4WU6aPpQ&index=5>

Buckeye Limiter Convention 2023 Part II: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52WYkOjb9cM>

Mill Creek Yard: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKqwmkRx-7Q&t=679s>

Dick McCloy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2M2a8V-KOs&t=164s>

Jim Henry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miYafNhzgMk>

Wayne Godshall: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UX48oYRJm0>

See each website for details:

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#)

[Indiana Live Steamers](#)

[Lebanon Railroad](#)

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Roundhouse Tours: Through Nov: Thu, Fri, & Sat. The **LAST Ferroequinologist** tour of 2023 is Nov 11. See website for details, tickets, and other activities.

FortWayneRailRoad.org

UP.com/heritage/steam/ 4014 Home Run Express – recently 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.

WhiteCreekRR.com No more meets listed for 2023. See website.