



The **FIREBOX**

Official Newsletter of the



Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Jan 2, 2024

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) CPRSS meeting Wednesday, **January 10 at 7 PM** at Carillon Park – in the main bldg.
- 2) **NOTE: Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be installed at the Jan 13 meeting.**
- 3) Work Days are Tuesdays & Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track in good weather.
- 4) The Carillon Christmas train runs were completed on Dec 30, 2023. Thanks to all who helped.

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Jan 10 CPR&SS meeting topics: **Installation of new officers for the 2024-2025 term and election of Secretary to replace John Laugle**, plus further Items of business as submitted by Mark Fenders. Please see Page 2. **Remember:** CPRSS meeting Wednesday, **January 10 at 7 PM** at Carillon Park

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: CPRSS.COM.

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All of us are saddened by the sudden passing of **John Laugle** on Dec 12th. John tended to so many CPR&SS responsibilities that it takes several people to fill the roles he took care of single-handedly. The impact of his passing on the club will last a long, long time! To learn more about John's accomplishments besides here at CPR&SS, see **JOHN's Obituary**. John and many former members will be long and fondly remembered by our club.

from Nov 2023

Since I am a lousy photographer, I have zero pictures to make a more interesting and informative newsletter. I am in hopes some members will begin emailing or texting pics to me frequently, with Captions or Notes of Names etc for use in future FIREBOX issues. PLEASE !!

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Thanks, Mike Kendall

One personal note: WhiteCreekRR near Rockford MI is having an OPEN MEET and 3 Card Order Operations in 2024. If you have never participated in their Card Ops you are missing a very enjoyable RR experience. No equipment or experience needed, just an interest in model railroading, Ride-On or tabletop gauges. whitecreekrr.com

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 was 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](#) [2023 Part II](#)

[Mill Creek Yard](#)

[Dick McCloy](#)

[Jim Henry](#)

[Wayne Godshall](#)

See each website for details:

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

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse:](#) Roundhouse Tours: 2024 are Not Posted yet. See website for details, tickets, and other activities.

FortWayneRailRoad.org

[Union Pacific/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/](#) Live steam and diesel model RR – Locos & items for sale, vendors, articles, etc.

[WhiteCreekRR](#) 2024 includes Open Meet July 3-6 & Card Ops in May, July, Sept 2024. See website.

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.



from Nov 2023

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 probably 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.