



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Oct 1, 2020

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Next train run is Saturday, Oct 3 from 1 to 4 PM. **Members: We need you to come help.**
- 2) CPR&SS Club meeting: Saturday, Oct 3 starting promptly at 10 AM at the track shelter.
- 3) Last train run this regular daytime running season is Saturday, Oct 24 from 1 to 4 PM.
- 4) The Dayton Train Show is still planned to occur Nov 7 (11 - 5PM) & Nov 8 (11 - 4 PM)
- 5) "[A Carillon Christmas](#)" Train planned to run every night 6 – 9 PM Nov 24 thru Dec 30.

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: Club support for the remaining Saturday train runs, plans for the holiday train runs, plans for the Dayton Train Show, work days, train storage, etc.

Members: Club memberships **EXPIRED on March 31, 2020.** You **MUST** be a member to run **ANY** equipment at the track. For memberships, please send an email to: Larry Wassell, Reilmann6240@att.net or postal mail to 2824 Vale Dr., Kettering OH 45420. For info see Membership at: www.CPRSS.org

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Above is Mike H on his Shay during the Sept 19, 2020 train run. Mike converted the loco to be propane fired which provides plenty of heat to keep steam pressure up. Mike carried several car loads of passengers during the day.



Above is Larry W driving 7695 on the Sept 5th run day. Note every other passenger car is empty to achieve social distancing. Scott L is conductor way in back. At right is young CPR&SS member Keith C with a baby squirrel that climbed up his leg. Four babies came down a tree by the loading station and were unafraid of people.



Above are (L-R) Jim M, Mike H, Spencer F, John B) on the Sept 19 run day. John B made the Garrett that he and his grandson are firing up. In back, Mike is firing up his Shay.



At left is Mark F running club loco 7695 with passengers on every other car and with Jim M as the conductor. We had over 200 riders this day. We are not using ride tokens due to Covid but are accepting donations at the loading station.

The Oct CPR&SS club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 03rd starting at 10 AM.

The CPR&SS meeting day was changed to the **FIRST** Saturday in October to be on the train run day. This was a one-time change.

Next year, meetings are planned to be on the second Saturday of each month.

At the track and meeting, you should wear a mask, practice social distancing, and comply with Federal, State, Local, and Carillon Park coronavirus regulations and guidance.



Sept 1 work day. Top Left: Will G cutting the stump remaining after this Ash tree was cut down a few years ago. The stump was 4 or 5 inches above ground and was a tripping hazard particularly during the night time runs at Christmas. Above, members Jim H, John L, and Will G dug down around the stump then used the chainsaw and a pry bar to remove chunks. At left, ten buckets of dirt were dumped in the hole.

Below is club loco 615 now in Pennsy colors along with it's matching engineers car. **Oct 2020**
Bob S built the engineer's car and refurbished and repainted the loco's shell. Apparently Pennsy used 4 digit numbers so Bob just added a "9" in front of "615". Also, we now have an "A" unit and a "B" unit – engineers car is 9615B. Thanks for the work Bob – looks great.



Above are Jim H and Jim E (nailing) working on the loco storage unit made from 7695's shipping crate . Plans are for it to hold both locos now in the tunnel which are weathering badly there. Sides, end doors, and a gable roof to be added soon.



Miscellaneous links: **Check for coronavirus updates on each website as things can change quickly.**

[Mill Creek Central](#): Fall Blowdown Oct 8 – 11, 2020. Work days Oct 23 & 24 and Nov 13 & 14, 2020.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#)

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#)

[Indiana Live Steamers](#)

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Public tours thru Oct. Ferroequinologist tours Nov 7, 14, & 21. Sign-up online.

[Lebanon Railroad](#) [Dayton Train Show](#) Nov 7 & 8, 2020 at the Montgomery County, OH Fairgrounds.

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