



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

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www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The next CPR&SS meeting is **August 14 at 11 AM** at the Carillon Park track in the shelter.
- 2) Work Days are usually Tuesdays and Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track.
- 3) The next public passenger train run is TBD – probably in **October**. Stay tuned.
- 4) Rail Festival 2021 was canceled. All Rail Festival committee meetings in 2021 have also been canceled. See RailFestival.com for additional details or changes.
- 5) We are planning on running a train during the Carillon Christmas event this season.

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: Latest update on Carillon park construction plans, progress, and schedule, club's progress replacing wood ties with plastic ones, work days, membership renewal, train storage, Rail Festival, etc.

Members: Club memberships **EXPIRED on March 31, 2021**. 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 is the first passenger car painted in colors to match club loco 7695. Taking a break on the Aug 10 work day are (L-R) Bob S, Jim H, Larry W. Thanks to Bob for the painting. This and all other photos by John L.

The pictures on this page are from the work days in August. Below left are Ken H and **Aug 2021** Bob S moving track sections from the construction area. Many track sections were moved by hand-carrying them to the closest end of the undisturbed track and putting them on flat cars. There were other sections farther away and, as you can see, these sections have multiple rails which makes them very heavy. Ken adapted a hand cart to support both ends of the track enabling it to go over rough ground which has worked very well.



Above is Larry W welding the steel cross ties back on to the rails. A few had broken loose and needed to be reattached before new plastic ties are attached.



At left is Bob S standing beside two stacks of track. Four of these were removed from inside of the new large tunnel. The tunnel is completely void of track now which should allow better and easier grading. We are now able to prepare the rail ends and put plastic ties on at the shelter which is easier to do there.



At left are Larry and Jim marking the plastic ties. Jim scribes a line in the tie's center and Larry applies chalk which helps to center the drill hole in the tie's center web which is somewhat thin. This process works well.

At right are Jim and Larry adding new plastic ties to a rail section. Each worker needs at least two drills – one to drill the pilot hole and the second to drive the screw in. Sometimes a third drill is needed to enlarge the hole in the steel cross ties first.



More construction pictures:

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Below is a view from the Brethen Clock Tower of the three arch bridge on Aug 2, 2021. The black surface is a tar-like water sealant. On the far right is the “Tube” tunnel which has one face wall completed and the other end is still in work.



Below is the “Big” tunnel which covers three of our tracks. All of the 7.5” gauge tracks have been cut and moved to the shelter for rework. This is actually the second metal tunnel here. The supplier wanted to upgrade from the first version after realizing how much visibility their structure would get – at least that’s what we heard.

The construction workers have mixed and placed grout around the base of the wing walls – note the 2X4 frame at the base of the wing wall – bottom left. The wall is actually vertical but is distorted a bit in this cell phone picture. The “L” shaped bars will be anchors to a face wall like at the Tube tunnel. Then dirt will be backfilled high enough to make the RR grade go over the metal arch and bridge.



Below are pictures from the Large Engine Meet at Mill Creek Central on Aug 6, 2021.



At left are two 4-8-4 steam engines double heading at MCC. These two engines (plus two Hudsons) are featured in this video train run in Texas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7aPF92tpmU>

At right is a 4-8-2 Boston and Main steam loco in the steaming bay.



Below is a Pacific type firing up in the steaming bay. (Editor's note: Because of the smoke, my cell phone said I could take better pictures if I cleaned the lens.)

Above is a brand new coal-fired H-10 on it's very first run. H-10s are made by [Godshall's Custom Machining](#). Several H-10s can be seen at MCC. Loco ordering options vary from bare bones or Ready To Run (RTR). The one above is just painted in primer. About 20 have been made or ordered. Delivery is currently about a year out.



Miscellaneous links: **Check websites often for updates as things can change quickly.**

[Mill Creek Central](#): Labor Day Meet Sept 2 - 6, 2021. Next MCC work days are Aug 20 & 21.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#)

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#)

[Indiana Live Steamers](#)

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Tours have resumed. Check their website or call.

[Lebanon Railroad](#) [Dayton Train Show](#) - Scheduled for Nov 6 & 7, 2021, at Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds.

[LAKE FOREST LIVE STEAMERS RAILWAY MUSEUM](#) ←Track, Wheel, Data & Drawings & more.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#)

[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.