



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Oct 5, 2021

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The next CPR&SS meeting is **Oct 9 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) Next public passenger train run is TBD – probably in **VERY LATE October (?)**. Stay tuned.
- 4) Rail Festival 2022: Next committee meeting is Jan 2022. See RailFestival.com for details
- 5) We plan to run a train during the Carillon Christmas event this season (Nov 23 – Dec 30).
- 6) DaytonTrainShow.com Nov 6 & 7, 2021 at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, OH.

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: **Voting for officers for the 2022/2023 term, Dayton Train Show plans**, latest update on Carillon park construction progress and schedule, 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 are (L-R) Ken H, Larry W, and Bob S moving track #1 farther away from where the construction workers will be digging a trench and installing a drainage pipe. The trench will be where the tall grass is on the right.

The pictures on this page are from the work days in late September and early October.



Above are (L-R) Ken H, Larry W, and Bob S after moving the #1 track over to between tracks #2 and #3. Also note the "S" shape in the track just past the second switch box. This is the result of the switches being moved inadvertently by the construction equipment which is why we moved the #1 track farther away. It's easier to move it back than to repair damage.



Above are (L-R) Gary S, Jim H, and Larry B installing new plastic ties on one of the last nine track sections that were cut out by the construction workers.

Below is Ken H moving another dozen wall blocks to be stored near the others to the left in this picture. The blocks are from near the engine house. Each block weight 56 pounds.



At right is Jim H moving the last 8 boxes of ties to the shelter to be marked on the Oct 5, 2021 work day. All of these ties were marked to show where the screw holes need to be drilled to hit the web on the underside of the tie. There are 48 ties per box. After marking, 7 boxes were returned to the bottom of the switch tower for storage.



The pictures below are from the October 5, 2021 work day.

Below is Park volunteer Jon F drilling holes in the rail ends for the joint bars when the track is replaced. All 9 track sections have been completed now.



Above is Larry W checking out club loco 7695 and also the track that we can run on. We cannot run any continuous loop but can run on the eastern half and reverse direction by going through the “wye”.



At left shows the location of the portable toilet behind the Transportation building. It is planned to keep it there through the Carillon Christmas running.

Construction pictures taken on Oct 5, 2021:



Above left is a view through the “Big Tunnel” looking west toward the clock tower. Note the darker, new gravel at both sides. There are three tracks that go through this tunnel. The rightmost track, which goes up the fiberglass tunnel, needs to be much higher (near level with the landscaping timbers) than the dark gravel on the right side. The timbers are still in their original position.

Above right is the tube tunnel being filled with the dark gravel.

Below is the small gravel hauler.





Above shows many things: The newly completed wall between the tube tunnel and the fiberglass tunnel. The excavator is removing dirt from a small hill that is above the grade where our track will go from the west end of the fiberglass tunnel to under the bridge section closest to the tube tunnel (this was a crossover track). Note the light tan backfill around the tube tunnel – just added and compacted. The small gravel transporter guy is waiting for the excavator to finish loading the dump truck and will then fill the transporter with gravel, not dirt, for the tube tunnel base. The red squares remind workers of the wires which the excavator comes close to.



L-R are Gary S and Ken H. They are looking at the area between the two tunnels. Depending on the final grading yet to be done, this area may be wide and flat and could possibly be a spot for additional yard or siding tracks. This view is from the east face of the tube tunnel.

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

[Mill Creek Central](#): Fall Blowdown Oct 7 – 10. Buckeye Limited postponed to Aug 1-5, 2023; yes 2023.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#) See their website for events and excursions through the end of the year.

[Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers](#)

[Indiana Live Steamers](#)

[Lebanon Railroad](#)

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Tours continue through Nov. Check their website or call.

[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.

Election of CPR&SS Officers for the 2022/2023 term:

This year is election year for the CPR&SS Officers. The election will take place at the November 13, 2021 club meeting by those members present at the meeting. The club meeting starts promptly at 11 AM at the shelter at the track at Carillon Park, Dayton, Ohio. Only ballots cast at the November meeting will be counted. NO email, snail mail, or other forms of absentee ballots will be accepted. Each member in good standing in attendance may cast one vote.

The current slate of officers is:

PRESIDENT: Jim Eaton
VICE PRESIDENT: Norm Gibson
SECRETARY: Ken Hemmelgarn
TREASURER: Robert Schwenke

Nominations are open up to voting time at the November CPR&SS meeting. If you would like to run for office or to nominate someone else (they also need to accept the nomination) to an officer position, contact Jim Eaton with your nomination.

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