



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

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1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events: *** Meeting Location REVISED – It MAY be in the Transportation Bldg ***

- 1) The Nov train club meeting will be Nov 13 but MAY be in the ~~main Carillon building (aka Kettering bldg)~~ due to very cold weather predicted. Check your email and our website for the latest update. **NO MEETING in DECEMBER** due to Christmas train runs each night.
- 2) Train runs begin with the Carillon Christmas event Nov 23. We run every night 6 to 9 PM and to 10 PM on Friday and Saturday. Sign-up on line. Details at meeting.
- 3) Work Days are usually Tuesdays and Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track.
- 4) Rail Festival **2022**: Next committee meeting is Jan 12. See RailFestival.com for details.

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: **Voting for officers for the 2022/2023 term**, latest construction update, work days, Holiday train runs, 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 Bob and Linda S wrapping lights around one of the trees in the grove on the Nov 9 workday. They have wrapped these trees over the last several years for the Carillon Christmas event.

Pictures are from the work days in mid October and early November.



Above is Gary S attaching a joint bar to a track section. Some grinding on the joint bar is necessary to clear the weld bead to enable it to lay flat on top of the steel cross tie.



Above is Jim H securing the new tarps to the bottom frame pipe. The tarps seem to last 14 or so months. Key to the tarps not ripping is to not pull the cable ties too tight to allow for frame and tarp stretching.



Above Larry W is welding a cross tie that had broken loose from the rail. Two gauge bars (on top of the rails) are used to ensure proper track gauge.



Pictures from the Dayton Train Show



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Below the crew is taking a break. L-R: Thom P, Jim H, Don H, Larry W, Jon F, Ken H. Larry is welding new cross ties onto a new $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 1" rail which will replace the mangled one on the far west end of the track. This will be the last section put in place to complete the Christmas route. It will be bent in place, cut to length, then have an inner rail welded to it. Note the cross ties sticking into the air between Jon and Larry.



Above are (L-R) Ken H, Lataya H, Gary S attaching a track section. Lataya is wiggling the track section to align the holes in the joint bars with those in the rails which was not too difficult.



Last bolt photo (by John L.) Above are L-R: 1st row: Ken H, Gary S, Lataya H, 2nd: Jon F, Jim H, Bob S.



At left are (L-R) Jim H, Gary S, Ken H, Norm G moving five track sections to this second area where we are able to lay track. We use the Plum Cove and flat cars to move track and equipment.

Below Jon F is putting on a lock nut on the joint bar bolt on one of the five section tracks. Nuts and bolts are stainless in case we need to remove a track section in the future.



At left shows the five track sections re-installed and connected to the undisturbed rail at both ends. There are only three more track sections to be re-installed to complete the Christmas route. We are waiting for the construction workers to completely finish their work and turn the area over to us for the last three.

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

[Mill Creek Central](#): Most activities over, check website. Buckeye Limited postponed to Aug 1-5, 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.

[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.

REVISED MEETING LOCATION: The train club meeting may be in the Transportation building, also known as the Dicke building, which is located at the far west end of Carillon Park (close to the steaming bay area).

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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