



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Mar 8, 2022

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The MARCH train club meeting will be Saturday, Mar 12 at 11 AM in the Carillon Park main building (also known as the Kettering Building). Check at the front desk for the room number and directions.
- 2) The next Rail Festival committee meeting will be Wednesday, Mar 9, 2022 at 7 PM in the Kettering bldg. See RailFestival.com for updates and details.
- 3) Work Days are usually Tuesdays & Saturdays starting 10 AM at the track in good weather.

Next CPR&SS meeting topics: Discussion and planning for restoring the track, feedback from the Mar 9 Rail Festival meeting, latest park construction update, work days, train storage, passenger car construction, bylaw changes, etc.

Members: Club memberships **EXPIRE on March 31, 2022**. 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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L-R above: On ground: Mark F and Gary S; Standing are Craig B, Jim H & Scott F. They are attaching a track section that construction workers removed to install a drain.

We have had two very good weather days so far in March and several train club members came out to work at the track. A lot of the work centered on fixing and re-installing a 10 foot section of track that the construction workers cut out so they could install a drain by the big tunnel. Below left is Larry W (sitting), talking to Lataya H, after re-welding a few steel cross ties back onto the rails. Below right is Ken H drilling holes for the joint bars while Don H steadies the track.



Above left, Ken H is drilling holes in the track ends for the joint bars while Mike K looks on. Thom P and Todd B are bringing more ballast. Above right, the repaired track section has been placed on top but not attached yet at the end of the Tuesday, Mar 1 work day. Thom P is leaving after dumping the last load of gravel here.

At right is Lataya H fixing the crossing signals by the sidewalk going back to the clock tower. Lataya installed the signals last December for the Holiday train runs. They worked well but water got inside one of the relays and he is checking/repairing it.



Below left is Jim E removing cables from the social distancing bars used between passenger cars during COVID. The cables will be used on the five new passenger cars that are in work and will hopefully be ready by Rail Festival, June 25 & 26. Below right shows (L-R) Craig B, Jim E, and Jim H on top of the east end of the old earthen tunnel. Significant changes were made to the landscape here and around the track.

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While doing test runs on the Mar 5 work day the engine derailed here. The yellow rerailing lever is kept at the west end of the engine house. It lifts the engine at the coupler and can swivel side to side. A second person (Mark here) gives directions to the lever man to raise and align the wheels. The picture below shows that a weld on the outer rail appears to have broken or has bent and the wheel flange climbs on top of the rail and then off to the outside of the curve. A grinder was used to smooth out the inside of the rail on Mar 8 and is now good. At lower left is a still shot from a video run-by and shows the front wheel has just climbed on top of the rail.





For Sale: 8" Craftsman Rotary Table. As is and as shown. There are no divider plates or other parts. Bids will be accepted by phone to Ken Hemmelgarn up until 11 AM Saturday, Mar 12, 2022. Bids will also be accepted at the CPR&SS club meeting until all other regular business has been completed then the winning bid will be announced. Minimum bid is \$ 75. Phone bids into Ken Hemmelgarn at (937) 528-9825.

Miscellaneous links: **Check websites for recent updates and further details.**

[Mill Creek Central](#): Check website for meets and work days. Buckeye Limited postponed to Aug 1-5, 2023. MCC's first work days are Mar 11 & 12, and the first meet is a volunteer work & run on May 6 & 7, 2022.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#) Open house is likely Aug 19-21 same as [MaumeeValley.org](#) Antique Steam show. See <https://www.cvsr.org/steam> for 765 steam excursion dates, times, prices, departure station, etc.

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

[Train Mountain](#) Triennial: June 20 – 26, 2022. Only propane steamers allowed due to forest fire risk.

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Roundhouse Tours \$20 start April 1, Thur, Fri, Sat, 10, 12, 2 PM.

Ferroequinologist tours Mar 26, Apr 23, & more, \$75; 9 to noon. Advanced tickets required for both.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) Events for 2022 have not been posted.

[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.