



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

Apr 6, 2022

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The train club meeting will be Saturday, **April 9, at 11 AM IN THE KETTERING bldg** ← **NEW**
The change is due to the weather. Ask at the desk for the room and directions to it.
- 2) The first public train run will also be on April 9. The train runs from 1PM to 4 PM.
- 3) The next Rail Festival committee meeting will be **Wednesday, April 13, 2022** at 7 PM in the Kettering bldg. See RailFestival.com for updates and details.
- 4) Work Days are usually Tuesdays & Saturdays starting 10 AM at the track in good weather.

Next CPR&SS meeting topics: Discussion and planning for further restoring of the track, latest park construction update, work days, train storage, passenger car construction, bylaw changes, membership renewals, etc.

Members: Club memberships **EXPIRED 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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Above are Gary S (on the ground) and Jim H checking the gauge and smoothness on a small section of track that replaced a piece that had been derailed locomotive 7695 and it's engineer's car.

Below left is Mark F cutting the rails of the escape track so it can be removed. The escape switch lets a train coming down from the tunnel to transfer to the next inner track where it can get into the yard quickly. Otherwise it would need to go up to the grove to get off of the main line track. The escape switch is being relocated just past the big arch where the grade is much better. On the right is Mark positioning the new track section where the switch was. Looks like a good fit. Jim H is moving ballast.



Above left is Mark F using the drill guide to drill holes for the joint bars between track sections. At right are Craig B and Jim H attaching plastic ties on this new track section.



At left is Gary S on the ground sighting along the track looking for kinks and dips in the rails. Larry W is looking on.



At left is Locomotive 7695 with its shell off. It needed an oil change and some cleaning prior to the first passenger run of 2022 on Apr 9.



Above are Jim E and Gary S in the foreground, new member Les P on the left, and Bob H and Mark F in the background and at left. The crew leveled and added new ballast to the track in the grove area here.



Some safety and operational items: (Upcoming training will cover more.)

Horn signals: **ONE** horn blast means the train **has stopped** and it is safe for people to get on or off. As the engineer **you must not move the train until AFTER** you give another horn signal. To move forward, give **TWO** blasts of the horn **THEN** begin moving forward. To move backwards, give **THREE** blasts of the horn **THEN** begin moving backwards.

No cell phone usage while you are the engineer or conductor – do your job - be safe.

Never try to get on or off of a moving train.

Never run the locomotive inside the engine house – **Carbon Monoxide is heavier than air** and will collect in the below ground level of the engine house.

Never refuel an engine in the engine house – **gasoline fumes are heavier than air** and will collect in the below ground level of the engine house and ignite from any spark such as a light switch, refrigerator turning on, or a static electricity spark. **Always refuel outside.**

Propane is also heavier than air and will also collect in low areas and ignite easily.

Natural gas, which is mostly methane, is lighter than air but when trapped inside a building and cannot dissipate can also explode if a spark happens.

Never drive an engine into the engine house – stop 10 or more feet away and push it in making sure **ALL** of the wheels engage the support stand rails. 7695 tends to derail if the support stand is not aligned properly. It weighs 900 pounds – make sure it doesn't fall off.



Above is the Lift Control Box in the process of being repainted by Don H.

At right is the public train run schedule for 2022. Note that in July we are running a Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17. Note that the run times are also extended from our usual times. This is the weekend of the Band Organ Rally. There is a box of these schedule cards in the engine house for you to take and distribute as you want.

2022 SCHEDULE

APR 9	SATURDAY	1-4
APR 30	SATURDAY	1-4
MAY 14	SATURDAY	1-4

HERITAGE DAY

MAY 29	SUNDAY	12-7
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Rail Festival @ CH Park

Jun 25	SATURDAY	9:30-5
Jun 26	SUNDAY	11-4

JUL 16	SATURDAY	10-4
JUL 17	SUNDAY	12-4
AUG 13	SATURDAY	1-4
AUG 27	SATURDAY	1-4
SEPT 3	SATURDAY	1-4

Concours d'Elegance

SEPT 18	SUNDAY	11-4
OCT 8	SATURDAY	1-4
OCT 22	SATURDAY	1-4

~ TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE ~

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 next work days are Apr 8,9,22, & 23. 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 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.