



The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

May 10, 2022

1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

www.CPRSS.org

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The **MAY** train club meeting will be Saturday, **May 14th at 10 AM** at the shelter **at the track**.
- 2) The next public train run will also be on May 14. The train runs from 1PM to 4 PM.
- 3) The next Rail Festival committee meeting will be **Wednesday, May 11, 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, passenger train runs, Heritage Day run plans, work days, train storage, passenger car construction, 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 (L-R) Don H, Larry W, and Thom P by the train lift's control box on the May 10 work day. It had been not working properly. Larry found and secured a loose wire inside and it works as it should now.

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Below is Larry W as engineer and Thom P as conductor during the first school run day, April 29. There are five red cars and four blue passenger cars. The fifth blue car's wheel was slightly out of gauge (see below) and derailed so it was removed from service.



At left is the truck that is out of gauge. It's a bit hard to see but the red gauge bar does not fit down over the left wheel's flange as it should. Also, there is a small gap at the hub of the left wheel where the axle goes through the wheel (red arrows).

Below is from the April 30 passenger run day. Scott L is engineer and Craig B is conductor. Beyond the middle of the train is Larry W giving Loco 9615 it's first run of 2022.



Above is engineer Jim E on the May 6 School Run day. The kids are dressed in pioneer clothing. We run Fridays in late April, May, and early June. Usually 400 to 650 kids each day.



Above is Mike H's Shay loco on the April 9 passenger train run day. It has just passed its boiler test so it's good for another year. This is a two truck Shay that uses propane to fire its boiler. Three Shays were built by club members many years ago. Ken H brings his to the track several times during the running season.

Some safety and operational items:

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 is DEADLY**. It 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 ignites it.

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.

Below are pictures from the Tri-State Meet held at the Cinder Sniffers track on April 23, 2022.
Pictures provided by Ken H.





Above is switch handle situation that occurs from time to time. The handle is sitting on top of the lug rather than being on one side or the other and laying flat. Always check for this and also make sure the points are flat up against the rails.



Most birds build their nests in safe places – not so much for the [Killdeer](#). If you have been at the track you have more than likely heard the [Killdeer sounds](#) there. This nest is about 30 feet west of the engine house on the mainline, of course. As you get near the nest, the Killdeer moves away making a lot of noise and pretending to be hurt, laying on its back, flopping around, trying to draw any predator away from the nest.

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 May 20 & 21. The next meet is the Memorial Day Meet: May 26 - 29, 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 on thru Nov 19, Thur, Fri, Sat, 10, 12, 2 PM.

Ferroequinologist tours May 28, & more, \$75; 9 to noon. Advanced tickets required for both.

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

[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.