



# The FIREBOX



Official Newsletter of the

## Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society

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1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409

[www.CPRSS.org](http://www.CPRSS.org)

### Upcoming Events:

- 1 ) The **JULY** train club meeting will be Saturday, **July 9 at 10 AM** at the shelter **at the track**.
- 2) Next public train run is Saturday, July 16 (10 AM – 4 PM) & **Sunday** July 17 (Noon to 4 PM).
- 3 ) The **next** Rail Festival committee meeting will be **Wednesday, July 27, 2022** at 7 PM in the Kettering bldg. See [RailFestival.com](http://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: Tunnel fix, Rail Festival feedback, special runs, restoration of the track, latest park construction update, passenger train runs, 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](mailto:Reilmann6240@att.net) or postal mail to 2824 Vale Dr., Kettering OH 45420. For info also see the Membership page at: [www.CPRSS.org](http://www.CPRSS.org)

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Above is Mike H on his Shay on the first day of Rail Festival, June 25, 2022. Mike began pulling two cars to see how it would go then added a third car when it was clear the engine could pull more. Mike pulled passengers both days of Rail Festival. The passenger cars are the first 3 of 5 new orange cars built to match loco 7695 which is the club's orange BNSF loco.

Below is Larry W driving club loco 7695 during the first day of Rail Festival. The loco pulled 10 passenger cars around the single loop that we use for the school runs and the Christmas runs. This loop is the only one we can currently run due to construction in the Park. Throughout most of both Rail Festival days we ran full train loads. In the background is Mike H running his Shay.



Below is the loading area at 10 AM on the first day of Rail Festival which started at 9:30. The waiting line eventually went back to the sidewalk like in past years but wait times were much reduced due to running 10 passenger cars and a 6 minute route. Passengers entered and exited between the shelter and the red brick building. Passengers were staged under the shelter where they were divided into groups that would fit on a car. They were then sent out to one of ten chutes which aligned with cars when the train stopped.



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Below are workers installing the first section of the 3 foot gauge track on June 25, 2022. The rails are “60 pound” rails (60 pounds per yard of length), are 5 inches high and are 30 feet long. Joints are staggered at mid rail points and spikes are driven in with a jack hammer. Workers said it will take about 2 months to complete.



#### 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.

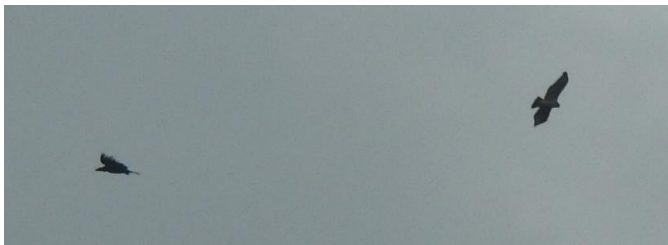
**Never** refuel an engine in the engine house – **gasoline fumes are heavier than air** and will collect in the below ground level of the engine house and ignite from any spark such as a light switch, refrigerator turning on, or a static electricity spark. **Always refuel outside**.

**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.

**Eagle Update:** At right is the female eagle sitting in a tree just inside of the Carillon Park gate on the river side. She is watching over one of the two juvenile eagles raised this year in the same nest inside the Park as in past years. Earlier this year, two or three eggs were laid in February but a high wind storm caused about half of the nest to fall to the ground along with the eggs. The adult eagles rebuilt the nest and more eggs were laid. Two eaglets survived and recently fledged. They have been seen flying around the Park and across the Miami river. Below are two juveniles flying above Carillon Park.




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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. The next meets are the Large Engine Meet: Aug 3 - 8, then the Labor Day Meet Sept 1 - 4, 2022.

[FortWayneRailRoad.org](#) See website for info.

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 ◀ Just ended. Next Triennial is probably 2025.

[Age Of Steam Roundhouse](#) Roundhouse Tours \$20 on thru Nov 19, Thur, Fri, Sat, 10, 12, 2 PM.

Ferroequinologist tours July 23, & more, \$75; 9 AM. Advanced tickets required for both.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) Events for 2022 have been postponed. 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.