



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:

- 1) The **August** train club meeting will be Saturday, **Aug 13 at 10 AM** at the track shelter.
- 2) The next **two** public train runs are Saturdays, Aug 13 and 27, both from 1 to 4 PM.
- 3) There are no more Rail Festival committee meetings until Jan 11, 2023. These meetings are usually the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the Kettering bldg. See RailFestival.com for updates, details, and possible date or location changes.
- 4) Work Days are usually Tuesdays & Saturdays starting 10 AM at the track in good weather.

Next CPR&SS meeting topics: Restoration of the track including deciding the track configuration between the yard and big tunnel, latest park construction update, fiberglass tunnel fix, Rail Festival feedback, work days, train storage, 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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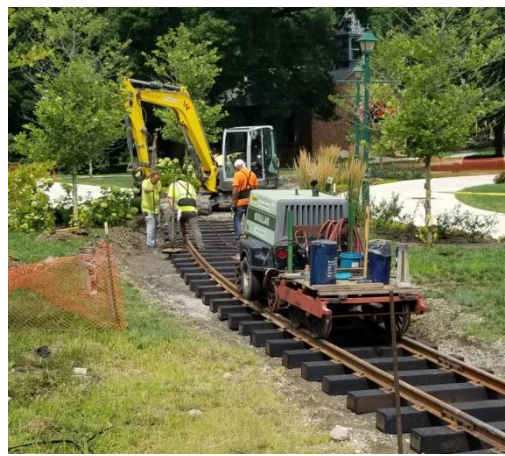


Above are track supplies for the 3 foot RR that is being built at Carillon Park. The rails are "60 pound" rails which means that 1 yard length of rail weighs 60 pounds. Each rail is 10 yards long so each weighs 600 pounds. Rails are delivered straight and bent on site as needed. The ties are oak, treated with creosote. There are joint bars, tie plates, and spikes scaled to 3 foot gauge.

The top picture below is looking west from just past the engine house. The bottom picture is looking east from inside the big tunnel. At the Aug 13 club meeting there will be some discussion about how best to route the tracks in this area. We believe there will be no further Park construction or disruption in this area and many members are anxious to rebuild the track. How many tracks, how many switches, where do the tracks connect, escape track location, how many storage tracks, etc.



Below left shows the Bowling Green Station on Aug 6, 2022 with the 3 foot gauge track below the loading platform. At right is the three man crew laying the track behind the main Carillon Park building. The link below is to a video showing workers installing a rail.



Link to rail installation video: <https://youtu.be/93bWjOJpeNc>

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 is a coal-fired, live steam K-27 (2-8-2) at Mill Creek Central during the Large Engine Meet on Aug 3, 2022. It was built by the man with the white beard over a period of 13 years. It is 2" scale and made mostly from scrap metal. The scale was set by finding a boiler tube which happened to be near 2 inch scale. The tender is stainless steel. CPR&SS member, Bob H (white hat) looks on.

See video of it running at: <https://youtu.be/6n3eAkv7tkc>



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.
Next meets: Labor Day Meet Sept 1 – 4, then the Logging and Narrow Gauge meet Sept 22 – 24, 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 was June 20 – 26, 2022. 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 Aug 20, & more, \$75; 9 AM. Advanced tickets required for both.

[UP.com/heritage/steam/](#) Their short display event for 2022 is over. 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.