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# Mud Ring Monthly

Cinder Sniffers News

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Crossing gates, a wigwag, semaphores, clocks and flashing railroad crossing signs, shown here and on the following page, may be trinkets, but they are also functional and set the Cinder Sniffers' Railroad apart from most other club tracks. They are the work of Tom Tekulve, seen above with his Green Belt Line switcher, and Ed Habel. As far as I know, they were all provided gratis.



## From the President's Desk:

A week or two ago we lost another former engineer. Ron Mock from the Dayton, Ohio area passed away. Ron was a former Cinder Sniffer associate member. Ron had just received a heart transplant in Columbus, Ohio and was transferred to a hospital in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio. The C.S.I. club has already sent our condolences to the Mock family. His son, Joe Mock, is President of the Dayton club. If you have an opportunity and knew Ron, you might send a card to his family.

Now, they tell me good news is ahead!!! On Tuesday, August 5, at 8:00 A.M. we are going to start excavating for the new track to fix the curve at North Comfort Station. Then next will come the ballast, the drain tile and then we will be ready to lay the new track. Carl, Denis, Ed and Roger have everything figured out. But we will need volunteers to help. Keep this in mind if you have any spare time. If you do, please give Carl a call. **THIS IS OUR RAILROAD SO PLEASE STEP UP AND HELP OUT!!!**

When we finish the North Comfort Station curve, they tell me we are going to re-radius a couple of other curves. The old curve at North Comfort Station will not be torn up but a switch box (manual) will be installed and we will utilize the old track as a new siding track.

So, we have a lot of work laid out for us, but look what was done in the past and where we are today (mostly by hand).

'NOUGH SAID BY ME  
Harvey L. Bond

**The photo shows Denis' spray can markings of the re-aligned right-of-way just 13' or so north of the present track. It has been cleared ready for excavation.**



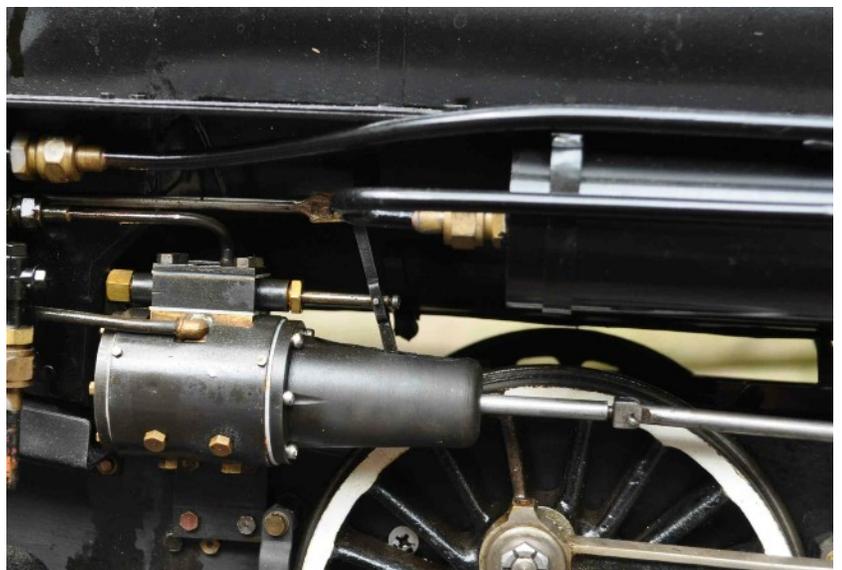
## July 5 - Fun Run

Instigated by **Stuart Harrod** with short notice, several of us enjoyed a beautiful Saturday at the track. Participants included **Ray and Charlotte Hughes**, above, Stuart, left, and Dorothy and Jim Keith.

## Locomotive Appliances

Have you noticed the power reverse on Chuck Balmer's NYC Hudson? If not, take a look here.

I doubt that there are many 3/4" scale models with working power reversers. ... Chuck, is this one powered by compressed air or by steam?



# Run Day, July 12



We had a pleasant day; it was a little warm but a light breeze kept us comfortable. Thanks go to Charlotte Hughes, Nancy Bond & Nan Sams in the Diner, Dave Sams for cooking hot dogs, Ray Hughes, Roger Heurich, Dave Sams, Rick Loichinger, Bill Mense, Ray McNeil at the Station or operating club engine #6509.

Eight locomotives were in attendance: Harrod's 2-6-2, Balmer's Northern & NYC Hudson, Schram's Mogul, Tekulve's Green Belt Line switcher, Larrick's 2-6-0 NG, the club engine and, again, let us not forget Heurich's PRR 6-8-6 Turbine (shown below).

The passenger count was 152. Farebox donations were \$123. Diner net receipts were \$83, including donations of \$44 for hot dogs. Flea market receipts were \$111 [\$105 for sale of Modeltec and Live Steam mags (Lockwood) & \$6 for nametags (Mense)]. ... *Jim Keith*

**Top photo:** *Steve Harrod speaks with Philip Schram about living in Europe.*

**Middle Photo:** *It was the last shovel full of coal for LNER 5903 for a while as the Harrod family is relocating to Copenhagen Denmark. Steve and his son Stuart are both dedicated live steamers and, fortunately, will be able to continue operating their little gem at a ground level track within an hour of downtown Copenhagen. Stuart has recently rebuilt much of 5903's valve gear, is building a LBSC Juliet and has partially completed AutoCAD drawings for Southern Railway's Class Ms locomotives (think 2-8-2 #4501). We wish them well and look forward to seeing them on their future visits back to the U.S.*

**Bottom photo:** *Roger Heurich's O-scale PRR 6-8-6 Turbine. It seems to fit on CSI's rails just fine.*



# Chasing Flagg Coal Company's #75

"Have engine, will travel" is the motto of the owners of Flagg Coal #75. Indeed, they have traveled from Connecticut to Georgia. Based in Northern Indiana, #75 just completed a tour here in Cincinnati.

**Dave Sams** checked it out and wrote the following:

The Lebanon Mason and Monroe Railroad hosted Flagg Coal Co 0-4-0T #75 during the last 2 weekends in July. Owned by Barney Gramling and his father, the 1930 0-4-0 built by the Vulcan Iron Works pulled mostly full passenger cars along US 42. Barney claimed the engine, when coupled to it's 0-6-0 stable mate had the power of the GP7, which delivered the 3 passenger cars and gondola to the platform. Most of the crossings along US 42 had rail fans set up to film a run by. ... *Dave Sams.*



Photo: Dave Sams

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## Letters



In response to last months *Mud Ring Monthly*, **Greg Korner** wrote:

"Sure wish my old water tower (in the foreground of the front page photo) had not got thrown away. I had a lot of hours in building that thing and it worked great until the cheap wood I used disintegrated. Oh well !!!."

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Recovering past president, **Vince Bradley** wrote:

"Another great issue Jim. Yes, it is good to be able to walk again and by this fall I should be up to returning to the track.

"I would like to say it was my great pleasure to have **Mike Pedicini** as my Vice President for part of my 12 years as President. He and his grandsons supported the Cinder Sniffers and made run days happen and a lot of people happy riders."

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In response to the notice of the spontaneous July 5th Fun Run, **Steve Chromik** wrote: "I will be unable to attend tomorrow as well as our next run on the 12th. I have a trip to Toledo scheduled to visit my Mom due to health reasons and it's her 90th birthday on the 12th. Have a great time."

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**Denis Larrick** (on July 29th wrote):

"Had a blast at White Creek. Russ built 30 more shorty tank cars from old propane cylinders over the winter. The cylinders may have been a donation, but by my calcs, he still spent in excess of \$10K on trucks and couplers. He had to add a track to the engine house since the car barn wouldn't hold them. My Plum Cove was a great yard switcher, handling up to 19 cars on the level track.

"I hit the *MakerFaire* Sunday at Henry Ford, and then rode the rails at Greenfield Village. I got there just as #1 came in with a lost connecting rod wedge, and had to return to the roundhouse, so I rode behind the diesel. They now have Baldwin 4-4-0 #7 finished, and she is a work of art. I wish she would have been fired up while I was there."

-*Denis*

## Trailers...

The July 5<sup>th</sup> run was truly fun for first time engineer Dorothy Keith



As he installs the wiring for the flashing grade-crossing sign at the head of Wolking Walk, Tom Tekulve gets a little supervision from HO Kyler on May 16 2007.

Kyler died in June of 2013 and his name now adorns the west crossing gate post.

