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A plethora of railfan opportunities has been announced this spring. To buy tickets for any of the Ohio Rail Experience train rides, visit their website at <https://www.ohiorailexperience.com/2021-schedule-1>

- Cincinnati Dinner Train has resumed operations. For tickets and details visit their website at <https://www.cincinnatiinnertrain.com/>
- National Train Day is Saturday, May 1. CRRC board member Jim Corbett said the Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad has invited the club to set up a booth about/for the club. If you want to help volunteer to man the booth let Chris Mayhew know of your interest to do so at cincinnatiirrclub@gmail.com. The railroad will be running trains departing at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- May 15: Ohio Rail Experience is offering the "Return to the Big Four" trip from Cincinnati to Greensburg, Indiana. The trip is scheduled to take about 10 hours. Ticket prices range from \$50-\$85 per seat or \$350 for the Deluxe Table Class to seat a group of 2 or 4 people). To buy tickets, visit <https://www.ohiorailexperience.com/2021-schedule-1>
- Saturday, May 15: A restored Southern Railway steel caboose X554 will be moved (in a parade down Ludlow's Elm Street) to a spot next to the city of Ludlow's rail viewing platform. The Ludlow Railroad Heritage Museum is hosting the move of the caboose to the city property. The museum at 49 Elm St. is by the rail viewing platform and city building. No time available on this move at this hour on April 9.
- Sunday, May 16: Ohio Rail Experience offers "North Bend Flyer" two-hour train rides from Cincinnati to North Bend, Ohio along the former tracks of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway. Departure times are 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Individual seats cost from \$20-\$35.
- May 22 and May 23: Ohio Rail Experience offers the "Lima Limited" from Springfield to Lima on the former Detroit, Toledo and Ironton's Middle Division. The trip is scheduled to take 9.5 hours.
- May 29 and May 30: Ohio Rail Experience offers "DT&I North to the Old Road" from Leipsic, Ohio to Riga, Michigan. This is scheduled to be a 9.5-hour trip.
- Memorial Day Monday, May 31: A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restored Southern Railway caboose in Ludlow at 49 Elm St. by the rail viewing platform. This will be the first time the caboose will be opened to the public. The 3-8 p.m. event is being called "Party on the Plaza" by the Ludlow Heritage Museum. There will be food and drink options and museum merchandise for sale including green T-shirts with an image of the red X554.
- No definitive word on Summerail yet, but an announcement seems to be imminent. Check the website at <http://www.summerail.com/about.htm>
- Aug. 20-21 (Friday and Saturday): The Hoosier Traction Meet (North American Transit Historical society's meetup) will be in Dayton, Ohio. CRRC member Charles Bogart is scheduled to give a Cincinnati Inclines presentation at 2:30 p.m. Friday. For detailed information visit their website at <http://www.hoosiertractionmeet.com/>.
- Aug. 21-22: The 14th annual Carillon Park Rail Festival in Dayton, Ohio. Hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22. The event features model train displays, a flea market, and miniature train rides at Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409. For information visit www.railfestival.com.