

RAILFANNING AFTER SUMMERRAIL 2025

PART ONE

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As I previously stated, after spending the early hours of the day after Summerrail at the Marion Depot, I returned to the motel at 11:00 AM to collect Mary Ann and our dog Molly. After loading the car, I drove back to downtown Marion, not to visit the depot but to explore the ex Eire Railroad Yard, now CSXT. At the yard we found two sets of CSXT power to take photos of, CSXT 829 sitting by itself, and CSXT 2029 and CSXT 2562 coupled together. It was then over to the Union Tank Car plant. Here, we took a photo of the tank car gate guard. A drive around the perimeter of the Union Tank Car Yard exposed two yard critters, RSSX 802 and RSSX 3601. Views of both locomotives were captured by my camera. Then it was out to the CSXT Fairgrounds Road Railyard. Here, we found CSXT 3155 heading a freight train, sitting waiting for the signal light to turn from red to green. I took a few photos of CSXT 3155 and the yard office. One never knows when CSXT will decide to tear down a yard office to get it off the local real estate tax rolls, so take photos while you can.

Then it was on to Bucyrus. I wanted to see how work was coming along on restoring the Toledo & Ohio Railroad Depot. As we arrived at the depot, we got to view the rear of a Norfolk Southern Railway train heading south. Our arrival was just a few minutes too late to capture the train on my camera. Although the depot's posted hours of when it would be open said that the depot would be open; it was not. A group of railfans were clustered around the depot's Norfolk & Western Railroad display caboose. They told us sometime within the next hour or two a Norfolk Southern heritage unit was due to pass by. We opted, due to the 93 degrees heat, to pass on waiting in the sun to see this locomotive. Instead, we drove over to Cathcart Freight Car Repair Shop only to find the facility's gate locked. A drive around their fence, however, turned up a Conrail boxcar that had been converted into a storage shed. A photo was duly taken.

It was now drive over to Carey, Ohio, to check out the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Yard. Upon arrival, we found no power within sight and the office closed. The only cars in the Wheeling & Lake Eire Railroad Yard were a lot of non-descript black tank cars. However, the nearby stone quarry had their yard goat parked broadside to their main entrance, convenient for a photo from just off their property. Of interest was one of the stone quarry's stub tracks. The track did not end with a standard steel bumper guarding the end of the track but instead employed a large rock!

Our trip onto Fostoria will be covered in Part Two.



CSXT power is tied down at Marion, Ohio, in the ex Erie Railroad Yard.



The Union Tank Car Company gate guard



Union Tank Car Company's two yard critters, RSSX 802 and RSSX 3601



CSXT 3155 waits for a green to continue her run south.



The CSXT Marion Yard office



The Bucyrus Toledo & Ohio Railroad Depot



The Norfolk & Western caboose on display at the Bucyrus Depot. Note the railfan cars.



The Conrail boxcar found on the backside of the Cathcart Freight Car Repair Shop



The yard goat at the Carey stone quarry



The quarry's stone bumper