Upcoming Events:
1) The next CPR&SS meeting is March 13 at 11 AM at the Carillon Park track in the shelter. A Carillon Park staff member will attend the meeting and describe the construction project in detail and its impacts on CPR&SS passenger train run activities. No runs until July or later!
2) Rail Festival 2021 has been moved to AUGUST 21 & 22, 2021. See RailFestival.com

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: Carillon park construction plans, run schedule for 2021, Rail Festival, work days, train storage, membership renewal, COVID impacts, etc.

Members: Club memberships EXPIRE on March 31, 2021. 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 is a picture taken on Feb 24, 2021 which was a few days after a heavy snow storm. A lot of melting had already occurred but you can see there is still a lot of snow on the north side of the tarp tunnel where we store the club’s passenger train cars. The tarps and cars have survived the winter.
This year is the ten year anniversary of the ice storm that felled several large trees over the track. The left side pictures are from Jim H taken 10 years ago and the right side pictures were taken March 3, 2021 at a similar position. Pictures right below are scenes looking west about half way down the hill on the track coming from the west end of the tunnel.

The left side picture above is from 10 years ago showing trees that had fallen over the track after a severe ice storm. For reference, the right-most track goes up to the west entrance of the tunnel. Some clean-up work had already been started.

At right is the loading station and switch tower. Look closely and you will see an electrical wire on the ground routed over our loading path. The wire is supplying power to the new construction going on by the print shop.
The picture below is from Bob S and shows a newly assembled passenger car in Bob’s home shop. Four more cars are planned which, when completed, will provide the train club with a third five car passenger train.

At the beginning of each year’s train operations it’s good to go over some items as safety reminders. Be careful rolling the locos in and out of their storage locations making sure the wheels engage the rails at each rail joint. Loco 7695 has a tendency to jump the rail when being rolled back into the engine house. Do not refuel or run the locos in the engine house. Raw gas fumes are heavier than air and will settle to the floor and could be ignited by a spark such as from the refrigerator or a light switch. Refuel at least 20 feet away from the engine house. Gas fumes can flow along the ground into the engine house. No smoking in there either since we store gas cans inside. Carbon monoxide in the engine’s exhaust is also heavier than air and can also settle in the engine house – no engine running inside.

**Eagle Update:** Willa and Orv, the adult bald eagles, have once again taken up residence at Carillon Park and have built onto their previous nest (at right) over the last couple of months. The local eagle authority said the first egg was laid on Feb 17 as evident by changes in the eagle’s behavior. Typically, a second egg is also laid as an insurance egg in case the first has problems. The egg(s) are expected to hatch 35 days later which is March 23rd. The semaphore is by the Bowling Green station at Carillon Park.
The March CPR&SS club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Mar 13, 2021 starting PROMPTLY at 11 AM. The meeting is planned to be at the track at Carillon Park under the train club’s shelter. Masks must be worn while inside the park. See DaytonHistory.org for details.

Spring Hint: Below is a picture showing what was drained from a lawn mower gas tank one past Spring. Temperature cycling over the winter causes moist air to be drawn into the gas tank and the moisture condenses into water when the temperature drops, similar to dew forming in the evenings. The water (clear liquid in the picture) settles to the bottom since it is heavier than the gasoline (bluish portion in the picture). The water is trapped below the gas and cannot evaporate. The water continues to build up as further temperature cycling occurs. If your small engine won’t start or run right, drain the gas tank and carburetor bowl. Fill with new gas.

Miscellaneous links: Check for coronavirus updates on each website as things can change quickly. Many sites below have not been updated to show their 2021 events. Check sites often for updates.

- Mill Creek Central: Volunteer Spring Work & Run is May 14-16, 2021. Buckeye Limited now in 2023!
- MCC early work sessions: March 12 & 13 and 26 & 27. See the 2017 Buckeye Limited video link.
- FortWayneRailRoad.org
- Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers
- Indiana Live Steamers
- Age Of Steam Roundhouse Tours scheduled to resume in May 2021. Check their website or call.
- LAKE FOREST LIVE STEAMERS RAILWAY MUSEUM Track, Wheel, Data & Drawings & more.
- UP.com/heritage/steam/
- 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.