Upcoming Events:
1) The next CPR&SS meeting is MAY 8 at 11 AM at the Carillon Park track in the shelter.
2) Rail Festival 2021 has been moved to AUGUST 21 & 22, 2021. The next Rail Festival committee meeting is scheduled for Wed, MAY 12 in person at the Carillon Park main building. See RailFestival.com for additional details and any late breaking changes.
3) The next public passenger train run is TBD – probably in July, maybe August.
4) Work Days are usually Tuesdays and Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track.

Next CPR&SS meeting discussions: Latest update on Carillon park construction plans, progress, and schedule, club’s progress replacing wood ties with plastic ones, work days, Rail Festival, membership renewal, train storage, etc.

Members: Club memberships EXPIRED 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 are (L-R) Jim H, Scott L, Mark F, and Blake C on May 1st replacing ties on one of the track sections cut out to provide access to the construction crew building the 3 foot gauge RR at Carillon Park. Around 60 track sections may need to be cut. The wood ties are being replaced because they have rotted.
Below are two pictures taken from the observation platform of the clock tower. We believe the two parallel footer forms on the left side will support an inverted “U” concrete channel our track will run under/inside. The other concrete pads will support a three arch bridge for the 3 foot gauge RR.

Above shows additional bridge pier pads and we believe another concrete tunnel will be on the far right side. Numerous track sections had to be removed for the construction equipment and the new 3 foot RR structures. Construction is planned to be complete this June. Rail Festival was moved to Aug 21 & 22 in case there are unforeseen construction delays.
Below is a track section marked and tagged, ready to be moved, if needed. There are five areas where track sections need to be removed to provide access for the construction work and are identified as Areas A, B, C, D, and E. There are multiple tracks in each area and many sections on each track. The aluminum tag below shows this is the third track in Area A and is the third track section in the line. Bob S has the master plan of where each track section came from so they can be returned in the right order. This particular section is an expansion joint and can and will be unbolted. Solid rails are cut.

The picture at right shows the pile of track sections on the line west of the earthen tunnel. The switch on top is for the siding and luckily has composite ties attached so we won’t need to replace ties on it. There are only two sections here that need their ties replaced. One is 23 feet long so it may be better to work on it by this pile – at least it shady.

Above are two stacks of rail sections that have had their wood ties replaced with plastic ones.

At right is a hole drilling guide made by Ken H. It will be used to drill holes in the ends of track section rails so they can be bolted back together with joint bars instead of being welded which would take longer.
Blake C (red shirt) and Bob S are painting car #3 of the third group of five passenger cars the club has built. Bob cut plywood kits and members helped assemble the cars.

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Eagle Update: The picture at right was taken April 27, 2021 and shows one adult and one of the 3 baby eagles. They are in the same nest as previous years. The eggs hatched around Mar 23 and the eaglets will reach full size about 70 days later, around the end of May.

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!
See link to 2017 Buckeye Limited full YouTube video – some CPR&SS members are in the video.

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.