Upcoming Events:
1) The next CPR&SS meeting is June 12 at 11 AM at the Carillon Park track in the shelter.
2) Work Days are usually Tuesdays and Saturdays starting about 10 AM at the track.
3) The next public passenger train run is TBD – probably in September. Stay tuned.
4) Rail Festival 2021 has been canceled. All Rail Festival committee meetings in 2021 have also been canceled. See RailFestival.com for additional details or changes.

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, membership renewal, train storage, Rail Festival, 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 is the tube tunnel which is just west of the earthen tunnel.
Below are pictures showing work on the track sections that were removed for the construction of the Park’s 3 foot gauge RR.

At right is Jim H using an alignment gauge to properly place a new plastic tie before screwing it in place. In the upper right is Norm G doing a track test on the speeder he recently built.

At right shows the drill guide that Ken H machined. It is clamped onto the end of the rail. It locates the holes both vertically and horizontally so joint bars with matching holes can be used.

At right is an “in-the-field” (literally) test installation and fit of the joint bars on two 15’ sections of track that were cut out by the construction workers. The rails were cut apart by using a 1/8” thick metal cutting saw blade. The joint bars are maintaining the original track spacing so we don’t need to add small pieces of track after several sections are re-installed end to end with no gap. The joint bars are 1” by ¼” flat steel bar stock.
Below left are Jim H, Larry W (behind Bob), and Bob S moving track sections on three flat cars to the shelter. Below right, these same three club members are replacing ties on a switch that was cut out.

The picture at right was taken about 15 feet above the 7 ½” track going into the tunnel. The new 3 foot RR will pass close to this stump, at near stump level we believe, and proceed into the woods directly behind the stump in this view. A second loading station for the new RR will be somewhere beyond the canal master’s house which is visible through the opening in the foliage.

At right is a view looking west from the existing earthen tunnel showing the new tube tunnel. The electrical power pole (darker pole) has been moved farther west from where it was and excavation has started up again. The new 3 foot RR will come in from the right in this view and cross over this tube tunnel which is at final grade but not back filled yet. The excavation is digging for the three arch bridge’s footers.
Above, at [Mill Creek Central](https://www.millcreekcentral.org), are Mark F and friend Jessie being shown the MCC track by owner Dick M on the May 15 work/run day.

At right, there is a track in the ballast being set to grade by MCC’s Jim H (squatting) while two volunteers look on. About 3000 feet of new aluminum track using plastic ties is being added. The switches are still using treated wooden ties. MCC has several train meets and work days scheduled this summer – check their website for details. [MillCreekCentral.com](https://www.millcreekcentral.org).

**Eagle Update:** The picture below shows the two adult bald eagles atop of their favorite perch – an electrical tower where I-75 crosses over the Miami river. From here they can watch their nest and also look for fish in the river.

The picture below was taken June 6, 2021 and shows two of the three eaglets. They are 70 days old here and should fledge any time now.

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

- Mill Creek Central: Summer Meet Jun 17-20, 2021. **Buckeye Limited** is now Aug 1-5, 2023!
- FortWayneRailRoad.org
- Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers
- Indiana Live Steamers
- Age Of Steam Roundhouse: Tours have resumed. Check their website or call.
- Lebanon Railroad
- 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.