Upcoming Events:
1) The next CPR&SS meeting is July 10 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.
5) We are planning on running a train during the Carillon Christmas event this season.

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 Ken H drilling holes in the ends of rails so that rail joiners can be used to connect rail sections back together once construction of the 3 foot RR allows it.
There have not been any club activities at the track such as train runs so construction pictures have been substituted to keep readers abreast of progress. Below right shows the “Big Tunnel” with the bulldozer building the ramp to go over the top of the tunnel.

There are three 7.5” tracks that will go through this tunnel, same as before construction started. We have retrieved most track sections from this area and replaced the old ties with new plastic ones. There are a few track sections on the far end of this tunnel that still need work.

At right shows a small truck dumping dirt on the ramp. The dump bucket rotates 90 degrees to the side and dumps. The bulldozer has GPS sensors and its computer has the grade plan stored. The driver says the computer tells him to raise or lower the blade, so he does. It seems to be working well.

Below are Alex H and Ken H moving a rail section so the grass can be cut where it was. There are still a few rail sections in the construction area that need work.
Below right is the east end of the tube tunnel. The track coming out of the earthen tunnel will go through this tube.

The workers are adding additional rebars which are at or near the height of the 3 foot gauge RR. A wall will be added at the left side of the tube tunnel on top of the concrete footer in the picture and extend to the uphill side of the earthen tunnel. As we understand it, the wall will be made of stones from Redi-Rock. See examples.

Above are two of the footers showing keyways. The plan is for a three arch bridge which requires four piers. Bridge parts are planned to be put in place at the end of July. At right is another pier footer next to the sidewalk going to the Brethen Clock Tower. The west end of the “Big Tunnel” is at right.

At right is a load of new rail being delivered for the 3 foot gauge track. This picture was taken on June 8, 2021 and is on the parking lot to the east of the Carillon Brewery. This is “60 pound rail” meaning each yard length of rail weights 60 pounds. The rails are 30 feet long so each rail seen here weights 600 pounds. There are 9 rails to a bungle and 9 bundles. This was the first of two deliveries this day with more to follow other days. The driver said the rails come from Manitoba, Canada, a 1200 mile drive.
Eagle Update: Shown at right is one of the three eaglets that have been raised by the adult eagle pair at Carillon Park this year. This picture was taken on June 22, 2021. The eaglet is in a tree by the north east corner of the Dicke Transportation Building at Carillon Park. The adult eagles will train the eaglets how to catch fish in the Miami river over the next couple of months. They will be on their own after that and mom and dad will take a month or so vacation flying up and down the river. During this time, the three foot railroad work will be extended under where the nest is and be completed before they return to start the next nesting season.

At left is a view of the footers for the piers that will support the 3-arch bridge for the Park’s three foot RR. This picture was taken on June 29 and shows concrete being taken, one bucket at a time, to the footer at the far end of the tube tunnel.

Miscellaneous links: Check websites often for updates as things can change quickly.

Mill Creek Central: Large Engine Meet Aug 5 - 8, 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.
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