Upcoming Events:
1) The next CPR&SS meeting is Sept 11 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 October. Stay tuned.
4) Rail Festival 2021 was 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, Dayton Train Show plans, 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) Don H and new member Larry B replacing ties on a track panel in the shelter on the Aug 24 work day. Picture by Jim H.
The pictures on this page are from the work days in late August and early September.

Below left are Bob S and Ken H removing lag screws and old wooden ties from a track section. Larry is welding some steel cross ties that have broken loose from the rails over the years.

Above is Jim H on the club’s electric Plum Cove pulling two flat cars to the switch tower to pick up more ties. The track is continuous from the shelter to a little farther past this point.

Above is an apparatus that Ken H made to drill holes in track that is still on the ground. Trying to drill the holes for the joint bars by hand is slow and tiring so Ken made this device. This should speed up re-installing the 70 or so track sections that have been removed.

At right is Jim H with the last batch of switch ties he has just marked on the Sept 7 work day. They are scribed down the center and chalked to locate the center rib on the underside. Workers drilling need to be careful so the drill bit goes into the rib and not off to the side. We have had to remove a few ties where the screw missed the center rib. They are also scribed 3.5 inches from one end for uniform alignment from the rail – a suggestion from Gary S that speeds up tie re-installation.

A note about switch ties: All of the switch ties at the track have been counted and marked. There are 4 switches that need ties and we need to authorize ordering more at the next meeting.
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Construction pictures:

Below the excavator has an attachment for drilling holes for rods to reinforce the retaining wall to be added later by the Shotcrete method.

Above left is the west end of the fiberglass tunnel on Aug 24. Two more sections of track right in front of the tunnel were cut and removed by John L and Ken H so the construction work could continue. The wooden part of the tunnel was removed first then the double “I” beam (at lower right).

Above is the west end of the tunnel on Sep 7 showing the drainage collector and out-flow pipe going to the left. A second drain is near the far west end of the “Tube” tunnel and drains into the hole in the collector above.
More construction pictures, all taken on Sept 7, 2021.

At left is a view of the east end of the fiberglass tunnel showing the extensive amount of excavation in this area. That’s Brady and Alex in the blue shirts.

Below the workers are building the concrete forms on the west end of the “Big” tunnel.

At left the crane is getting ready to lift one of the last two wing walls into position. The overhead wires have been turned off. Still, a bucket truck was brought in and lifted the wires even higher. And then an excavator was brought in to pull the bottom of the wing wall into position on the footer.


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


Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers Indiana Live Steamers
Age Of Steam Roundhouse Tours have resumed. Check their website or call.


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