



The Depot Dispatch



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Change is in the Wind



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The Painesville Railroad Museum at 475 Railroad St, Painesville, Ohio hosted its third and final rail-fanning day of the year on Saturday October 11th, 2014. This time the weather was much nicer, a bit breezy, but clear, bright and sunny, perfect for watching and filming large trains in a safe environment. The Depot provided burgers, dogs, baked beans, snacks and beverages for a small donation, for the folks that had a taste for something from the grill. Among the sixty to seventy

visitors was a small den of Cub Scouts from Chardon, Ohio. These events are a great way to do some serious railfanning up close and personal. If you would like to spend a relaxing day observing trains in the company of other railroad enthusiasts, this is a place you want to visit. Bring a folding camp chair, a camera and enjoy the ambiance. Interest in restoring the depot has increased and the association welcomes new members and donations, cash and/or items. The association is making plans for 2015 and has already

proposed four dates for rail-fanning. In addition to an upcoming fundraiser in January, the Depot will be hosting a paranormal evening for a group of ghost hunters on Saturday November 15th, 2014. (www.hauntedhousewives.com) There is a lot of work ahead for the association, but volunteers are lining up and all we need now is the funding. Things will be better next year, come on down, get involved and help us get back on track.

SOS ([Save Our Station](#)).



About the Painesville Railroad Museum:

Western Reserve Railroad Association (WRRRA), a 501(c)3 non-profit, doing business as "The Painesville Railroad Museum". The WRRRA was formed in 1997 to save and restore the Painesville Depot.

The Depot was built in 1892 and opened in 1893 for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. The station was used from 1893 to May 1, 1971. The Depot served many railroads in its time. The most famous was The New York Central Railroad. The Depot stopped seeing passenger trains in May, 1971 when Penn Central was formed into Conrail and Amtrak began.

After passenger service stopped, the depot became a Greyhound Bus station from 1971 to 1987. After Greyhound, Conrail used the depot for storing signals and equipment.

The depot was eventually sold to Edward Dunlap, who wanted to convert the depot into a railroad themed restaurant. After two years of construction, he determined that the amount of money invested into the depot would not be returned back in five years. Dunlap decided to find a historical society to buy it and restore it back to its original glory.

The Lake County Historical Society looked at it and declined the offer as they had enough other projects they were already working on. The Western Reserve Railroad Association was formed to restore the depot back to her legacy of the New York Central days. The Painesville Railroad Museum plans to restore the depot to its original glory. Today there are still many projects left to be done.

CURRENT EVENTS at or near THE DEPOT

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| How to build a Model Railroad, MNRA Div 5 | November 1 |
| Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
9 am to 2 pm Adm. FREE | |
| 2 Rail 'O' Scale meet | November 1 |
| Lakeland Community College, AFC
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$7.00 | |
| NMRA Division 1 Annual Flea market | November 2 |
| Akron Yacht Club
3575 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44319
11 am to 3 pm Adm. \$3.00
Phone: 330-645-6175 | |
| Eire Train Show | November 2 |
| Rainbow Gardens
Waldameer Park, PA
10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$4.00 | |
| Diecast Collectible Toy Show | November 8 |
| Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Adm. \$6.00 | |
| Paranormal Investigation, Painesville Depot | November 15 |
| 475 Railroad St.
Painesville, Ohio www.hauntedhousewives.com | |
| Christmas Train Show | November 23 |
| Lakeland Community College, AFC
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
10 am to 3:30 pm
Adm. Adults \$6.00 Children (6-12) \$3.00 Family \$15.00 | |
| Thanksgiving Train Show | November 29 |
| UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio
10 am to 3:30 pm Adm. \$6.00 | |

Division 5 Annual Picnic



On Saturday August 2nd, the NMRA Division 5 held its annual picnic at the Painesville Depot on Railroad Street in Painesville, Ohio. Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't get the memo and instead of a beautiful summer

day, she delivered a torrential down pour fifteen minutes before the picnic was supposed to start. A wall of water came down for almost an hour reducing visibility down to about twenty feet and turned surrounding roads into swift running rivers. Even with the dismal

weather conditions, thirty-five to forty steadfast members of division 5 endured the unpleasant weather to gather with friends that share a common bond, a love of trains. The participants enjoyed seven to nine lengthy freight trains displaying a wide variety of rolling stock



and some very interesting graffiti. The Division provided an excellent array of picnic food and a cooler full of ice cold beverages, sorry no beer. Tom Pescha supplied a dish he calls "hobo beans", which

happens to be a favorite among many of the members. His savory concoction of a multiple variety of beans laced with his own secret ingredients was a delight to the palate. Here's hoping Division 5

will hold their picnic at the depot again next year and maybe this time Mother Nature will get the memo and cooperate. - *The Editor*



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as of October 1st, 2014**



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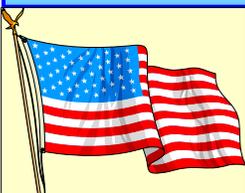
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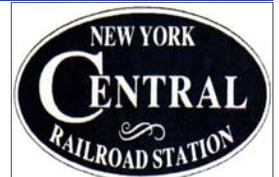
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