

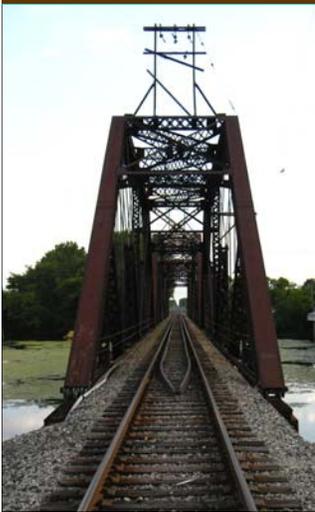


The Depot Dispatch



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Paranormal Night



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Saturday November 15th, 2014 was a cold and dark evening at the Painesville Depot Museum on 475 Railroad St, Painesville, Ohio. The grounds were covered with a foot of snow recently deposited from an extreme case of lake effect and the temperature was hovering in the low thirties. All in all, it was a great night to try to connect with spirits from another world. A group led by two ladies from the Haunted Housewives, including a psychic, started showing up around nine *pm*. Several Depot volunteers were on hand out in the back of the building gathered around a fire barrel or

in a tent where hot coffee, hot chocolate and cookies were available. On the inside, Tom Pescha narrated the history of the Depot to an interested group of fifteen paranormal investigators. After the history lesson, the lights were turned off and the group related stories of personal experiences while trying to contact any spirits that may have been present. No stone was left unturned as the group moved about the building including a tour of the basement. Was the event successful? More than one person noted that the battery on their electronic device was completely drained, coincident? According to the ladies, many

people experience the presents of and/or observe apprehensions that they often dismiss as a dream or a mind trick played on them by their subconscious. I was unable to stay til the end, but I am sure that **Casper** did not appear; *now that would have caught my attention!* Hopefully this event will be repeated in the warmer weather next year and maybe you can join the entourage.



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

Massillon Train and Toy Show **December 14**
Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall
988 Cherry Road NW.
Massillon, Ohio 44647 *(10 AM to 3 PM)*
Admission: \$5 per adult; Children 12 and under FREE!

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Snow Dog Train Show **January 3**
UAW Hall,
5615 Chevrolet Blvd.,
Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10 am to 3 pm.)*
Admission: **\$6.00** each, children under 12 **free** and parking is **FREE**.

Saturday, January 10, 2015,
Lakeland Community College (AFC Auxiliary Gym)
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 *(9:00 am to 2:00 pm)*
Admission: Adults \$6.00 each, Children \$2.00 (6-12)

Winter Train Meet **January 3**
UAW Hall,
5615 Chevrolet Blvd.,
Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10 am to 3 pm.)*
Admission: **\$6.00** each, **\$8.00**, children under 12 **free** and parking is **FREE**.

Painesville Depot **January 19**
Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
Stadium Bar and Grill,
8330 Tyler Blvd.,
Mentor, Ohio 44060 *(flyer on Page 4)*

The Painesville Depot Museum

Minutes of the October 2014 Meeting

Meeting came to order on November 11th, 2014 at 6:20 pm at Denny's restaurant in Mentor, Ohio. In the absence of any officer, Tom Pescha and Len Kessler basically ran the meeting.

Attendance:

Tom Pescha, Tom Tylika, Rob Roming, Carl Neff, Tom Carr, Len Kessler, Matt Bolyard and Mr. Bolyard.

Coming Events:

Tom Pescha listed the coming events:

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| November 15 th , Paranormal night | Painesville Depot |
| November 23 rd , Christmas Train Show | Lakeland College |
| January 10 th , Collectible Toy Show | Lakeland College |
| January 19 th , Pasta fundraiser` | Stadium Grill |

Final arrangements were made for the paranormal event that starts at 9 *pm* until ??

There will be a table for our group at both shows at Lakeland that will have to be manned.

Membership Dues:

Tom submitted a dues structure for the coming year. It was discussed and agreed upon and will be sent to the Board for approval.

Financial Report:

After repeated request, no financial or asset reports have surfaced and it was decided that these reports will have to be establish in January, 2015.

WebPage:

The webpage was discussed and seeing that there are two WebPages on the internet, Matt volunteered to attempt to redirect from the old page to the new page.

New Business:

Matt volunteer to try to get the Depot some free advertizing of coming event and Depot activity on the internal television programming at Lakeland College.

It was decided that a vote of "**No confidence**" will be presented at the December meeting and if passed a vote for new officers will be conducted at that time.

It was decided that a budget for 2015 will be prepared in January.

Our next meeting will be at Denny's on Tuesday December 9th, 2014 at 6:00 *pm*.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 *pm*.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard A. Kessler

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

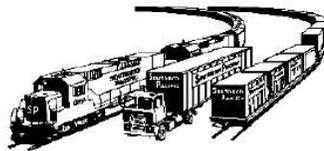
Monday, January 19, 2015

5 pm - 8 pm



Stadium Grill

8330 Tyler Blvd.
Mentor, Ohio 44060



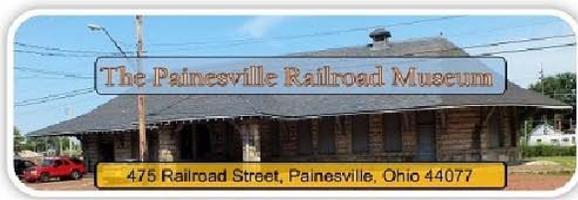
Menu:

- Rigatoni and Meat Sauce
- Garlic Toast and Salad (assorted dressings)
- Drinks available from cash bar (not included)
- Assorted Deserts
- Sorry no take-outs



Price:

Adults: \$10.00 each, pre-sale \$9.00
Children under 14 \$3.00, under 5 Free



Proceeds to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.

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**Depot Membership
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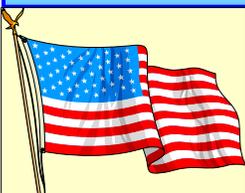
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