



The Depot Dispatch



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What's New @ the Depot?




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Recently there was a major donation to the Painesville Railroad Museum. Tom Bassett donated this pristine 1939 Mercury railroad baggage cart to the Painesville Depot on March 22nd, 2015. These unique carts were common fixtures on

most passenger and freight station platforms throughout the Americas in the heydays of train travel. This interesting five foot by nine foot cart will be on display along with a large and medium trunk and a small suitcase at all Depot events this year and for many years to come.

Information on these irreplaceable carts is not readily available on the internet, but just being close to it makes you aware of a fascinating era of yesterday. Come enjoy the Depot, a jewel of Painesville history, at any or all of our coming events this year. 



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

Railroads in the Park **May 2 & 3**
Farmpark
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Open House **May 9**
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Division 5 BOD Meeting **May 11**
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Railfanning Day **May 16**
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Depot Regular Meeting **May 19**
Painesville Depot
Painesville, Ohio (*meeting starts at 6 pm.*)

Painesville Party in the Park **July 17, 18 & 19**
Painesville Public Square
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Railfanning Day **July 25**
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Division 5 Picnic **August 8**
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Spring Cleaning @ the Depot



Well, the weather has finally broken and the hibernation at the Depot has come to an end. A large dumpster was delivered on site and spring cleaning began on Saturday April 11th, 2015. Depot members and volunteers will be working on cleanup projects, renovations to the building and


the caboose, repairs inside and out, ground maintenance and preparations for upcoming events. The first paranormal event has been booked for June 12th, with possibly two more later this year. Four railfanning days have been scheduled including a “*swap meet*” by the NETS group this September. In addition, Division 5 will be holding

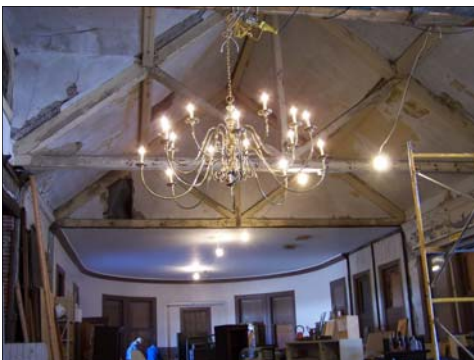
their annual picnic once again at the Depot in August. Tom Tylicki and Jack Liles along with other interested members have already started rebuilding the multi-gauge, multi-level layout that was donated to the Depot by John Ashman. The wall shelves that were donated by the Thrasher TV store and the 1939 Mercury luggage cart that was



donated by Tom Bassett will be on display at all future events. An ornate chandelier was found in storage and will become a highlight in the main room of the building. Monies have been set aside for the rebuilding of the caboose that was donated by the

Lubrizol Company, and the project will be well underway this summer. Now that we are open for the season, all Depot meetings will convene at the Depot for the rest of the 2015 season. When the season ends, meetings will be held off site.

In the coming months, we are looking forward to meeting our guests and supporters while reliving the nostalgia of an outstanding railway era. 



It won't be long now



There's always time for Railfanning

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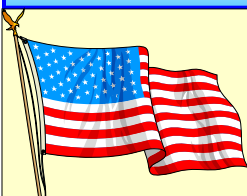
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