

Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

Full Fall Holiday Season



November was filled with several big events. The NETS train show and the Collectible Toy show, Nov 11 and 12 was to back to back shows that the depot shared the profits of. A Big thank to all our members that help make these events a success.

At the end of the month was our Hand Made Market, Nov. 25, see page 4, A very big thank to Rob and Stephanie for put this event on and all of our members who help.

On the same day, we were at the TCA train meet at the Parma UAW Hall. A big thanks to R.J. and Ed Gabrenya.

Heath updates:

Sad News - Last Train Ride for Tom Carr who passed away on December 10.

RJ Price has started his chemotherapy for prostate cancer and is doing well.

Jim Wendorf has start radiation treatment for the same.

Updates on Tom:

Well from our last newsletter, I have been back in the hospital to correct my Congestive Heart Failure. This time I went to UH and was in for 2 and half week, triple bypass and repair of a bad valve and small repair of one of my lungs, we were home in time to attend the Christmas dinner.

Family First - Please stay Healthy

Tom Pescha, V.P.



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Dues are Due as of January 1, 2024

This months Membership meeting is Jan. 9, 2024

Program: Moving our Boxcar

Next BOD meeting is Jan. 23, 2023



Upcoming Dates and Events

- Dec. 16, Mug Night, 6:30 pm (rain date Dec. 16)
- Jan. 9, 2024 **Membership Meeting**, Depot 6 pm
Election of BOD members (2)
- Jan. 23, 2024 **BOD Meeting**, Depot 6 pm
- Feb. 13 2024 **Membership Meeting**. Depot 6 pm
- Feb. 27, 2024 **BOD Meeting**, Depot 6 pm
- March 12, 2024 **Membership Meeting**. Depot 6 pm
- March 16 , Sat, Railfest Dinner, Depot 5:30 pm
- March 16 & 17 Railfest, Lakeland Committee College.
- March 26, **Membership Meeting**. Depot 6 pm

For a complete list of locate Train and Toy Shows visit www.cleveshows.com

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Board Of Directors Election January 2024

At our January 8, 2024 meeting, two of our BOD Members are up for Re-election. Dan Chuppa and Frances Meinke up for re-election. If you wish to run for office, Please contact R.J. .



Lake County Chamber of Commerce - Beacon Award

Congratulations to the Painesville Railroad Museum for being the winner of the Beacon Award. Each year the Eastern Lake County Chamber Of Commerce selects its recipient for the year's top non-profit organization. The award will be officially presented at a ceremony held on January 25, 2024.



Let there be no doubt who is the 2024 reigning champion amongst all the nonprofit organizations in Lake County. It is the Painesville Railroad Museum. Everyone please take a bow. You have earned it.

Thank you Al Di'lorio for your continuing support of the Depot/ Museum its greatly appreciated, we finally won, see below.



Hand Made Market – Art and Craft Show

On Saturday, November 25, we held our Hand Made Market - Art and Craft Show. We hosted an array of Quality Handmade Artisans and Crafters for this special Art and Craft Show on Small Business Saturday. The market we filled with many crafts.

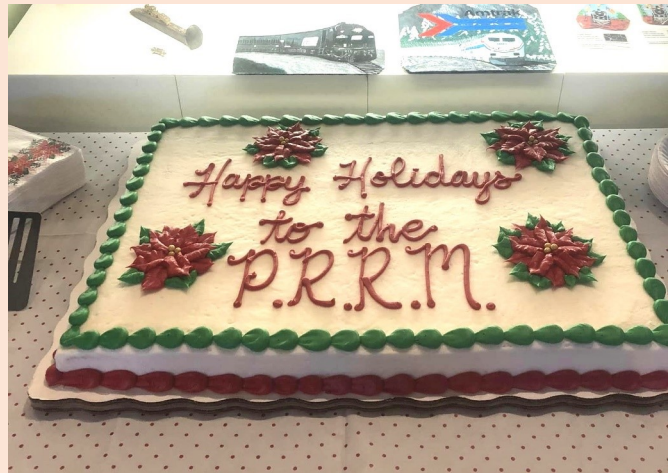


2023 Christmas Dinner

On December 9, 2023 the Museum held its Annual Christmas Dinner with 55 guest attending. Food was provide by Texas Roadhouse and IGA Rideout. A very big Thank You to Paul Hach Sr. for donating the cost of the dinner.

Also a big thanks to George Anderson for MC the events.

During the event we award Paul Hach with Hall of Fame award. We also award Tom Pescha with naming the Trolley Room.



Trolley Room Named

At our recent BOD meetings, our board has selected to honor Tom Pescha with naming the Trolley Room in the new Engine Barn.



Thomas E. Carr, 86, of Mentor, passed away Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, at Grand River Health & Rehabilitation in Painesville. Born Aug. 30, 1937, in Cleveland, he had been a resident of Lake County for 61 years, living in Eastlake and Willoughby before moving to Mentor. Tom was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and member of Mentor Plains United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher and as treasurer of the Men's Club. He was also a member of The National Model Railroaders Association and Demolay. Thomas was an award winning photographer and drawing artist. He was the beloved

husband of 43 years to Carol A. (nee Mayher) Carr; loving father of Brian (Vicki) Emerman, Alan Emerman, Lori (Andy) Gravelins, Tammy (Jimmy) Harris, Lisa (Ed) Carr, Charlie (Kim) Tomolonis, Missy (Rick) Sprouse, and Stefanie (Jake) Hardy; cherished grandfather of 13; and great-grandfather of 15. Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Tracy Townsend; parents, Edward and Jean (nee Schultz) Carr; and brother, Robert Carr. Family will receive friends from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at McMahan-Coyne-Vitantonio Funeral Home, 6330 Center St. (Route 615, north of Route 2), in Mentor, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at Mentor Plains United Methodist Church, 7271 Lakeshore Blvd., Mentor with a funeral service to 11 a.m. Pastor Jeffrey Stoll will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Willoughby Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name are suggested to the Mentor Plains United Methodist Church or **Painesville Railroad Museum**. To leave condolences for the family, visit www.MCVfuneralhomes.com.

REST IN PEACE



TOM CARR
1937 - 2023



999 Mug Night

On Saturday, December 16 we held our annual 999 Mug Night. Don't know what Mug Night is: We drive the Collinwood 999 engine around town. As we visited people houses that are well decorate for the season, we thank them for decorate and hand them a Painesville Railroad Museum Mug filled with Hot Chocolate and that then and tell then they have just been Mug by the Painesville Railroad museum!



2024 Annual Awards Luncheon

January 25, 2024
11:30-1:30pm

\$30 for members
\$35 for nonmembers



2024 Business of the Year

Global Real Estate Advisors, Inc.

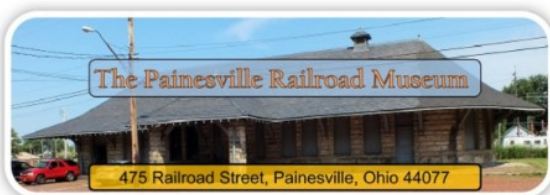
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2024 Beacon Award

The Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH 44077



Painesville Township Park Community Center
1025 Hardy Road
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Register online at
www.easternlakecountychamber.org/events

