

Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

Spring is Here



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Spring Cleaning this week. RJ is asking for help with some Spring Cleaning at the Depot as we get ready for our May Opening. This Thursday and Friday, March 30 & 31, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Extend Open Hours. It has been brought up at our BOD meeting to extend our hours. Our new hours are, Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 1 pm plus Friday, 6 to 9 pm and 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11 am to 3 pm. and special Events.

March has been a very busy month with us being at 3 train shows. The first one was the Independence Train Show which had over 900 guest attend and the Museum did very well with items for sale. Next was Railfest. Railfest provided us with 10 tables. A big thanks to Jim Wendorf, show chairman, for this. The Museum had record sales.

Then the Railfest Dinner, with 60 guest attending. We had a surprise visit by two of our County Commissioners, John Plecnik and Richard Rogovich. They presented us a Resolution from NOACA on the Collinwood 999 engine, see page 4 & 5.

And the last train show was the TCA show at Parma UAW Hall. This show was a little show than others, but was still good for us.

This month, we applied for a grant with the Lake County Visitor Bureau for Capital Improvement Grant for our Box Car Move.

999 is set for four parades this summer, weather permitting. See page 4. Next week the a smoke unit will be installed.

City Sidewalks. The City has sent out for bids on our side walks. Work should start late Spring or early Summer.

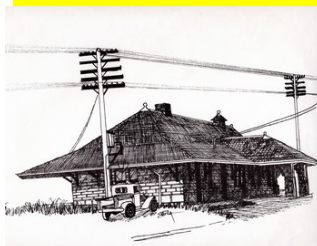
Our first Ghost Hunt of the year has been **changed to Saturday, May 13**, 9 pm to Midnight.

Our first Event and Model Flea Market is Saturday, May 20. See page 3.

Jim Wendorf is taking a medical leave of absence as he will be have knee replacement surgery on April 5. Best of luck and wishing you a speedy recovery.

Family First - Please stay Healthy

Tom Pescha, V.P.



This months Membership meeting is April 11, 2023
Next BOD meeting is April 25, 2023

Upcoming Dates and Events

April 11, 2023 Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm

April 25, 2023 BOD meeting, Depot, 6 pm

May 13, 2023 Ghost Hunt at Depot,

May 20, 2023, Model Train Day.

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

Depot Dispatch

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Collinwood 999 Parades for 2023

Weather Permitting, we will have the Collinwood 999 engine at the following Parades for 2023.

June 25, Sunday, Mayfield Hts. Community Day, 1 pm

June 29, Thursday, Fairport Harbor Marti Grad, 7 pm, stating 6 pm

July 4, Tuesday, Mentor Headlands, 1 pm

August 6, Sunday, Timberlake Family Day, Parade at 1 pm

August 12, Saturday, Last Stop Willoughby, Parade at 2 pm, we will be on display at 10 am.

Sept. 24, Sunday, Euclid Beach, 10 am car show.

Paranormal Investigation

Of The

Painesville Railroad Depot

May 12, 2023, 9 pm to Midnight

Presented by the ladies of
Haunted Housewives

The Painesville Railroad Museum

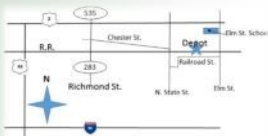
Painesville Railroad Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077



This historic building, built in 1893, was used as a passenger depot up until 1971. This haunted building has more than its share of paranormal activity.

VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT



Direction to Painesville Depot

I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44
North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2
East on Rt. 2 (1.5 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223)
South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)
East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street
South on North State Street (under RR Bridge) to Railroad Street.
East on Railroad Street to Depot.

A \$25 donation will be accepted. All proceeds from this paranormal exploration will go to the Painesville Railroad Museum, the group dedicated to the restoration of the NYC Painesville Depot. Visit <https://www.willoughbyghostwalk.com/special-events.html> for ordering tickets.

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MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Tom at 216-470-5780

MAY 20, 2023

10 am to 4 pm

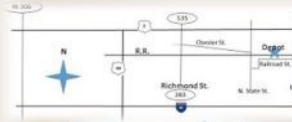
See operating Model Train Layouts in N scale, HO scale, S scale, O gauge and G gauge.
12 Different Layouts to see!

Model Train flea market on grounds.

Admission: \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child (3 to 12 year old)
\$12.00 Family (max 2 adults, 3 children)



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Food and Drinks available.

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



New Open Sign to match our new extended open hours.

Monday - Closed

Tuesday thru Thursday - 10 am to 1 pm

Friday 10 am to 1 pm and 6pm to 9 pm

Saturday - 1st and 3rd Saturday, 11 am to 3 pm

Railfest Dinner

On March 18, 2023 we held our 9 annual Railfest Dinner. As in the past, with our dinner being one day after St. Patty Day, our menu included Corn Beef and Cabbage dinners. I don't think that I have had leaner and tender Corn Beef. The rest of the food was also outstanding. We had 60 guest attend the dinner with a surprise guest of two of our County Commissioners, John Plecnik and Richard Regovich. They presented us a Resolution from NOACA on the Collinwood 999 engine. See page 5. This was great as it fit with the presentation of the Engine Barn and the Collinwood 999 En-

gine.

I wish to thank all who help set up the museum to look so great.



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-008
(HONOR TO THE COLLINWOOD 999 ENGINE)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland, and the areawide water quality management planning agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 Engine was constructed in 1932 at the Collinwood Yards by members of the American Legion's Collinwood Post as a replica of the New York Central Empire Express 999, which became the first train to exceed 112 mph; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 was built on a 1930 Hudson truck frame; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 is well known in Lake County, Northeast Ohio, and other areas of the country for its appearances in parades and at events, such as the Lake County Fair parade, Last Stop Willoughby parade, and the Painesville Friday Nights Car Cruises; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 has served as a popular and enduring representation of passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 is very dear to local associations, such as the Collinwood Alumni Association, and anyone associated with trains and transit; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 celebrated its 90th birthday in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Collinwood 999 is housed at the Painesville Railroad Museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 48 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland that a vote of honor be given to the Collinwood 999 Engine in recognition of its historical significance, its 90th birthday, and the pleasure it has given to rail and transit aficionados throughout its lifetime.



Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors
of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this
10th day of March 2023.

Secretary:

John Plecnik

Date Signed:

3/10/23