

Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

August heating up with Events



As July was a busy month so will August with something going on every weekend.

- Aug. 5 hosting Div. 5 Picnic
- Aug. 6 Timberlake Parade
- Aug. 12 Last Stop Willoughby Parade
- Aug 13 Birthday Party rental
- Aug 19 Mentor Cityfest Parade
- Aug 20 Depot Picnic
- Aug 26 Railroad Memorabilia Show

Engine Barn updated. Our electrical work continues in the barn.

Painesville Party in the Park (PIIP) was a great success. Just a few showers on Saturday evening, but the rest of the weekend was great weather. We had many guest stop at our booth and admire the Collinwood 999. We will have the same location next year.

Hobo Day: Mother nature just didn't like us in the morning, with many small showers, but by noon the rain cleared and overall the day was a great success.

Side Walks: We are in the process of replacing our sidewalks. This project will be complete this month.

Depot Picnic: This years picnic is Sunday, August 20. This year there

will be a \$5.00/person charge to offset the cost of the food. **Be sure to RSVP me if you are planning on attending.** See page 9

Collinwood 999: The radiator repairs have worked great, no more overheating. Thank you Dan and R.J. The Train has 4 appearances this month.

August 1, National night out, Painesville.

August 6, Timberlake Family Day Parade

August 12, Last Stop Willoughby & Parade.

August 19, Mentor City Fest Parade.

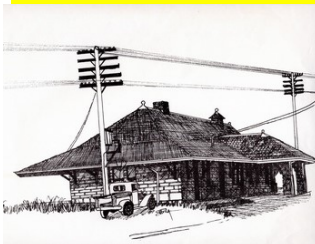
This month we also had to do some roof repair on the Depot.

Family First - Please stay Healthy

Tom Pescha, V.P.

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This months Membership meeting is August 8, 2023

Program: Three Giant Steps - NYC

Next BOD meeting is August 22, 2023

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Aug. 1, Nation night Out , Veteran Park, Painesville, 6-8 pm
- Aug 6, Timberlake Family Day Parade, 1 pm
- Aug 8, Membership Meeting**, Depot 6 pm
- Aug, 12, Last Stop Willoughby 10 am, Parade 2 pm
- Aug. 19, Mentor Cityfest Parade 10 am
- Aug. 20, Depot Picnic** Noon to 5 pm
- Aug. 22, BOD Meeting**, Depot 6 pm
- Sept. 12, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm
- Sept. 23, Ham Radio Day**, Depot 10 am to 3 pm
For a complete list of locate Train and Toy Shows visit www.cleveshows.com

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Collinwood 999 Parades for 2023

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

August 1, National Night Out, Painesville Square, 6 to 8 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.

August 19, Saturday, Mentor Cityfest, 10 am Parade, Mentor Rt 615

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

PA Trolley Museum Road trip

We have been planning a road trip to the Pennsylvanian Trolley Museum in Washington, PA, which is 28 miles south of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, September 16, 2023. After investigating different tour busses, the only ones that can travel interstate, are 55 passenger busses.

So the BOD has looked into renting a 15 passenger van and drive ourselves.

The Van cost is \$387 for the weekend plus gas. It is about 160 miles each way, and at 18 miles/gallon we would use about 18 gals of gas at \$3.60/ gal = \$65

$\$387 + \$65 = \$452$ divided by 15 = \$30.13 each

Admission to museum = \$12.00 (\$11.00 for seniors)

This would cost each person going a minimum of **42.13 each + lunch**. This is based on 15 people going.

We need to know who is will to be part of this trip. **PLEASE RSVP me by Aug. 8**

[Pennsylvanian Trolley Museum](#)

So far we only have 6 members wanted to go.

Lake County Fair Parade

Mother Nature blessed with a very good weather, mostly sunny and warm. The Collinwood 999 engine perform without any issues. Paul Hach provide his 1951 John Deere tractor for tow back up, as si did Ben Szuhay, but was not needed. Everyone was impressed with the new smoke unit. Thanks to RJ and Dan for their hard work. Thousands of children were on the Parade Route.



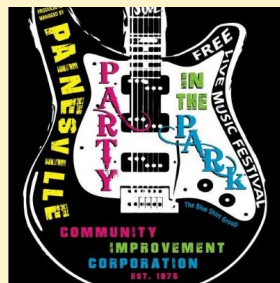
Party in the Park

Painesville Party in the Park was a great success. With the little rain on Saturday evening did not dampen the attendance.

We were given the North West corner of the park. Thank you PCIC.

The Collinwood 999 engine was well received by the guest.

I wish to thank all our members who help man our booth and also the museum as we were open that weekend.



Spanky was a big hit with over 300 pics taken over the 3 days.



Roof Repair

We found that some of the slate shingles had come off and the rain damage our roof. Luckily it was in the overhang area. This became a must repair now to prevent any more damage. We contacted the men that repaired our roof before. What an outstanding job they did. They stripped the repaired area, replaced the damage beams, and added protective covering before replacing the slate shingles. And they even matched the wood for the under side and match the paint!

There is still more slate shingles that need to be replaced, but right now our budget can't afford it.



HoBo Day

This years HoBo day was on July 29, 2023. Mother natural played a mean trick on us with morning rain shows that lasted until about Noon.

In spit of the rain we had a good turnout. A very big thanks to Texas Roadhouse for the donation of the BBQ Pulled Pork, Salads, and dinner rolls with Honey Cinnamon Butter. Also Andy Armadillo stop by to say hi.

As always we also had our great Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and roasted corn on the cob and of course the HoBo Beans.

The had 5 hobos in castum. Dianne won first place (\$30 gift certificate from Texas Roadhouse) , with RJ in second place (with a \$20 gift card to Chagrin River Dinner) and Jim and Fran in third place (\$15.00 certificate to Texas Roadhouse).



The Painesville Depot

Thoughts from Railroad Day Gone By . . .

By Dick Gifford Part 2

Good morning America, how are ya? Say don't you know me? I'm your native son. I'm a train they call "The City of New Orleans" I'll be gone 500 miles when the day is done...

From the song "The City of New Orleans"

Willie the HO BO**Prize of the Painesville Depot****Willie...**

Willie was the Painesville Depot's resident HO BO. He was a truly a Jem to the life of the depot. His Ho Bo nickname was BOZO. He told me all Ho Bo's had a nickname. I remember every time I was at the depot in the 1950's the 1960's and through May of 1971 Willie was there. He always had a smile for me. He rode the rails in the 1930's and the 1940's. He'd tell me many stories when I was just a 'half fair' in Conductor word speak. No, I can't remember



any of his stories. There exists one picture of him that my dad took in 1967 on the street side of the station. He will always be in my heart as part of the railroad. He was as much a part of the NYC and later the PC railroad at Painesville as the employees, the mighty steam engines, the E7's, E8's, F7's and all the other motive power that stopped and flue by at track speed past the depot.

Dad got Bumped !**to Westfield New York State Depot**

There was one time in year of our Lord 1962 when my dad got bumped out of his prime daytime position as ticket agent. He was bumped to the Westfield, New York Depot Daytime position. That was for about 10 months. He would drive to

the Painesville Depot, hop on an Eastbound train and get off at Westfield. He would work Monday thru Friday, then hop on a Westbound train back to Painesville to spend the weekend at home. I went with him a few times that summer for a week at a time. We would stay across the street at the hotel. I made friends with four of the kids and their Dalmatian there that lived in the hotel. Their parents owned the hotel. We always got a room on the second floor facing North toward the Depot and the tracks so we could see the trains. In the bar/ restaurant there was a jute box, a bowling machine, and an upright piano. I would sometimes play the piano for the people while my dad was refreshing himself at the bar, usually talking with other railroaders or travelers on the trains. I recall four crowd favorites were "The Darktown Strutters Ball", "KKK Katy", "Always", and the ever popular "Tiptoe Through the Tulips". Occasionally people would re-request songs. I sometimes got applause after a song. I really had a great time there. Trains would occasionally pass by and drown out my music. My dad and my Uncle Norman taught me how to play the piano. When I would play the piano the bartender would bring me over an ice cold Coke and a bowl of pretzels or potato chips to keep me goin'. Some of the patrons would place money on top of the piano for me while I was playing.



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Remember I was 11 years old at the time. I guess you could say it was my first paying job. Of course my Dad would play the piano from time to time too. My Dad studied music at the 'Julliard School of Music' in New York. He could play eleven musical instruments. The piano, the clarinet, the saxophone, the base saxophone, the sarrusophone, the flute, the piccolo, the harmonica, the zylophone, the accordion, and the hammered dulcimer. My dad and I always played in the two Masonic concert bands in Cleveland until he died in June of 1987. On the jute box four of my favorite songs were 'Big Bad John' by Jimmy Dean, '16 Tons' by Tennessee Ernie Ford, 'I Walk the Line' by Johnny Cash and Telstar by The Tornados. The hotel has since been torn down and is a park now. The Westfield Depot still stands to this day; a gallant sentry standing elegantly restored beside the two remaining New York Central (now CSX) tracks. It is now an art gallery.

WHAT A RUSH !

In the summer of 1965 when I was 14 years old I was at the station sitting and relaxing in the ticket office looking out the bay windows while my dad was working. I was staring into the swollen vivid reddish orange sun which was just about thinking to set in the crimson sky. My dad said to me "Would you like to drive the F7 Lighting Striper sitting out there? Well my heart just about stopped. Once I could form coherent words that would come out of my mouth and said "YES, OF COURSE!!!". It was a go for launch! I met the engineer and we crossed the 4 high iron tracks and climbed up into the cab in the freight yard – WOW! First, the engineer gave me a full



'feel' the sound of the great General Motors

(EMD) '567' prime mover permeating throughout my body. In the engine room standing next to the ever so hot 567 diesel engine (each cylinder had 567 cubic inches) we had to yell into each other's ears to be heard. And yes, I finally found out where the toilet was located. It was in the right rear of the locomotive. After explaining to me all the controls, I got to sit in the right engineer's seat and eased the throttle forward going eastward in the yard. I got to blow the horn two short blasts each time I started the locomotive moving. We moved four times back and forth the whole length of the freight yard. We had three cars hooked onto the engine. What a rush! That was one of the greatest experiences of my lifetime.

Computers came to the Depot

In 1965, the Central installed two computer systems. The one was the IBM punch card type. The other was the paper tape type. They were to keep track (no pun intended) of the Painesville freight. They were located on the east and north walls of the Trainmaster's office. Sometimes my dad did work on the 2 computers. He would have me get on the keyboards once and a while and input the data and then check my work. Yes, between the computer work and helping load and unload the baggage and deliver messages sometimes I actually did do some meaningful work on the N.Y.C. railroad.

I WALK THE LINE

I would walk the freight rails (on top of course) a lot of times in front of the depot to see how far I could go without falling off. I was also able to run on the tracks too, always scanning and listening for a train that could end my life prematurely.



New Sidewalks at the Museum

With the Community Development Block Grant, we are having our sidewalks replaced. We are very thankful of Painesville City and our County Commissioners for this funding. This project cost is \$84,000.00.

In the process of removing the old sidewalks, some of the tie plates from the CPE has been recovered. Hidden treasures are everywhere.



George Birthday Party

This year our favorite young member, George Bagnell, Jr. celebrated his 11th Birthday at our museum with about 40 of his friends.

George wishes to start a Railfanning group at our depot.

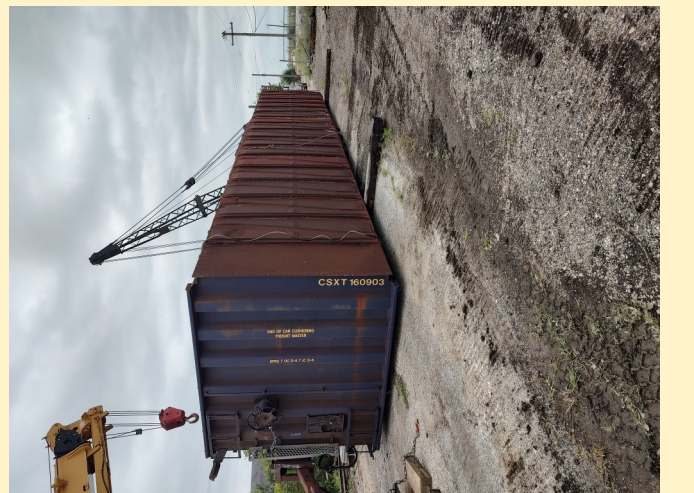


On the Move

After a long awaited time, progress is being made on moving our CSX Box car. Timing has become a critical issues with the new sidewalks, power for the engine barn and the cranes coming in to unload the box car. With some luck this will be completed this week.

This past week, we lifted the car off its truck (train wheels) and set it on its side. This was required because the height of the car was too tall to clear wires and the underpass.

The trucks are now at the Museum and is on its siding.



On the Move



This years Picnic is Sunday, August 20, of the food.
from Noon to 5 pm.

You must **RSVP by August 8** so we can

Our BOD has voted to have a \$5.00 order the correct amount of food.
charge per person to help offset the cost

Call Tom at 216-470-5780 for RSVP



DEPOT PICNIC

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Noon to 5:00pm

At

The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org



**Join in on good fellowship
and railfanning!**



Menu:

- Breaded Chicken
- BBQ Pork
- Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips
- Hobo Beans,
- Desert
- Pop & water
- If you wish - Dish to pass



Food is being provide by PRRM

Admission: \$5.00 per person.



RSVP by **August 8, 2023** to Tom at:

(216) 470-5780 or send an e-mail to cleveshows@att.net

Be sure to bring your Camera!



This will be our 5th annual Railroad Memorabilia Show. The show will be held on **August 26, 2023** from 10 am to 4 pm. The Railroad Memorabilia Show is designed to have collectors show off their private collections of railroad related items. These could be from railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that was used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, etc. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.

By displaying Railroad Artifacts, we can provide the history of Railroading and how it had a great influence on our history and the importance that the Painesville Depot once served.

This show will provide the history of the Painesville depot from 1851 to present and how the railroads has influence the City of Painesville and our nation.

See the Collinwood Engine 999. This is a replica of the famous New York Central engine that in May of 1893 set the land speed record of 112.5 mph.

RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS

FROM TIMES GONE BY

Saturday, August 26, 2023 10 am to 4 pm

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

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

#999 Engine

See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.

Vendors - If you wish to only display your item (not sell them) then your table is Free
If you wish to sell items, then your table cost is \$25.00 per table

Food and Drinks available.

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Aug. 2023 Railroad Memorabilia Show

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Permit# _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ No of Tables _____

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6' X 30' Tables

Display only - Tables are free
Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

Load in Sat. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sun. 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Make Checks Payable To:
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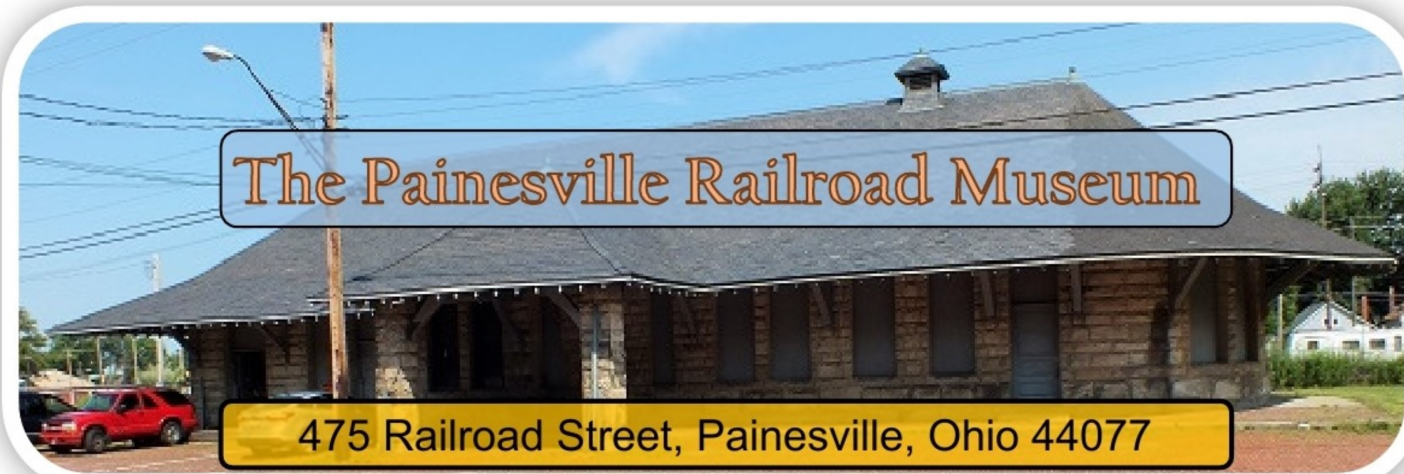
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Please send table request by Aug. 15, 2023

Please return this part only

This will also give us a chance of showing off the progress of restoration that is taking place at the Depot.

If you have items that you wish to display or sale, visit our web page for information.



The Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

HOBO DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 29
10 AM TO 3 PM

Model Trains Flea Market

Food and Refreshments
available
for small donation
Hamburg's and Hot Dogs
Hobo Beans
Corn Roast

Admission: **Free**,
Donation accepted
and appreciated!



RAILPANNING



The Depot is located on
CSX Main Line, with plenty of
rail traffic to take pics of.
Be sure to bring your Camera!

RAILROAD MEMORABELLA SHOW

Saturday,
August 26, 2023
10 am to 4 pm

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RAILROADS GLORY DAYS
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Admission:
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(3 to 12 year old)
\$12.00 Family (max 2 adults, 3 children)

Model Train Flea Market

Food & Drinks available



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HAM RADIO DAY

AMATEUR RADIO

Saturday, Sept. 23
10 am to 4 pm



Learn how the Telegraph,
Railroads and
Radio work together.
See fully operational
Ham radio station.

Food & Drinks available

Admission: Free
Donations accepted
and appreciated.

Model Train Flea Market

This ad was in the N-H special insert on June 22