

# Depot News from Painesville



# THE DEPOT DISPATCH

## June is heating up with Events



We have started off with a good and busy season. In May we moved Zip's Live Steamer. It is now on display in the Engine Barn. His family came and help with the move. See page 3.

**Ghost Hunt** was total sale out. George Anderson joined the group and see his report on page 10.

**Model Train Day** was a great success with over 150 guest attending. See page 4 & 5.

We have changed the date of our Annual Picnic from Saturday, August 19 to **Sunday, August 20** so we can have the Collinwood 999 in the Mentor Cityfest parade on the 19th. This year there will be a \$5.00/person charge. Be sure to call Tom with your **RSVP** as this is a catered event.

Museum Hats are now in stock. Hoodies and sweaters have been ordered.

**Box Car** update. Best made plans of man, this will be moved in June. Special cables have been ordered.

**Engine Barn** updated. The Electrical designs have been completed and we have hired our electrician. Work will start this month.

This month we have Boy Scout Day on June 3. We are expecting 25

scouts. We can use some help with this event.

The History of the CPE is being repeated by popular demand on June 4.

**June 24** is our next Open House and Model Train Flea Market. Let's hope Mother Nature provides us a warm and sunny day.

**June 25** is the 999 first parade of the year at Mayfield Heights Community Days.

**June 29** is the Mardi Gras parade in Fairport Harbor. Let's hope for better weather than last year.

As you can see, we have a lot going on in June, so come out and support us.

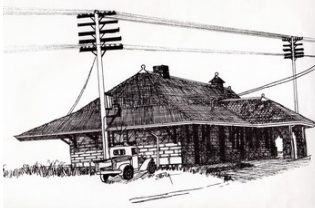
**July 14, 15 & 16** is Painesville Party in the Park (PPIP). The Museum has the North West corner and the Collinwood 999 will be in our booth this year.

**Family First - Please stay Healthy**

*Tom Pescha, V.P.*

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**This months Membership meeting is June 13, 2023**

**Program: Three Giant Steps - NYC**

**Next BOD meeting is June 27, 2023**

# Upcoming Dates and Events

- June 3, 2023, Boy Scout Day, Depot 10 am to 4 pm
- June 4, 2023, History of CPE Depot 2 pm
- June 10, 2023 Tour of Depot by NYC Historical Society
- June 13, 2023, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
- June 24, 2023, Model Train Flea Market Depot
- June 25, 2023 Mayfield Hts. Parade 999. 2 pm
- June 27, 2023, BOD meeting, Depot, 6 pm**
- June 29, 2023 Mardi Grad Parade 999, 6 pm
- July 11, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
- July 14, 15 & 16 PPIP

For a complete list of locate Train and Toy Shows visit [www.cleveshows.com](http://www.cleveshows.com)

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## PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM



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# Zip's Train has a new Home

On May 7, we moved Zip's 10 wheeler from storage in Paul's barn to the Museum where it will be on display. Zip built this train in 1968. IT was on display at Willoughby Coal, the Little Red School House, Willoughby before come to our Museum.

Zip loved the Railroads and work for the Nickle Plate Railroad as a Gate Crossing Guard. This was before automatic crossing gates. When the underpass was put



Zip's Daughter, Pat Zirm, Grand Son and cousins help with



Vine Street RR crossing before underpass

in, Zip was laid off from the Nickle Plate and went to work at Willoughby Coal.





## 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, starting 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.

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

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

### Painesville Telegraph

July 11, 1923

Lori Watson shared this with me. Almost 100 year ago, the NYC had a traveling train museum. It stop at the Painesville depot for 3 hours as it toured Ohio.

And today we have a replica of the NYC Empire State Express know as the Collinwood 999 on display.



## BIG RAILROAD MUSEUM SHOWS HERE THURSDAY

When the Service-Progress Special big free traveling railroad museum, rolls into Painesville at 1 p. m. on Thursday for a stay of three hours, it will bring several agricultural leaders, who will speak from the steps of the car.

Harry A. Caton, master of the Ohio State Grange; L. B. Palmer, president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and C. A. Dyer, legislative agent of both these organizations, will make short talks.

The Special is on the last lap of its twenty-seven day tour through Ohio. Thousands of persons have visited the train in this state. It is said to be the biggest museum of railroad relics, pictures, paintings, etc., ever assembled. Three engines lead the train. They are followed by nine museum cars.

Famous old engine No. 999, which won the world's record for speed in 1893, with 112.5 miles an hour, follows the big locomotive No. 8,000, which hauls the train and is said to be the most powerful tractor of its weight in the world.

The DeWitt Clinton, first engine of the New York Central lines built in 1831, will be a part of the exhibition.

One of the most important parts of

the display is the collection of Warther models. These are miniature engines, which were whittled by Ernest Warther, a native Ohioan, from black walnut and trimmed with bone, ivory and pearl.

The Service Progress Special will announce its arrival in the city with the sirens of the three engines. The train will be open to inspection until 5 p. m., when it will move to Geneva. It will visit Ashtabula Friday morning.

The train will show here at the New York Central depot.

## CEASE SEARCH FOR LOST MAN

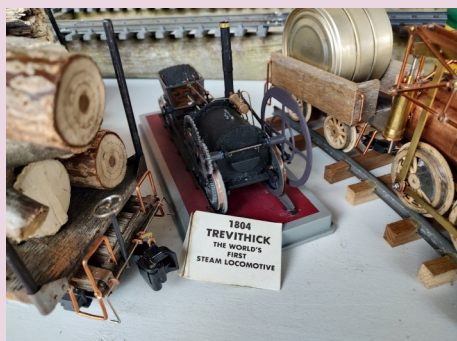
PORT STANLEY, Ontario, July 1. -Search of Lake Erie off Port Stanley for the body of Lieutenant T. B. Null, was discontinued today. Fishing boats that had temporarily abandoned their nets to aid in the search for the airman, missing from the ill-fated navy balloon A6698, resumed their fishing today.

All boats leaving port, however.



# MODEL TRAIN DAY

Mother Nature played mean trick on us by starting the day off with rain the light drizzle. By noon it was all clear and we had a great day and turnout of guest. The Layouts were outstanding, including, Ray's 'T' scale layout, CVSGA tin plate layout, the Mod Squad and off course Dave's G gage layout.





# And the Vendors at Model Train Day



Dale Photo



Jon Miller



Don Manno



Dick Philpott



Stephen Haak



Shan Girtus



# Wrench Artifact returns Home

A Cleveland, Painesville, and Ashtabula Railroad wrench showed up on EBay. Asking price was \$400.00. Old railroad wrenches normally sale between \$40 and \$50. This wrench is very rare, as the CPA RR was only from 1848 to 1969. As I would assume the wrench was made in the beginning of the CPA life and the end of it.

George contacted the owner to see if he would donate to use. He would not. The best he would do is lower the price to \$300.00.

As our treasury is on the low side, this was not an option for us to buy it. I did send out an email to see if any of your members would be able to help. Marylou Thompson step up to the plate and bought it with the intentions of donating it to us.

At Model Train Day, Marylou did just that and presented to Jim and Me.

This is a great addition to our Museum and is on display with other LS-MS items.





# Chair

It is really disappointing that I am reporting this. One of our members used a chair as a step ladder. And yes he or she broke it.

This is a very dangerous this to do, as you could have fallen and suffered very serious injury.

We have plenty of step ladders so there was no need to use the chair.

The part that really bothered me, no one came up to me and said this happened but instead hide the chair.

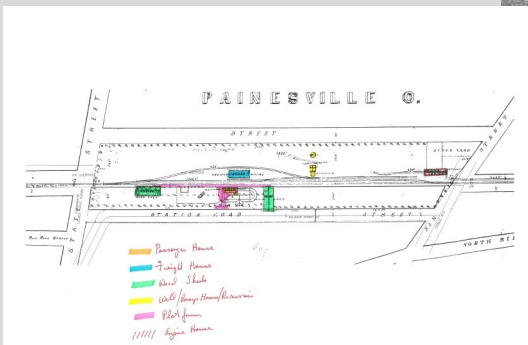
Replacement cost of the chair is \$65.00. I am glad to say that several of our members have offered to replace it.

Thank you both Dan Rager and Dianna Wood for offering to replace this chair, knowing that neither of you were responsible for it.



# Indiana Rob

As Rob was working on moving the yard fence around the Engine Barn, he had a problem putting the fence stakes in. He keep hitting something hard at a foot down. As he dough down, he found some very large pieces of sandstone. It appears to be part of an old foundation. Back in the 1850's there was a wood shed in this area to store wood for the steam engines.





# Back by popular demand!

Join us on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2 pm for the History of the Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Interurban Railroad (Trolley).

Follow the tour from Cleveland through Lake County, including Will-O-Beach, to Ashtabula.

Learn that Willoughby was the Head Quarters for the CPE.

This PowerPoint presentation includes over 100 pictures and maps.

This presentation will be in the 130 year old Painesville Depot Train Station, which was one of the stops of the CPE.

Admission is FREE, but Donations are accept and appreciated.

Seating is limited, so please call for reservation, 216-470-5780.

## THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Present

The History of

# CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE & EASTERN INTERURBAN



Sunday, June 4, 2023

2:00 pm

Admission: Free



Donation Accepted and Appreciated

See Power Point presentation with over 100 pictures and maps of the CPE.

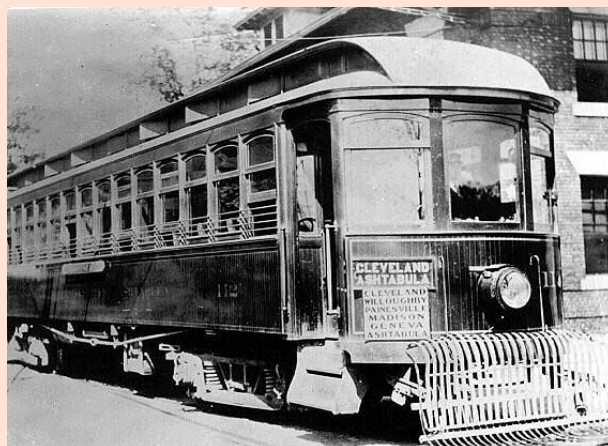
See artifact from the CPE.

Presented by Tom Pescha.

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## GHOST HUNT - ARE THERE SPIRITS?

By Brittany, Edna and George Anderson

Are there spirits hovering in our Painesville Railroad Depot? And if so where do they come from? Do they intend us good or harm? Questions like these flooded one's senses on Saturday, May 13, 2023 as a group of ghost hunting enthusiasts gathered at the museum to seek answers. To our surprise many of the participants brought with them their own ghost hunting equipment. At 9:00 PM sharp, under the direction of Cathi Weber and Theresa Argie of the Haunted Housewives of Willoughby, the paranormal hunt began.

As participants in this event, we did not really know what to expect. We had heard stories of strange things happening in past. Breaking down into several groups, our leader, Theresa used a recording device and asked specific questions of the "spirits" at the depot. When a question was asked it was followed by a long, silent pause before starting the next question. Inquires were made of the spirits' names and whether or not we were even welcomed there. When the recordings were played back, the silence was broken by definite staticky, angry sounding and sometimes screaming responses. Although we were not able to make out the

words, other participants heard some very unflattering responses that indicated that our presence was not wanted. We would move to different areas of the depot and encounter different spirits. In one case, a spirit, who seemed willing to talk to us, was suddenly stifled by another. Apparently, the second spirit wanted nothing to do with us.

Our intrepid group of ghost hunters was able to take a full tour of the depot, even to its most remote recesses in the cellar. Experimental contact stations were also set up around the engine barn, the 999 Engine and at the caboose. A blazing fire was lit to both break the darkness of the night and to warm one's weary soul. Refreshments were provided to help fortify the ghost hunters shaken nerves.

As the clock rang the midnight toll, we said goodbye to our ghost hunting colleagues. It was an enjoyable, fun and at times a "creepy" evening. We are indebted to Cathi Weber, the Ghost lady of Willoughby, and her crew for making it a spine tingling evening and for donating all the profits back to the museum. In all we received a check of \$450.00. See you again in the fall!

## Garden Tractor

We have been blessed with a previously owned Garden Tractor. With a little work it will be up and running with a 42" cutting deck. This is much need to keep our 2.5 acres of grass cut. Thank you Russ Schutt.





# BOY SCOUT DAY

## AT

# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM



### June 3, 2023

### 10 am to 4 pm



### Earn your Railroad Merit Badge

### Classes being present by Painesville Railroad Museum

### cost \$25.00 each

### Limited to max. 20



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Due to Covid 19, Social Distance Rules Apply  
Mask are optional



Boy Scout Day June 2023

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Scout Day June 2023 merit badge

Make Check payable to: **WRRA**

Mail To:

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Chardon Ohio 44024

Phillipbaioni@hotmail.com  
440-226-9621

# OPEN HOUSE

at

## THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

# JUNE 24, 2023

10 am to 3 pm

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot

### VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT

AND SEE THE PROGRESS OF OUR RESTORATION!



Admission Free

*Donation accepted and appreciated!*

SEE ARTIFACTS OF THE GLORY DAYS  
OF RAILROADS FROM DAYS GONE BY.

**Model Train Flea Market**

Social Distancing and face mask is suggested.



#### 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.



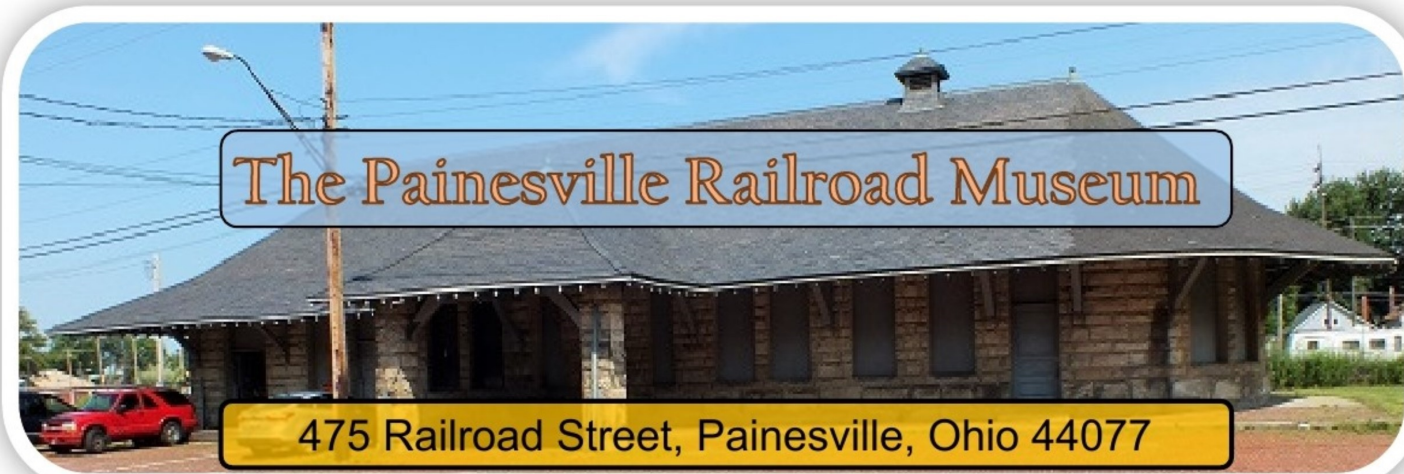
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Proceeds to help the restoration and preservation of the historic NYC Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.





# 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

**COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF  
RAILROADS GLORY DAYS  
FROM TIMES GONE BY**




**Admission:**  
\$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child  
(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 will be in the N-H special insert June 22



# DEPOT PICNIC

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Noon to 5:00pm

At

**The Painesville Depot**  
475 Railroad Street  
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**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](mailto:cleveshows@att.net)

**Be sure to bring your Camera!**

