

Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

A New Year



Last month I forgot to report that we received a grant from the Western Reserve Junior Service League for expanding our fence around the Engine barn and box car.

The next TCA meet is January 27 at the Parma UAW Hall. We have 3 tables for this event.

As we won the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce Beacon Award, the 2024 Award Luncheon is January 25.

Don't forget our election of two of our BOD members is at the January Meeting.

Also don't forget that Railfest is just around the corner.

Heath updates:

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

Jim Wendorf continues radiation treatment for the same.

Updates on Tom:

I am still mostly at home, continues with my recovery. One more month of no driving.

Family First - Please stay Healthy

Tom Pescha, V.P.

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Happy New Year



Board Of Directors Election January 2024

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Dan Chuppa and Frances Meinke up for re-election.

If you wish to run for office, Please contact R.J. .



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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THE WESTERN RESERVE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM



www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

501(c)3 Non-profit



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Lake County Chamber of Commerce - Beacon Award

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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM NAMED AS THE EASTERN LAKE COUNTY BEACON AWARD WINNER

BY GABRIEL MCVEY AND ROBIN LUTHANEN

Gazette Newspapers

PAINESVILLE – The Painesville Railroad Museum was honored as the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce Beacon Award winner during the annual holiday mixer event put on by the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce at the Perry Community Center Thursday evening, Nov. 30.

The Beacon Award is given each year by the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce to a nonprofit for its work in the community.

The Western Reserve Railroad Association, better known as the Painesville Railroad Museum, was founded to save and rehabilitating the historic Painesville railroad depot and educating the public on the area's railroad heritage.

"I think we'll get a lot of additional advertising and a lot more people visiting," Museum Vice President Tom Pescha said of the award.

Last year was a busy one for the Painesville Railroad Museum, he added.

In March, a 170-year-old wrench used originally by local railroads was presented to the museum by a member who saw it available on eBay.

Museum officials had a donated boxcar brought to the museum in August. Special trucks and cranes were used to position the



The Painesville Railroad Museum was honored as the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Award winner during the annual holiday mixer event put on at the Perry Community Center Thursday evening, Nov. 30.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL MCVEY

massive boxcar. This also required \$81,000 in grant-funded repairs to sidewalks in the area – timed so the cranes wouldn't damage the new sidewalks, according to Pescha, who added that the boxcar was acquired two years ago and needed two years of planning and arrangements before it could be brought in.

And in September of this year, Paul Hach donated a trolley car to the museum. It will fill the other half of the Collinwood Engine Storage Barn.

The museum has also spent about \$65,000 on the depot improvements.

The Beacon Award is a bit of a vindication of those efforts, according to Pescha.

"It's finally been reward-

ed to us," he said.

The Painesville (NYC) Depot is located at 475 Railroad St. in Painesville.

The building's ancestor was the original depot built in 1851 in Painesville by the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Company, which was incorporated in 1848 by the Ohio General Assembly.

In March, 1869, the Lake Shore Railroad Company replaced the original Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Company. Lake Shore Railroad Company replaced the original depot with the present-day structure in 1893.

This structure, considered the "Jewel of Painesville," exhibited Richardson Romanesque style archi-

tecture, sandstone walls, a slate roof, red oak and marble interior and hanging chandeliers.

In 1914, Lake Shore Railroad Company merged with ten others to form the New York Central System. During this iteration, men boarded trains to serve the military during World War II. The last passenger train left the Painesville yard in 1971, then it housed a bus station until 1986.

From 1986 through 1993, the railroad used the depot for storage. A private individual, Edward Dunlap, purchased the site. In 1997, the Western Reserve Railroad Association, a 501c3 nonprofit, was formed to restore and reuse the Painesville Depot.

2024 Annual Awards Luncheon

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

\$30 for members
\$35 for nonmembers



2024 Business of the Year

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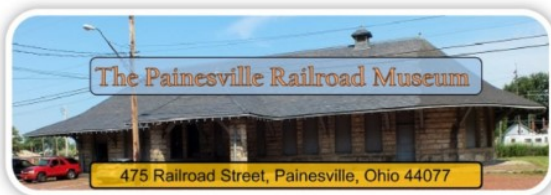
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2024 Beacon Award

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



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Engine Barn updates

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the granddaughters of Peter P. Ducosky, the designer of the Collinwood 999 engine, have made a very generous donation so we can finish the interior of the Engine Barn.

Karen Dethloff has provide cash for use to higher contractors to finish the insulation, dry walling and painting. Thank you Karen!

Vickie Vesel, who works for Home Depot has applied for a Grant with Home Depot for materials of Insulation, Dry wall and paint. Vickie is also donating cash for repairs and maintenance of the Collinwood 999 engine. That you Vickie for all the hard work you have done.

We should be complete by the end of summer.



The Great Lakes Division
TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION



**SNOW TIME
 TRAIN MEET**

Saturday, January 27, 2024

U.A.W. HALL (Parma)
 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
 Cleveland, Ohio 44130

Open to the public 10am – 3pm

**ADMISSION \$6.00 each, \$10.00 Family
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For Meet Information,
 Contact:
 John Twarog (330)273-6404
www.greatlakestca.org



DIRECTIONS

- Via I-90:** to I-71 southwest to W130th south left at Brookpark; right at Chevrolet Blvd.
- Via I-71 north:** to I-480 east; exit W139th: Left on Brookpark: right at Chevrolet Blvd.
- Via turnpike:** Exit I-71 N, then follow above
- Via I-77:** exit I-480 west to Tiedeman left to Brookpark: right to Chevrolet then left

SPECIAL RAFFLE!
**READY TO RUN
 TRAIN SET**
TICKETS: \$5 EACH
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RAILFEST 2024

Saturday and Sunday March 16 & 17, 2024

10 am to 4 pm

New & Collectable

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Lakeland Community College

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State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193



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For Information Write:

NMRA MCR Division 5
PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: (440) 357- 8890
Phone: (216) 470 - 5780

Email: railfest@mcr5.org

Admission	\$9.00
Two Day Pass	\$14.00
Family (couples)	\$14.00
Family (max)	\$16.00
<i>(2 Adults with Children under 18)</i>	

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

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With Saint Patty Day being only one day away, join us for a Saint Patty Day dinner and guest speaker at the Painesville Railroad Museum on March 16, 2024 at 5:30

Eat your dinner in a 130 year old Train Station and enjoy the trains as they fly by on the CSX main line.

Guest Speaker Building an "Moving a Box Car" by Tom Pescha

This dinner is not just for Railfest vendors, it is open to any and every one.

All this for only \$24.00 per person.

The Painesville Railroad Museum is a 501c3 non-profit.

Dinner includes the following:

- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Corn Beef and Cabbage
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Rigatoni
- Painesville Railroad Museum
- 475 Railroad Street
- Painesville, Ohio 44077

RAILFEST 2024 DINNER

10th Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 16, 2024

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Eleven miles east of College.
Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!



Time:
Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 16, 2024

Price:
24.00 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT
Moving a Box Car by Tom Pescha

RESERVATION DEADLINE
March 13, 2024

DINNER MENU
Tossed Green Salad
Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
Chicken
Corn Beef and Cabbage
Red Skin Potatoes
Rigatoni

Beverages Stations:
Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
Soft Drinks, Coffee Condiments: Creamer,
Sugar, Sweeteners

Direction to Painesville Depot
Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306
North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles)
East on Rt. 2 (8 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.



This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Cut and Return

Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 13, 2024.
(Check will be held & deposited March 19, 2024)
Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Mail to:
Tom Pescha
3942 E. 364th St.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

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Name: _____
Name: _____

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