

# Depot News from Painesville



# THE DEPOT DISPATCH

## Spring has Sprung



Yes Spring will be here by the end of the month and a start to a new open season for the museum. We will be open to the public starting May 1st though October.

And what a start to 2025! Railfest and the Railfest Dinner is our first event. March 15 & 16, 2025.

Speaking of Railfest, yes its that time of the year and with this being a two day show Rob will need help setting up, running the show both days, and take down.

The last train show of the season for us is the TCA spring show on March 29th.

This Summer we have several new events planed. First new event is we will be hosting a meeting and picnic for the North-eastern Ohio Inter-museum Council on July 15th. They are planning on 100 guest to attend. What a great way to show off our museum.

Next a new theme or our August 23th Open House is NE Ohio Historical Day. We will be

inviting different local museum and historical societies to do a Meet and Great.

We will be looking at building new steps for our caboose. The City requires us to have it designed by an architect and build by a contactor. Once we have these quotes we will apply for grants.

As our museum has grown, we have appointed several members to be assistances. First is for Rob Roming, Maintenance of building and Grounds and his assistance is Barry Uszko, George Anderson, tour guides and his assistance is John Karehel and last Tom Pescha marketing and his assistance is Phil Maher.

IF you have **not paid** your dues yet, you will be drop from the roster by March 15, 2025

Be safe.

*Tom Pescha*, V.P.

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**This months Membership meeting is March 11, 2025**  
**BOD meeting is March 25, 2025**



# Upcoming Dates and Events

- March 11, **Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
- March 15, **Railfest Dinner, 5:30 pm, Depot**
- March 15-16, **Railfest—Lakeland Community College**
- March 25, **BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
  
- April 8, **Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
- April 22, **BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
  
- May 10, **Model Train Day, 10 am - 4 pm Depot**
- May 13, **Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm**
- May 16, **Ghost Hunt, Depot 9 pm**
- May 27, **BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm**

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

# Depot Dispatch

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## THE WESTERN RESERVE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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## PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM



[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

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## Spring Cleaning

As we have been closed for the winter, we need a spring cleaning before our Railfest Dinner.

Lets plan on **March 8, 2025 starting at 10 a.m.** until 3 p.m. Museum will provide pizza lunch for all our workers!

Please plan on helping our museum look great for our Railfest dinner and our upcoming summer.

## Open House Tour Guide Training

It is time to do training for our summer tour guides. I can't say how proud I am of the jobs that everyone did last year.

This year George Anderson is the chairman of the tour group and John Karehel has been appointed his assented.

We are planning on doing tour guide training on **Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

The training is for new guilds and a refresher for exiting guild.

## Gift Shop

Edna Anderson has volunteer to help us restock our gift shop with children items. What a great start she has done, Thank you Edna!!



# 2025 Projects

As we start a new year we have a list of projects Wish List.

## 999 Engine

- ◆ New battery for smoke unit - **DONE**
- ◆ Replace air compressor
- ◆ New tires on tender
- ◆ Weld exhaust pipes

## Steps for Caboose

- ◆ Architectural Designs - **Done**
- ◆ Contractor quotes
- ◆ Grants

## Trolley

- ◆ Start restoration

## Trolley Layout

## Engine Barn

- ◆ Finish attic
- ◆ Added eclectic heaters
- ◆ WiFi - camera - **in progress**

## Box Car

- ◆ Paint Roof
- ◆ Paint sides
- ◆ Secure box car rails

## Main building roof

- ◆ Round end of roof

## New TV viewing area

# Dine to Donate

Our partnership with Texas Roadhouse continues! They will be selling gift cars at our HoBo day witch can be used on Dine to Donate day.

Use your gift card to pay your bill at the Dine to Donate.

This is great because the museum gets 10% of the gift card sales and then we get 10% of your food bill on the Dine to Donate.

**This means we get a total of 20%**



6095 Commerce Circle  
Willoughby, OH

Download our Mobile App to join the waitlist or place a To-Go Order

## FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

»» *Support* ««

THE WESTERN RESERVE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
The Painesville Railroad Museum

Thursday **August 14, 2025**  
3pm-9pm

# 10%

**DONATION NIGHT**

Support Painesville Railroad Museum present this flyer to the 6095 Commerce Circle Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases!

# RAILFEST 2025 DINNER

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner March 15, 2025

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 15, 2025

**Price:**

\$28.00 per person

**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**

Hagan Meinke presents  
"The Railroads of Painesville."

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**

March 12, 2025



**DINNER MENU**

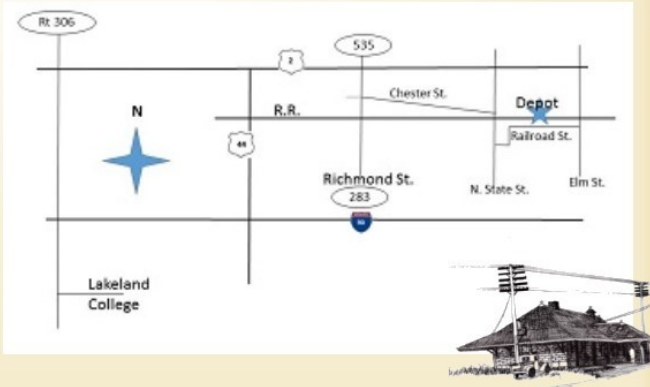
- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Corn Beef and Cabbage
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Rigatoni

**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.



Please retain this part for your information

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

Cut and Return

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Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 12, 2025.  
 (Check will be held & deposited March 18, 2025)  
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and Print all Attending

**Mail to:**

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

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

*Return this part*

Please return this part only



# RAILFEST 2025

Saturday and Sunday

March 15 & 16, 2025

10 am to 4 pm

New & Collectable

Located at:

## Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Dr.  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193



Operating Layouts

**N Scale Layouts**  
(LENS)

**O Gauge layout**  
(Mod-Squad)

**S Scale & American  
Flyer**  
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge  
Association)

**Lionel O Gauge**  
**LGB G Gauge**

**Live Steam Display**  
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

**Admission \$9.00**

Two Day Pass \$14.00  
Family (couples) \$14.00  
Family (max) \$16.00  
*(2 Adults with Children under 18)*

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

Features

- Dealers
- RR Flea market
- Exhibitors
- Operating Layouts
- Video Tapes
- Historical Displays
- Train Ride Info
- Test Track Available
- ATM

**For Information Write:**

NMRA MCR Division 5  
PO Box 5081  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: **(216) 598-8842**

Email: railfest@mcr5.org



## Free Parking

**Free Shuttle Bus**  
9:30am – 4:30pm

Presented by

## National Model Railroad Association

**MCR – Division 5 Event**

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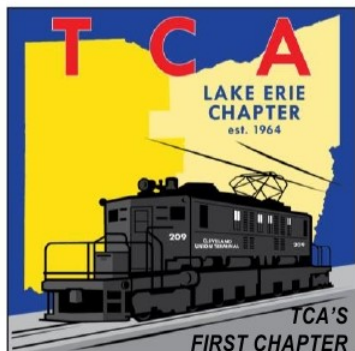
**Spring**

**Train Show**

**Saturday**

**March 29, 2025**

**10am to 3pm**



**Join us at our New Home, the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds**

**164 Eastland Road, Berea, OH 44017**

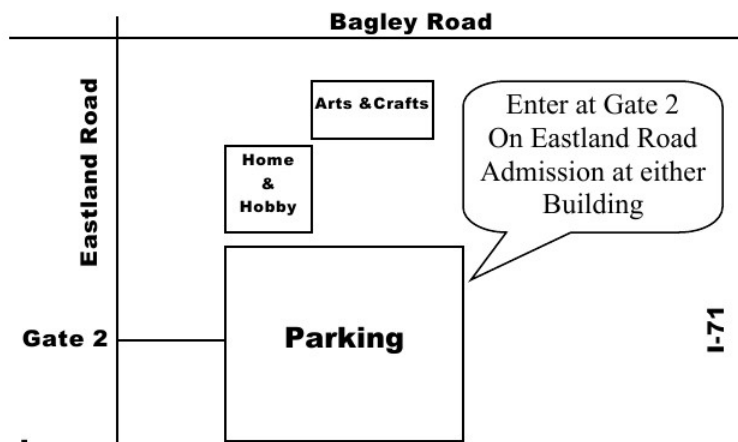
After Many Years in Parma, We Needed a Bigger Station to Park our Caboose

**Admission \$6.00 each, Families \$10.00, Kids 17 & Under FREE, with Adult**

**We'll Have More Dealer Tables  
Larger Operating Layout  
Bigger Parking Lot**

**Plus Everything You've Come to Expect at Our Shows & More!**

- **FREE Parking**
- **Handicapped Accessible**
- **New & Old Trains**
- **Many Brands & Scales**
- **Parts, Repair Manuals, Etc.**
- **Kid's Scavenger Hunt**
- **Huge 14 foot Kid's Layout**  
Where the kids run the trains!!!
- **\$5 Train Set Raffle**
- **Refreshments Available**
- **Test Track: check them before you buy**



FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT: JOHN AT (330)273-6404 OR TCALAKEERIE@GMAIL.COM

# MODEL TRAIN DAY

at

## THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Tom at 216-470-5780

# MAY 10, 2025

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)



**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)  
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**Food and Drinks available.**

[www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org)

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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.



# Paranormal Investigation

Of The

## Painesville Railroad Depot

May 16, 2025, 9 pm to Midnight

Presented by the ladies of  
Haunted Housewives

The Painesville Railroad Museum

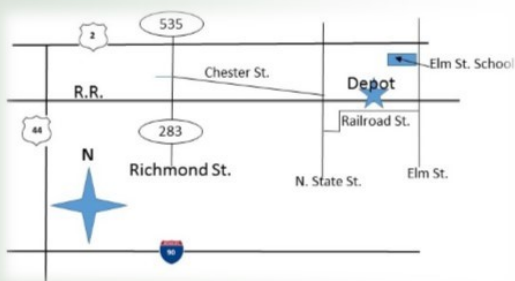
Painesville Railroad Depot

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



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A \$30 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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