



Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

Month of Parades



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The Collinwood 999 was in three parades and also at the National Night Out, plus it was in a photo shoot with the Lake County Captains. (see page 11)

- ♦ **Aug. 3** - Timberlake Family Fun Day, (page 3)
- ♦ **Aug. 5** - Painesville National Night Out, First responders and Safety Forces. (page 7)
- ♦ **Aug. 9** - Last Stop Willoughby, (page 4)
- ♦ **Aug 16** – Mentor Cityfest, (page 6)

The Collinwood 999 engine will be at the Painesville 225 Birthday Bash on September 6th. There is room in the Tender for anyone wishing to ride in it. (page 12)

We will be at the TCA Show (page 13) and The Great Berea Train Show (page 14).

We have added a **Graffiti Photo Contest** to the Railfanning day on September 21st. Details on page 15.

Our Fundraiser Dinner is com-

ing up soon, October 25, 2025. **We are in need of items for the Chinese Auction.**

Our Dine to Donate at the Texas Roadhouse was a success. As always the have been very supportive of us. We will have a second one on November 6th. (page 17).

Dan got the 333 engine running and Barry gave rides at the Historical Day event.

The interactive display for the Engine Barn is being built and should be done by the end of October. The Videos are complete.

This has been a very busy month.

Be safe. *Jom Pescha*, V.P.



This months Membership meeting is Sept. 9 , 2025
BOD meeting is Sept. 23, 2025



Upcoming Dates and Events

Sept. 6, Painesville 225 Year Birthday Bash

Sept 9, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm

Sept. 13. TCA train show, Berea Fairgrounds

Sept. 21, Railfanning Day, Depot 10am - 3 pm

Sept 23, BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm

Oct. 4 - 5, NMRA Div.4, Berea Train Show

Oct. 14, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm

Oct. 25, Depot Fundraiser Dinner 3 pm

Oct, 28, BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm

Nov. 6, Dine to Donate, Texas Roadhouse

Nov. 11, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm

Nov. 25, BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm

Nov. 29, Hand Made Market

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

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TIMBERLAKE PARADE

The Timberlake Family Fun Day Parade was held on August 3rd. Mother Nature provided us with a great Summer day. And the crowd loved the warm weather. At times the new smoke unit made it hard to see where we were going.



Last Stop Willoughby



We were on display at Last Stop Willoughby again this year on August 9th and then in their Parade. Mother Nature provided us a hot summer day in the mid 90's with blue clear sky.



Mentor Cityfest Parade

The Mentor Cityfest Parade was held on August 16th. And once again Mother Nature provided a hot summer day with very little cloud cover. The entire parade route was lined with many adults and kids who enjoyed the candy toss outs.



PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM PICNIC

This years picnic was held on August 17th. It was well attended by 35 members. Once again IGA Rideout did a great job with the food and a big thank you to Texas Roadhouse for the salad and dinner rolls. And lets not forget Tom and Weezie and the HoBo beans, which were outstanding again! Also a big thanks for all that provided deserts!



National Night Out

This years Painesville National Night Out was held on August 5th. The Collinwood 999 Engine was on display and many people stopped by to ask question about its history.



NE Ohio Historical Day by George Anderson

In searching for a new event, the team of Tom Pescha, Phil Maher and George Anderson dug deep into the roots of Lake County. Out of this search, local museums, such as the Lake County Historical Society, Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse and the Indian Museum of Lake County joined the Painesville Railroad Museum to share the rich history in which we are the custodians.

Authors such as Dan Rager, Kenneth Springirth and Sandy Mitchell Pavick told stories of our past, which helped shape who we are today. Emphasis was laid on our role in the importance of preserving history before it disappears.

The Lenape Indians graced us with their traditional dress, song and dance. Ed Keyse, who is a civil war reenactor, brought to life the actions of Commodore John Carter in his heroic efforts to suppress rebellion along the Great Lakes.

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The fun was fueled by Tom Pescha's secret recipe for Hobo beans and other picnic foods. Also many individuals added to the merriment by adorning themselves in historic costumes. It is rumored that train engineer Casey Jones is presently courting Laura Ingalls. The joy of many in attendance abounded with the inaugural appearance of the 333 Engine, which transported children and their family members around the grounds.

To cap off this splendid event, The News Herald featured NEO Historical Day on the front page of its Monday edition.

Many thanks are owed to all the organizations and individuals who came together to make NEO Historical Day such a wonderful success. See you next year!

What a A Historical Success





THE CAPTAINS AND SKIPPER

The Captains and Skipper made a visit to our museum on August 20th and had a photo shoot. This will be used to promote our museum during some of the Captains Games.



Painesville 225 Birthday Bash

The Painesville Railroad Museum has been invited to have our Collinwood 999 Engine at the party. We will be in the South West end of the park.



Birthday Bash



SATURDAY, SEPT 6
4:00-8:00 PM
PAINESVILLE SQUARE



KID ACTIVITIES
INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING
GENERAL PAINE!
FOOD TRUCKS
MUSIC

Engine Barn Attic

Rob has done a great job finishing the Engine Barn Attic. The drywall is complete. Now he is adding plywood to the walls for shelves. We have the plywood in by the Trolley. The 4' x 8' sheets have been cut down to 2' x 4' for the ease of moving them upstairs. **Rob does need our help to move them to the attic.**



If you have not been to the TCA's new location, then you have been really missing out. *This is a MUST SEE!*

Now at the Berea Fair grounds with two buildings to view trains and layouts. 100 times better than the old UAW hall. Three times the tables.

You must enter at 164 Eastland Road, entrance 2.

We have three tables at this show.



First of Fall Train Show

Saturday

September 13, 2025

10am to 3pm

Join us at our New Home, the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

164 Eastland Road, Berea, OH 44017

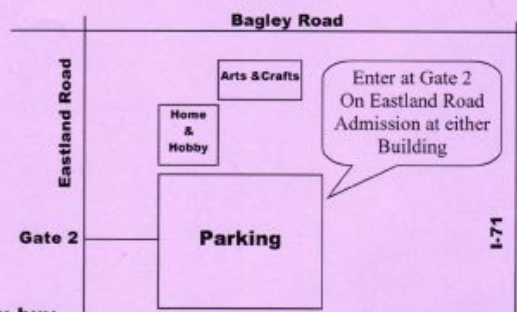
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FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT: JOHN AT (330)273-6404 OR WWW.GREATLAKESTCA.ORG



The Great Berea Train Show, presented by the North Coast Division (Division 4) of the National Model Railroad Association, is the premier model railroad hobby show in the region. In its 50th year the show brings together 700 vendor and display tables spread over 70,000 square feet in 5 buildings.

At the show you will find new and used model trains, accessories, and supplies, railroad memorabilia and collectibles, and Historical Societies and Organizations. Many of the accessories and supplies may be used in other hobbies too!

Additionally, the show offers many operating model railroad layouts presented by local model railroad clubs and organizations. The layouts are anchored by Division 4's own award winning Module Group, The Cleveland Sandusky & Southern Railway.

The North Coast Division (Division 4), of the Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association a model railroad organization whose mission is dedicated to furthering the hobby of model railroading. We represent Lorain, Cuyahoga, Medina, Erie, and Huron Counties in Ohio.

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Come and enjoy a day of watching trains at the historic Painesville Depot on Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Spend the day visiting our depot and see the artifacts of the glory days of railroading. The depot opened in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. The NYC was formed in 1914 and consolidated the LS&MS. The station was closed in 1971 when passenger service was stopped.

Graffiti Photo Contest

Pics must be taken on September 20th or 21st, 2025 at the Painesville Railroad Museum and turned in to Painesville Railroad Museum on September 21. Email one pic per email to prrm@att.net. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number in email.

Rail Fanning is the hobby of taking pictures of real trains as they are running on the tracks. Many times you get to see very rare and unusual trains and engines. Some people post them on the web and the train is tracked across the country.

You might be lucky and take pictures of a MOW (Maintenance of Right of Way)

RAILFANNING DAY

OPEN HOUSE

at
THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

SEPT. 21, 2025

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.**



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**Model Train Flea Market
at depot.**

Dealer 10' x 10' spot is only \$15.00. Dealers provide their own tent and tables.
Call Tom for additional info **216-470-5780**

Food and Drinks available.

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

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Trains or a Department of Defense train.

The station is on what is now the CSX Chicago (old water front) main line and has about 4 trains per hour pass by it. So bring your camera and enjoy the day.

There will also be a model train flea market on grounds. If you wish a spot to sell some of your extra train items, a 10' x 10' spot is only \$15.00 per day. Vendors are responsible for their own table, chairs and tents.

The Painesville Railroad Museum is holding a Fundraiser at The Painesville Railroad Museum in the Painesville (NYC) Depot, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 3 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 each pre-sale and \$35.00 at the door and includes all you can eat buffet dinner and soft drink. Buffet include Salad, Breaded Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mix Vegetables and Rigatoni & Meat Balls.

Guest Speaker TBA

Doors open at 3:00 pm, Dinner served at 4:00 pm..

We will also have a great Chinese Raffle along with a 50/50 raffle. We have some outstanding Baskets for the Chinese Raffle.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to order your pre-sale tickets now!

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

BUFFET DINNER

Saturday, October 25, 2025 3 to 8 p.m.

Come and join us for an evening of great Buffet Dinner and see all of our expansions at the Museum.

Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Menu: *All you can eat*

Breaded Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Mixed vegetables
Rigatoni & Meat Balls
Salad & Dinner Rolls

50-50

Cost:
\$30.00 Each Pre-Sale
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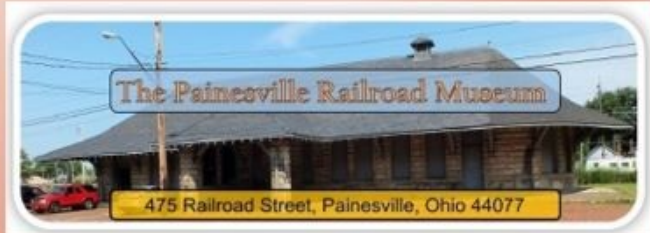
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Chinese Raffle

Live music provide by "Young and Blue"

Guest Speaker: TBA

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Sponsored in part by Texas Roadhouse.

For pre-sale Tickets, contact Tom Pescha at 216-470-5780

Make checks out to 'WRRRA'

We are in need of DONATION Items for the Chinese Auction.

Dine to Donate

Our partnership with Texas Roadhouse continues! Any previously purchased gift cards can be used on Dine to Donate day **Thursday, November 6th**.

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 event.

This means we get a total of 20%



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Model Train Set Raffle

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*In addition there will be a Kato F7 freight train with AT&F Blue Bonnet scale set graciously donated by Paul McFee.



WIN THIS TRAIN SET

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Drawing October 25, 2025

at our
October Fundraiser Dinner

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