



The Depot Dispatch



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A Christmas Party



What better way to end a very successful year than with a Christmas party? One member believe in the concept so much that he offered to

pick up the bill provided the event was held at the Depot. Who could refuse an offer like that? About fifty or so members and family came to the Depot on Saturday December 5th, 2015 to

participate in our first Christmas party ever, thank you Mr. Paul Hach. The atmosphere was congenial and everyone was getting into the Christmas spirit. The Silvestro's Depot

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Cafe catered the event and there was plenty to eat including Tom Pescha's now famous "Hobo Beans". People with a sweet tooth had a wide variety of goodies to select from. The west end of the building was well lit, had plenty of Christmas lights, a Christmas tree and a

dancing Santa Bear. The temperature was comfortable thanks to the gas being turned on for the furnace, we thank you Mr. Dale Porter. Jim Wendorf brought his layout for people to see, it actually has a running train on it and fits in one hand. I have no idea what Matt was looking

at, my guess is he just wanted to be in the picture. There was plenty of camaraderie and bonding between a unique group of people that love trains and want to see the Depot restored to the magnificent building it once was, decades ago in a different era.



A Year in Review (2015)



Stadium Grill Fundraiser (1st)



Spring Cleaning (April)



May Railfanning Day

2015 was a great year for the Painesville Railroad Museum. It all started with the election of new officers in January. Serious men and a membership of 10 with an aggressive itinerary driven by the desire to restore the Depot to the

magnificent icon of Painesville it once was decades ago. They had the first of three fundraisers at the Stadium Grill on January 19th. Because of the lack of heat, the building was closed last November until April 11th, spring cleaning and the beginning of an eventful year.

On April 20, 2016 the City of Painesville made the Depot and Railroad Street a “**Historic District**”. This will keep Railroad Street in brick and will add street lights to the time period of the 1920’s. The season officially started with a Railfanning day on



May 16th, then the preparation for the biggest event of the season, the **Lincoln Funeral Train** displayed on the grounds on June 6th & 7th.

Division 5 of the NMRA was one of the main sponsors of the event and provided numerous volunteers that accommodated more than 5000

visitors in two days. A week later the ghost hunters were in to connect with our resident Depot ghosts. June was also the month when the

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JUNE 6 & 7, 2015



June Ghost Hunt

Year in Review cont.....



Caboose Project (June)



Second Fundraiser (July)



caboose rebuilding project was started in earnest. On July 13th, the Sunset Harbor Bar & Grill hosted the second fundraiser and it was a big hit with participants. The Depot

also participated in the Painesville annual event, *"Party in the Park"*. As July came to an end, there was the second Railfanning day on July 25th. In August, the Depot host-

ed the Division 5 picnic on August 8th, and held its own first picnic on August 15th, for the membership now numbering **38** and their families. On September 13th, in addition



The Sunset Bar & Grill



The Second Fundraiser (July)



to the third Railfanning day, the NETS model railroading club held a swap meet at the Depot on the same day. The third and last fundraiser of the year was held on September 17th, at the Stadium Grill. Fundraisers are vital to the Depot and we try very hard to make them interesting and enjoyable to all that support our efforts. On September 20, 2016 the Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Associa-

tion held its annual picnic at the depot. In October and ahead of schedule, the Depot christened the rebuilt caboose. Dale Porter was in charge of a great crew that included Rick Rocks, Brian Morningstar, Tom Tylicki, Jack Liles, with help from Bob Orlando and Carl Neff. Thank you gentlemen, you did a magnificent job. The Depot ended the month with its last Railfanning



Railfanning Day (July)



Painesville Party in the Park (July)

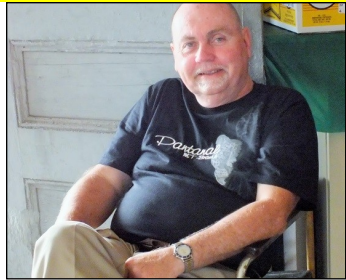


Swap Meet (July)

Year in Review cont.....



Division 5 Picnic (August)



Ghost Hunt (October)



day on a cool and nippy day, October 17th. In November, Dale and his merry crew started the long awaited interior restrooms. Paul Hach was instrumental in securing water and sewer hook ups to initiate the project. The ghost hunters were back on November 14th, and were amazed at all the improvements to the Depot since their last visit. I hope our resident Depot ghosts did

not get spooked due to all the construction and move to another building. And the last official event of 2015 was the very nice Christmas party compliments of Paul Hach. It truly was the best year of the Western Reserve Railroad Association's history.

Summary

In conclusion, inside walls of the Depot were repaired and painted, new lighting was installed, the exterior of the caboose was completely rebuilt, new security cameras were installed, water and sewer lines were hooked up and operational and the gas was turned on for the furnace. We had 4 Rail-fanning days, 2 ghost hunts, 3 picnics, 1 huge train event



Last Fundraiser (September)



Caboose Christening (October)



involving over 5000 visitors and a cheerful Christmas party. There were 3 fundraisers, some grants and numerous significant donations. The depot was represented at the following train and toy shows: Railfest, Berea Train Show, 2 Rail 'O' Gauge Show, Diecast Show, and Christmas Train Show. At these shows, we sold off items to raise money for our restoration. Fundraisers, grants and donations are our life's blood and so important to our success. We hope you will be active in the coming year as a new or renewed member or a participant



Christmas Party (December)

in future fundraisers. All in all it was a great year and 2016 promises to be just as good with our remarkable members now numbering 50 and our incredible supporters. Buckle up your seatbelts and hang on, **2016** is going to be one **Hell** of a ride next year, don't miss out!

Meeting Schedules for 2016 at the Morley Library

Membership	January 12, 2016
BOD	January 26, 2016
Membership	February 10, 2016
BOD	February 23, 2016

The Painesville Depot Newsletter



December, 2015

Electronic Version

Depot Membership as of
December 30th, 2015



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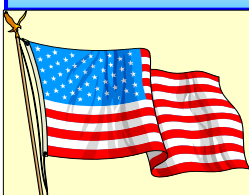
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RAILFEST 2016



Saturday and Sunday
March 19 & 20, 2016
 10 am to 4 pm
 Buy – Sell – Trade



Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts
 (LENS)

HO Scale layout
 (LG HO G)

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

Lionel O Gauge
LGB G Gauge

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 (Lake Shore Live Steam)

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Two Day Pass \$12.00
Family (couples) \$12.00
Family (max) \$12.00
(Adults with Children under 18)

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

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 Train Ride Info

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RAILFEST 2016 DINNER

3rd Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 19, 2016

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 19, 2016

Price:

\$20.00 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT

The trains that served the Cleveland Union Terminal Tower - by Tom Pappas

RESERVATION DEADLINE

March 11, 2016

DINNER MENU

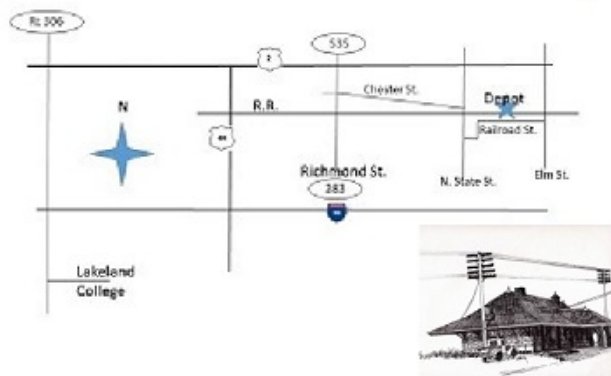
Tossed Green Salad
Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
Chicken
Roast Beef
Mixed vegetables
Au Gratin Potatoes
Rigatoni

Beverages Stations:

Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
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 11, 2016.

(Check will be held & deposited March 21, 2016)

Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Please return this part only

Print you name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Please list and Print all Attending

Mail to:

Bob Frieden,
9695 Chillicothe Rd.,
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Monday, April 11, 2016 6 to 8 p.m.

HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS

Come and join us for an evening of great Hors d'oeuvres and the fellowship of railroad enthusiast at:

Harry Buffalo

2119 Mentor Ave.

Painesville, Ohio 44077



Chinese Raffle

Menu: *All you can eat and drink for 2 hours*

Pork Sliders
Sheet Pizza
Bonesless Wings
Salad - Fries



50-50

All you can Drink - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well
Liquors from 6 pm to 8 pm

Cost: \$25.00 Each
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