



The Depot Dispatch



Leonard A. Kessler, Editor



The Elections are Over!

Elections for Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Painesville Railroad Museum were held at our January membership meeting on January 10th, 2017. All four of the current officers were re-elected for the two year term, 2017 & 2018. They were:

- President:** Jim Wendorf
- Vice President:** Tom Pescha

- Secretary:** Leonard Kessler
- Treasurer:** Dale Porter

Board members, Paul Hach Sr., Dennis Marano and Rob Romig were also re-elected for the two year term, 2017 & 2018. In addition, by directive of the Board of Directors, members Scott Cummings and Terry Mowery were appointed to the Board. The last two years have been very successful because of our great leader-

ship. It is very important for the membership that we keep the *best of the best* in a position of management in the coming years. Here's looking forward to another magnificent year. **R**

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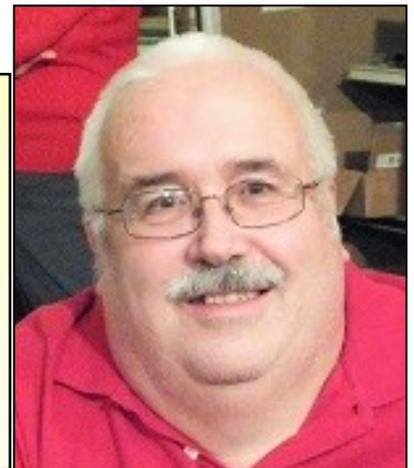
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Two New Board Members

Scott Cummings on the left and Terry Mowery on the right are the newest members on the Board of Directors. Both members were appointed by the Board after the election of Officers.

Welcome aboard gentlemen. **R**




S.O.S.
Save Our Station

2017 Depot Dues

The Painesville Depot membership dues are payable by January 31st, 2017. If you have not done so by now, please send a check payable to W.R.R.A. and mail to 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 and get current with the Painesville Depot. We have accomplished great undertakings these past two years with our limited resources and

membership dues are a key component to our treasury. So let's all do our part by paying our dues promptly and supporting all of our future fundraisers. **R**

Bulletin Board:

Railfest 2017 Fourth Annual Dinner

This year Division 5 will be hosting its Fourth Annual Railfest Dinner at the Historic Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077. Come and enjoy a great dinner at the Painesville Depot. This dinner is open to anyone who is a **railroad enthusiast** not just our Railfest vendors. The Painesville Depot, now the home of the Painesville Railroad Museum, was built in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Southern Michigan Railroad and is on the CSX Water Front mainline. Spend an evening at the depot, do a little railfanning, enjoy a great meal, and the company of other railroad enthusiasts.

The dinner menu:

Tossed Green Salad

Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side

Chicken

Roast Beef

Corn Beef and Cabbage

Mixed vegetables

Au Gratin Potatoes

Rigatoni

With our dinner being the day after Saint Patty Day, so we added Corn Beef and Cabbage to the menu.

You must clip off the bottom of the form and mail it in with your payment. The form is in the Dinner flyer on page 7. We will hold your checks until March 20, 2017. Our guest speaker will be **Tom Pappas** – “*The Euclid Railroad*”. Join us for a night of **good food, history and trains.** 

CURRENT EVENTS at or near THE DEPOT

Membership Meeting		February 14
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)		
BOD Meeting		February 28
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)		
Railfest Dinner at the Depot		March 18
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 7) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)		
Railfest 2017		March 18 & 19
Lakeland Community College (flyer on page 8) Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)		
Harry Buffalo Fundraiser		April 8
Harry Buffalo Restaurant 2119 Mentor Avenue, (flyer on page 9) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (3 pm - 5 pm)		
Model Trains Day		May 6 & 7
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 10) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10 am - 5 pm)		
Open House	(10 am - 5 pm)	July 22
RR Memorabilia Show	(10 am - 5 pm)	August 27
Corn Roast	(10 am - 5 pm)	September 9
Oktoberfest	(Noon - 10 pm)	October 14
Handmade Market	(10 am - 5 pm)	November 25

Condolences To The Orlando Family

Bob Orlando age 72, of Mayfield Heights, passed away January 13, 2017, beloved husband of 48 years to Sandra (nee Popa) devoted father of Nicholas, Jennifer Gallucci (Thomas), and Kim Pasquale (Michael), loving grandfather of Alexandria, Antonio, Dominic, and Franco, great-grandfather of Zoe. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Mayfield Road. Interment was at All Souls Cemetery.

There is no easy way to say that a friend has passed. Bob Orlando was very giving with his knowledge

and time to many friends as well as his family. He was a kind and generous family man that loved his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends. Model railroaders have lost a helpful and committed friend. It has been a pleasure having you for a friend Bob, the light of this world will be a little dimmer now that your beacon has been extinguished and you have slipped the bonds of this world to enter the Kingdom of the Lord. Bob will truly be missed by family and the countless people whose lives he has touched over his many years. You have done your job well dear friend and now it is time for your final reward.

Rest in peace, and may the Lord watch over you throughout eternity; until we meet again. ❀



Robert "Bob" Orlando

1944-2017

A Great Fundraiser at Harry Buffalo

The Painesville Railroad Museum is holding its second Fundraiser at Harry Buffalo, 2119 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077 on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are only \$20.00 each and include all you can eat appetizers and drink. Drinks include domestic draft beer, house wine & well liquors, soft drinks and coffee. Appetizers include Salad, Smothered Chicken, Sheet Pizza, Boneless Wings, and Fries.

We will also have an excellent Chinese Raffle along with a 50/30-20 raffle. We have some outstanding Baskets for the Chinese Raffle. These fundraisers are vital to the operation of the Painesville Depot and a chance for anyone to share in the camaraderie of the members of the Painesville Railroad Museum.

For pre-sale Tickets, contact Len Kessler at (440) 417-6746 or Tom Pescha at 216-470-5780

Make checks out to 'WRRRA'

Renovations 2016

With monies coming in from our fundraising events, open houses and railfanning days, personal donations, area vendor donations, anonymous donors, and membership dues we have been able to accomplish great under-

takings towards renovations to the Painesville Railroad Museum. Case in point, look at the remarkable changes to our magnificent bay window area in the main lobby of the Depot. With your continued collaboration, there is no limit to the complete renovation of the

Painesville Railroad Museum. With your cooperation, any dream or project can be achieved. Thank you very much for your generous and unlimited support.



The Bay Window Area (2015)



The Bay Window Area (Today)

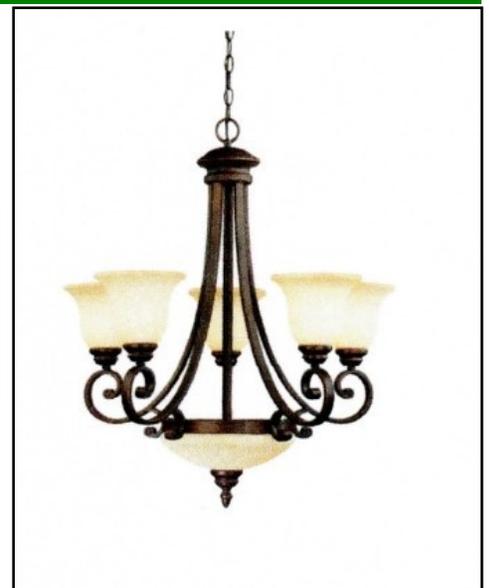
Grant from (PCIC)

On January 24, 2017, we received a \$1,000.00 grant for new lights in the Main Lobby from the Painesville Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC). One of the conditions of the grant is that we provide a few volunteers during Painesville Party in the Park (July 14, 15, & 16, 2017) to help with ticket seller in the Beverage Tent. This will be a two hour shift. Please let me know which days and time you may be able to help with this project. We wish to thank PCIC for their continuing support of the Painesville Railroad Museum.

Remember, we need to support entities that support us.

- Tom Pescha

The picture on the right is an example of the type of lights that will be purchased for the main lobby of the Depot.



Railfanning on Steroids



Ever since I was a little boy, I spent many hours watching trains rumbling down a pair of steel rails in numerous places along the tracks. But nothing can compare to the experience I had in October, 2016. My youngest son

and I grabbed the Empire builder out of Chicago, Illinois and headed for San Francisco via Seattle, Washington. With the freight traffic having the Right of Way, our Amtrak passenger train had to spend a lot of time on sidings waiting for freight trains to clear

the main line. From a comfortable seat in the lounge car, we saw more trains in an hour than I have seen in several days at the Depot, all while enjoying a sip of the grape. It's a whole different prospective compared to sitting in a car or on a wooden bench near a



set of stationary tracks. We passed many interesting sidings containing hundreds of engines and rolling stock, the covered hoppers being very prominent out west. Another exciting event was when two trains go screaming past your car on both sides in opposite directions at the same time. You can't see or hear them coming and

all of a sudden they burst into view in a blink of the eye and you can't help but be startled. I repeatedly referred to this occurrence as "*splitting the difference*". Portland, Oregon offered some great railfanning with its multiple marshaling yards and a wide variety of coastal port industries. One could easily see

numerous freight commodities being transferred, exchanged, delivered and shipped, by truck, train or boat. It was a great place to pick up several good ideas to model on my own railroad empire. The experience was a lot of fun and I can hardly wait until I can do it again. - *The Editor*



The Painesville Depot Newsletter



There's a new look down at the Depot. Many of our members took advantage of purchasing our new polo shirt and corresponding hat at cost. There are still a couple of shirts and hats available in the gift shop for a limited time. If interest in these or similar items increases, another purchase order can be made to the manufacturer.



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February, 2017

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Depot Membership as of January 1st, 2017 up,



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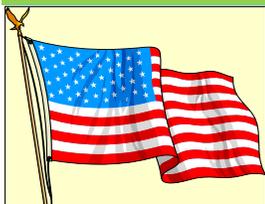
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RAILFEST 2017 DINNER

4th Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 18, 2017

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 18, 2017

Price:

\$20.00 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT

The Euclid Railroad - by Tom Pappas

RESERVATION DEADLINE

March 11, 2017

DINNER MENU

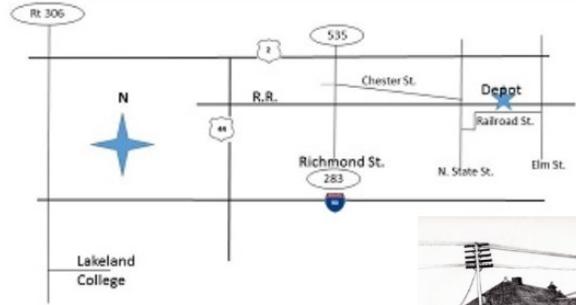
- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Corn Beef and Cabbage
- Mixed vegetables
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Rigatoni

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.



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

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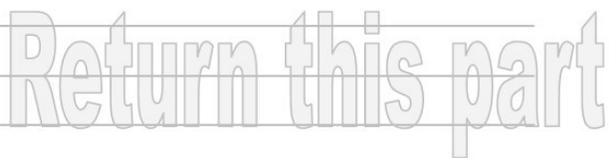
Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 11, 2017.
 (Check will be held & deposited March 20, 2017)
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Please list and Print all Attending

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

Name: _____
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RAILFEST 2017



Saturday and Sunday March 18 & 19, 2017

10 am to 4 pm

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)

HO Scale layout
(LG HO G)

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

Lionel O Gauge
LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

Admission \$7.00

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
- Exhibitors
- Operating Layouts
- Video Tapes
- Historical Displays
- Train Ride Info
- Food Service Available
- ATM

For Information Write:

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PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44060

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Phone: (440) 417- 6745

Email: railfest@mcr5.org



Free Parking

Free Shuttle Bus

9:30am – 4:30pm

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MCR – Division 5 Event

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Largest continuous running two day train show in OHIO!



PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 8, 2017 3 to 5 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



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

Smothered Chicken

Sheet Pizza

Bonesless Wings

Salad - Fries



All you can Drink - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well

Liquors from 3 pm to 5 pm

Cost: \$20.00 Each

**For Tickets, contact:
Pre-Sale only**

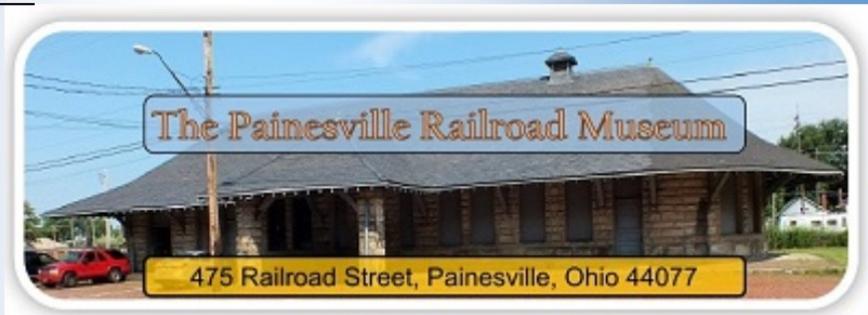
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MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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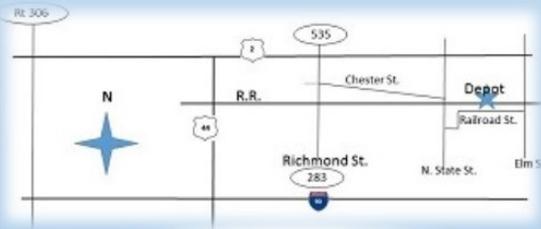
MAY 6-7 2017

10 am to 5 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 each, Family \$7.00



Direction to Painesville Depot

- I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44
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Food and Drinks available.

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