

# The Depot Dispatch



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## Railfanning is Back @ the Depot



Winter is finally over and now it is time to move from the inside to the outside. The Painesville Depot had its

first Railfanning Day on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant in Mentor, Ohio cordially sponsored this community family event.

This fun event encourages the family to walk through the memories of a fascinating era of our national history. In addition, visitors were able to participate in a

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*Terry's on the grill!*



*Al's in charge!*



*Tom's famous hobo beans!*



**S.O.S.**  
Save Our Station

model railroad clinic, the second of a six clinic program held on the first Saturday of each month. Other sightseers that came to our first Railfanning Day

of the season were amazed at the progress of the unsung volunteers and what they have accomplished in a few short winter months. Terry Mowery manned the

grill that he donated and grilled the hamburgers donated by the Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant. Also on the bill of fare, one

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*Bob's on the case!*



*Kilroy was here!*



# Railfanning @ the Depot cont.....



Three Johns



(Continued from page 1) could find hot dogs, hot and cold beverages, Tom Pescha's famous hobo beans and a variety of pastries. There was plenty to see including 2 operating model railroad layouts and numerous pieces of railroad

memorabilia. The kids, *of all ages*, enjoyed being so close to the massive giants of the rails as they thundered past the Depot while being safe behind a fence on the property. Rail traffic was a little on the light side, but the weather was perfect for this

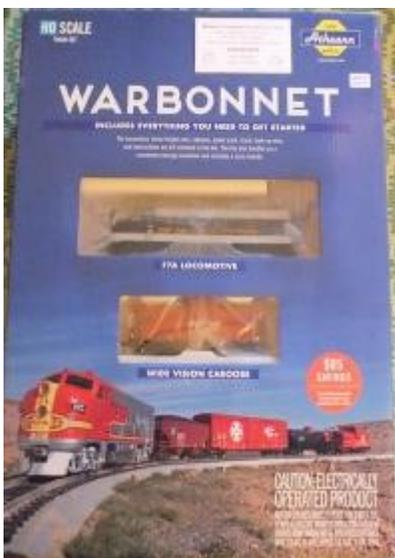
occasion. If you were unable to attend this one, there will be three more this season in July, September and October. Plan on joining us on July 24<sup>th</sup>, and remember to bring your camp chair and sun screen and enjoy the Depot for a few hours of fun and nostalgia.



Simple pleasures



## Planning on Getting into the Hobby?



Thinking about building a model railroad layout? Whether your layout is going to be on a 4 x 8 sheet of plywood or occupy around 550 sq. ft. like mine, you will need a starting set complete with transformer, locomotive, rolling stock, track and rerailer. A good Athearn starter set costing well over \$209.00 is being raffled off at the Painesville Depot and all activities the Depot is Involved with, for \$1 per ticket or 6/ \$5. Tickets for a chance to win this impressive model railroad set will be sold up to and including August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 when the winning ticket will be drawn at our Memorabilia Show, *winner need not be present*. So plan on joining us for a fun day at the Depot and possibly take your starter set home with you. Good luck and welcome aboard!



# Bulletin Board:

## CURRENT EVENTS at or near THE DEPOT

**DONATION FUNDRAISER**  
**A CHANCE TO WIN \$500.00**

Why Donate? Your tax deductible donation is great way to help preserve a part of history from days gone by, the Caboose. In 2000, the Lubrizol Corporation donated a B&O WC-2134 Woodside 1SD caboose. Unfortunately, due to an arson fire in March of 2006, the caboose was destroyed and all that remain was the frame and trucks. In June of 2015, we started to rebuild the caboose. The outside is 95% complete, just some trim and windows need to be completed. The frame was scraped, rust proof and painted. Studding was added, plywood and then cedar siding and stoned.

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- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mail 1, & 2, to: Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

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**Painesville Railroad Museum**  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077  
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painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org parr@trr.net

**NETS Model Train Clinic** **June 4**  
The Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street **(10:00 am to 11:30 am)**  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(1:00 pm to 2:30 pm)**

**Depot Membership Meeting** **June 7**  
The Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(6:00 pm)**

**Paranormal Night @ the Depot** **June 10**  
The Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

**Quaker Steak & Lube Bike Night** **June 23**  
7834 Reynolds Rd.  
Mentor, Ohio 44064 **(5:00 pm to 10:00 pm)**

**Depot BOD Meeting** **June 28**  
The Painesville Railroad Museum  
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Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(6:00 pm)**

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Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(6:00 pm)**

**Painesville Party in the Park** **July 15-17**  
Downtown Painesville  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(Noon to 8:00 pm)**

**Railroad Memorabilia Show** **August 28**

Looking for a sound tax-deductible donation? Since our recent denial for a grant to complete the interior of the caboose and build of a railfanning deck, we are offering a tax-deductible donation with a possibility of winning a \$500 cash prize. For every \$5 donation, you will be entered into a special drawing. The more you donate, the more chances you have to win the prize. It is a win, win concept. Your donation is tax-deductible and you have a chance at winning the \$500 prize. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you were a part of completing the **Caboose Restoration Project**. We need to raise \$5000 to complete this worthy project, but the winning ticket will be drawn whether or not we reach our goal on September 10, 2016. The Painesville Depot really needs your help to make this endeavor successful. So if you ever were going to donate, now is a great time.

*The full size flyer is on page 7*

# Changing of the Guard

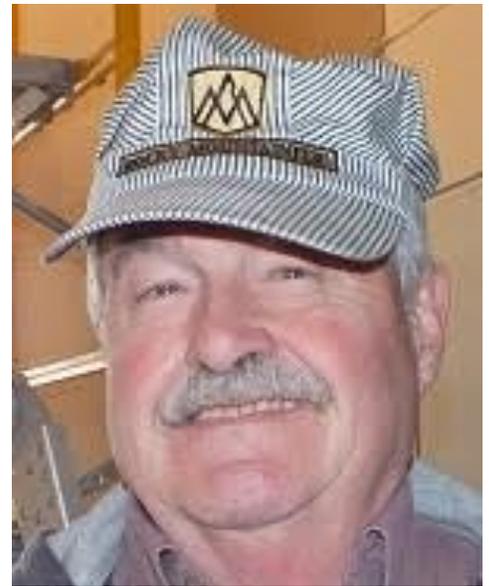
The Western Reserve Railroad Association (WRRRA), was formed in 1997. The sole purpose of the newly formed 501(c)3 non-profit was to accept and restore the Painesville Railroad Depot. Barry Uszko was there in the beginning and was instrumental in keeping the organ-

ization going, even becoming the secretary, treasurer around 2012. During the **total reorganization in January, 2015** he remained the treasurer giving up the secretary's job. But now due to personal obligations and a heavy work load, Barry feeling that family comes first as we all do, he has decided it was time to step down from the treasurer's duties. Dale Porter has stepped up to the plate and has offered to take over the obligations of the treasurer and complete Barry's term which ends January 1, 2017. Dale has a background in finances as he was the treasurer of the Lake County Electricians Credit Union for 25 years. He was also the financial secretary of the Lake County Electricians Union for 5 years. By taking on the new assignment Dale is leaving an opening on the Board of Directors. Barry has agreed to finish Dale's term on

the board. We have covered giant leaps and bounds since the **reorganization** and even with the *changing of the guard*, we expect our growth to continue to get better and better. If you have never been to the Painesville Depot, come to one of our events and see what you have been missing. ☒



Barry Uszko



Dale Porter

## Quaker Steak and Lube -7834 Reynolds Road, Mentor, Ohio

This year the Painesville Depot volunteers will be at Quaker Steak and Lube, Rt. 306 in Mentor for their Bike Night. We will be selling beer as a fundraiser for the Depot and we will be doing this for three Thursday nights, June 23, July 28 and August 11, 2016 from 5 pm to 10 pm. Stop by and have a beer with us and join in on the FUN! ☒



# The Painesville Depot Newsletter



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**Depot Membership as of  
May 1st, 2016**



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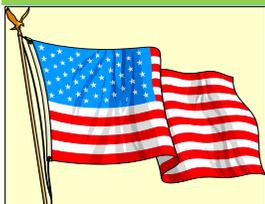
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**2016 RAILFANNING DAYS**  
 at  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum,  
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Spend a day RailFanning at the Painesville Depot.  
**VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT**



**THE DEPOT OPENED IN 1893 FOR THE  
 LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE  
 THE DEPOT IS ON THE CSX MAIN LINE -Mile Post 153.2-**

**Sunday, July 24, 2016**  
 Sponsored in part by LCJDWF

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**  
 Sponsored in part by Harry Buffalo, Painesville

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**  
 Sponsored in part by LCJDWF

**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*

Food and Drinks available  
 216-470-5780  
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 www.painesvillerailroadmuseum.org

**RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW**  
 COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS  
 FROM TIMES GONE BY

**Sunday, August 28, 2016 10 am to 4 pm**

**PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM**  
 475 Railroad Street  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077  
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Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00



Vendors - If you wish to display your items (not sell them) then your table is Free.  
 If you wish to sell items, then your table cost is \$25.00 per table.

Food and Drinks available  
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Aug. 2016 Railroad Memorabilia Show  
 PLEASE PRINT

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Or call: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tables: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this part**

0 X 30 Tables  
 Display only - Tables are free  
 Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each  
 Load in 30 min. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 Set up 8 am to 9:45 am  
 Make Checks Payable To:  
**PRRM**  
 Rail Fan  
 Tom Pirocha  
 2842 East 28th Street  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
 Phone (216) 470-5780  
 www.painesvillerailroadmuseum.org  
 Please send table request by Aug. 18,  
 2016

**Win This  
 Railroad Pocket Watch  
 Hamilton  
 Railroad Standard Watch  
 Circa 1900  
 23 Jewels  
 Open Face Gold Filled  
 992 Movement  
 Serial # 850152**




Raffle Tickets  
 \$1.00 Each 6 for \$5.00  
 Only 600 tickets being sold. Drawing after all tickets sold.  
 Drawing target date: August 28, 2016

Proceeds to help the relocation of The Painesville Depot  
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# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 22, 2016 3 to 5 pm.

## HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS

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

**Harry Buffalo**

2119 Mentor Ave.

Painesville, Ohio 44077

Chinese Raffle

50-30/20 Raffle

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

Smothered Chicken

Sheet Pizza

Boneless 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, Pre-Sale only**

**Make Check Payable**

**To: WRRRA**

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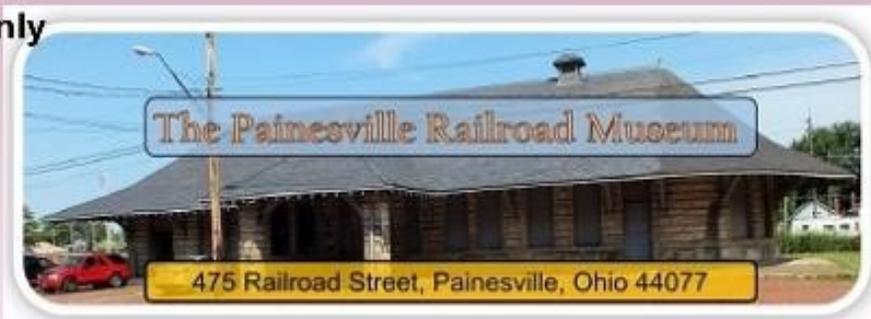
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**Proceeds** to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.

