



The Depot Dispatch



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Spring Cleaning



Spring cleaning is upon us and construction on the interior of the Depot is slowly coming to an end. The pictures in this article are from the second cleaning date, February 25th, in preparations for our first event of 2017, the Railfest dinner on March 18th, 2017. While a lot of cleaning work has been done so far,

there is still a lot more to do. Volunteers will still be cleaning on the first and second Saturdays in March, the 4th and the 11th. The ceiling has been completed and painted, but covered the interior with dust. If you can find a little time in your busy schedules, the volunteers that are always there, would appreciate any help you can afford. The Rail-

fest dinner was started a couple of years ago for a place that vendors and workers of Railfest come together for a good meal and to socialize. However, this dinner is open to the members of the Painesville Railroad Museum for a low cost of \$20.00, all are welcomed. Thanks to all that have helped in the clean-up operations. **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	March 14
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 6) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)	
Railfest 2017	March 18 & 19
Lakeland Community College (flyer on page 7) Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)	
BOD Meeting	March 28
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)	
Harry Buffalo Fundraiser	April 8
Harry Buffalo Restaurant 2119 Mentor Avenue, (flyer on page 8) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (3 pm -5 pm)	
Model Trains Day	May 6 & 7
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 9) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10 am -5 pm)	
Open House	July 22
(10 am -5 pm)	
RR Memorabilia Show	August 27
(10 am -5 pm)	
Corn Roast	September 9
(10 am -5 pm)	
Oktoberfest	October 14
(Noon -10 pm)	
Handmade Market	November 25
(10 am -5 pm)	

Changes through Winter

The main target of the winter 2016 - 2017 renovation projects was the ceiling in the main lobby. It seemed

like an impossible task considering the massive size and the towering height of the project. But thanks to the determined volunteer crew, headed by Dale

Porter with the support of Paul Hack, the mission was completed on time and within budget. Dale's crew consisted of Rick Rocks, Dennis Marano, Rob Romig,



Ceiling in the Main Lobby (2016)



Ceiling in the Main Lobby (2017)

Paul Hack, Brian Morningstar, and Jack Lies. Dale and his merry men, accomplished the impossible and we will forever be grateful for

their endeavors. Even the lighting fixtures, which were purchased because of the grant from the Painesville Community Improve-

ment Corporation (PCIC), were installed and wired. Stop by and see for yourself. **R**



New lighting fixtures (looking West)



New lighting fixtures (looking East)

New Artifacts at the Painesville Railroad Museum



Our museum was very lucky to obtain several very rare Land Line Markers artifacts. One artifact is a Land Line Marker from the LS & MS RR (Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad). Our station was built under the LS & MS RR ownership. On the back side of one of the makers was CP & A railroad, which is the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad. This was the original (very first) railroad to run from Cleveland to Painesville and then to Ashtabula. The CPA railroad was incorporated in 1848 and the first train ran from Cleveland to Painesville on November 20, 1851. This trip took about 2 ½ hours, which compared to the alternate forms of transpiration at the time was like rocket science. The only other transportation was a once a week, 14 hour stagecoach ride, horseback or walking. It is believed that only three of these have survived through the years and we have *ONE!* ☒



A Great Fundraiser at Harry Buffalo

The Painesville Railroad Museum is holding it's 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. As our restoration continues, it requires money to buy materials. Part of this is raised by grants and the **rest** is raised by supporting our different events.

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

Make checks out to 'WRRRA'

The Painesville Depot Newsletter



March, 2017

Electronic Version

**Depot Membership as of
February 1st, 2017**



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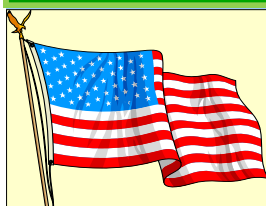
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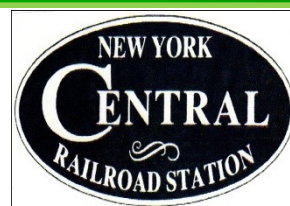
ed by open houses, contributions, donations and annual fundraisers. All comments and opinions are welcome. Those views expressed in *The Depot Dispatch* do not necessarily reflect the policies or opinions of the Western Reserve Railroad Association.

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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

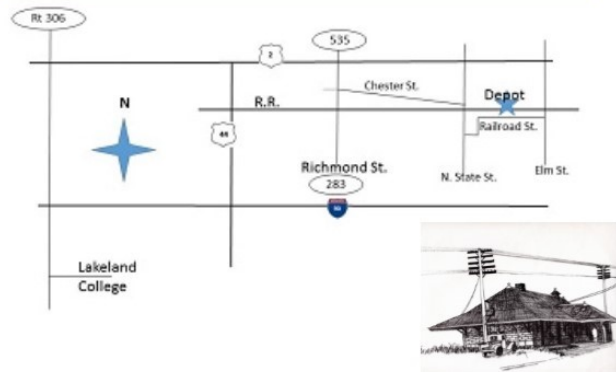
Tossed Green Salad
Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
Chicken
Roast Beef
Corn Beef and Cabbage
Mixed vegetables
Red Skin Potatoes
Rigatoni

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.



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, 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: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Return this part

Please return this part only



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:

NMRA MCR Division 5
PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: (440) 357- 8890
Phone: (440) 417- 6745

Email: railfest@mcr5.org



**Free
Parking**

Free Shuttle Bus
9:30am – 4:30pm

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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



Chinese Raffle

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

Smothered Chicken

Sheet Pizza

Bonesless Wings

Salad - Fries



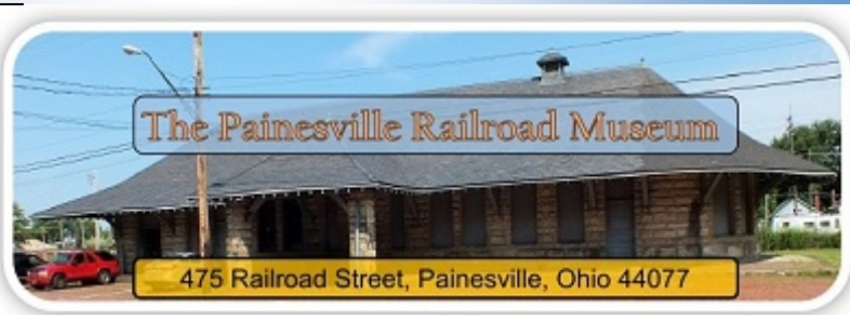
All you can Drink - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well

Liquors from 3 pm to 5 pm

50-50

Cost: \$20.00 Each
For Tickets, contact:
Pre-Sale only

Lenny Kessler
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Perry, Ohio 44081
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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.



MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

MAY 6-7 2017

10 am to 5 pm

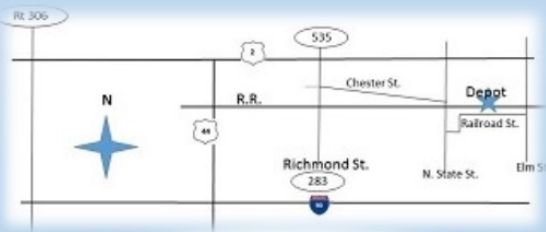
See operating Model Train Layouts in N scale,
HO scale, S scale, O gauge and G gauge.

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

North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2

East on Rt. 2 (1.5 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223)

South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)

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Food and Drinks available.

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