



The Depot Dispatch



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We're on Our Way

Welcome aboard!

At the January BOD meeting, the board nominated Dale Porter and Tony Spena to join the board and at the February membership meeting those nominations were con-

firmed. Dale (*Our renovation superintendent*) has really driven the huge changes, including the rebuilding the caboose, dry walling the walls of the depot, the installation of the bathrooms, most of the electric work, supervising the insulation project and

the completion of dry walling the ceiling. Of course he is not a *one man band*, his crew of merry men include Tom Tylicki, Rick Rocks, Jack Liles and several other members and non-members. The board felt that a man so intricate in the renovation projects

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Dale Porter

needed to be part of the deciding element of this organization. Tony Spena has a very strong financial background and will be able to help guide with financial decisions in the future. I have no doubt that these two men will help make the board even more efficient than it already has been.

- The Editor



Tony Spena

By-Law Change

The by-laws of the Painesville Railroad Museum have been updated as of March 8th, 2016. The suggested changes were reviewed by the BOD at their

January meeting. They in turn proposed amendments to the articles concerning membership, dues, honorary membership and Lifetime members, the Board of Directors and recommended practices. The proposed amend-

ments by the BOD were read three times at separate membership meetings and passed at the March membership meeting. The current by-laws can be viewed on our website at the **'Document'** tab.

About the Painesville Railroad Museum:

Western Reserve Railroad Association (WRRRA), a 501(c)3 non-profit, doing business as "The Painesville Railroad Museum". The WRRRA was formed in 1997 to save and restore the Painesville Depot.

The Depot was built in 1892 and opened in 1893 for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. The station was used from 1893 to May 1, 1971. The Depot served many railroads in its time. The most famous was The New York Central Railroad. The Depot stopped seeing passenger trains in May, 1971 when Penn Central was formed into Conrail and Amtrak began.

After passenger service stopped, the depot became a Greyhound Bus station from 1971 to 1987. After Greyhound, Conrail used the depot for storing signals and equipment.

The depot was eventually sold to Edward Dunlap, who wanted to convert the depot into a railroad themed restaurant. After two years of construction, he determined that the amount of money invested into the depot would not be returned back in five years. Dunlap decided to find a historical society to buy it and restore it back to its original glory.

The Lake County Historical Society looked at it and declined the offer as they had enough other projects they were already working on. The Western Reserve Railroad Association was formed to restore the depot back to her legacy of the New York Central days. The Painesville Railroad Museum plans to restore the depot to its original glory. Today there are still many projects left to be done.

CURRENT EVENTS at or near THE DEPOT

Militaria Collectors Show April 8 & 9
Lakeland Community College *(Fri. 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm)*
Kirtland, Ohio *(Sat. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm)*

KidShow April 9 & 10
Great Lakes Mall *(Sat. 10 am - 6:00 pm)*
Mentor, Ohio 44060 *(Sun. noon - 5:00 pm)*

Painesville Depot Fundraiser April 11
Harry Buffalo Restaurant
2119 Mentor Avenue
Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)*

TCA Train Meet April 23
UAW Hall
5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio *(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)*

Railfanning Day & NETS Clinic May 7
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Working Restrooms



Since the restrooms were approved and funded, Dale Porter and his crew have been working on them most of the winter months. Starting from scratch with nothing more than a hole in a concrete floor they

attacked the project with vim and vigor. As the project lingered into the colder weather, Dale lobbied the BOD and actually got the heat turned on. Soon the walls were constructed on the main floor and new plumbing was installed in the basement. The ladies room

having priority, was completed first. The drywall was taped, mudded and painted. The floor was tiled, molding applied and fixtures installed. Lights and fan were installed as the janitor room was finished. Doors were put on and the exterior walls were paint-



ed and a wainscoting affixed to the lower portion of the wall. Lights salvaged from a broken chandelier were mounted on the

exterior wall. The men's room is about ninety-five percent completed. The floor has been leveled and ready for tile. The facility is

expected to be completed before the end of this month. A job well done. - *The Editor*

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!



Another Big Project

Roof Insulation

Another huge project, a job so big that it had to be subcontracted, was the insulation of the high ceiling in the main

room of the Depot. Thanks to the generous grant from the Tom Dailey Foundation of \$2500 to do the job, the BOD was able to find the funds to pay the remainder of the bill. The Myers Insulation Co. from Solon, Ohio

was the subcontractor on the project. The job was completed in just under a week in early March. Dale Porter was the overseer of the insulation project. After the insulation in the main roof was completed, the contrac-



tor offer to donate the necessary material to also insulate the side walls of the vaulted ceiling, which was not part of the project, if the Depot paid the labor costs.

It was one of those offers too good to refuse. That job was completed in early April and now we are *“snug as a bug in a rug.”* The insulation will pay for

itself in the saving on the gas bill in the coming years.

- The Editor



The Depot at Railfest



The Painesville Railroad Museum had several vendor tables at this year's Railfest 2016, which was held at Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio. We have tables at many of the Model Train Show to provide us a means to sell donation that have been made with the understanding that the money earned will go towards the restoration of the

Depot. This is just one of the fundraiser that helps keep us solvent. Several of our members lead by Rob Roming maned the tables for us. Sales of items were brisk and monies earned were welcome by our treasury. So the next time you see a Painesville Depot Fundraiser, join in and know that your contribution is going to a great cause.

- Tom Pescha

Railfanning @ the Depot

May 7, 2016

Our first Railfanning Day is coming on Saturday May 7th, 2015 and there is electricity in the air! The Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant of Mentor, Ohio is sponsoring this community family affair. This is always a fun event to take the family out and walk through the memories of a fascinating era of our national history.

Unlike past winters, instead of closing the Depot for months on end, the volunteers have been working diligently on several renovations to the building. Visitors that come to our first Railfanning Day of the season will be amazed at the progress the unsung volunteers have accomplished in such a short time. The kids, *of all ages*, will get a kick out of being so close to the colossal

giants of the rails as they thunder past the Depot and still be safe behind a fence on the property. There will be plenty to see and there will be food and beverages available. So grab your camp chair, a camera, your sun screen and come down to the Depot and join in on the activities!

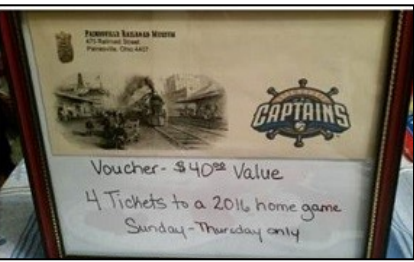
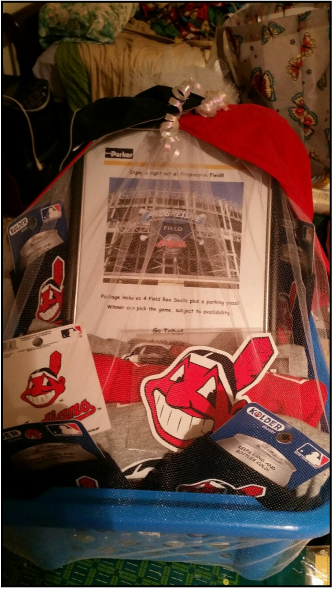


The Harry Buffalo Fundraiser

On Monday April 11th, 2016 the Painesville Railroad Museum will hold its first fundraiser at the Harry Buffalo restaurant. It is projected to be a fun time with a gargantuan Chinese raffle and a 50/30/20 split raffle. Instead of a 50/50 raffle, there will be 2 winners splitting their 50% into a 30/20 split. The Chinese raffle will have numer-

ous great baskets and you can join in for \$1.00 a ticket or 6/\$5.00. Below you can see some of these great gifts that have been donated through the outstanding work on the part of our member Julie Rhodes. Julie has gone out of her way and has worked very hard to make this fundraiser a smashing success and a great time for of our friends that participate. Fundraisers, grants,

donations, Depot events and membership dues are the only sources of income the Depot receives. However, the monthly bills come in month after month and our projected endeavors are very expensive. But on April 11th, we're going to eat, drink and be merry, why don't you come join us.



The Painesville Depot Newsletter



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Electronic Version

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



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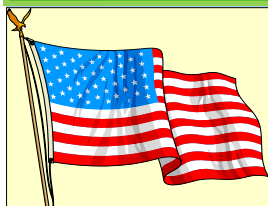
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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

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



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

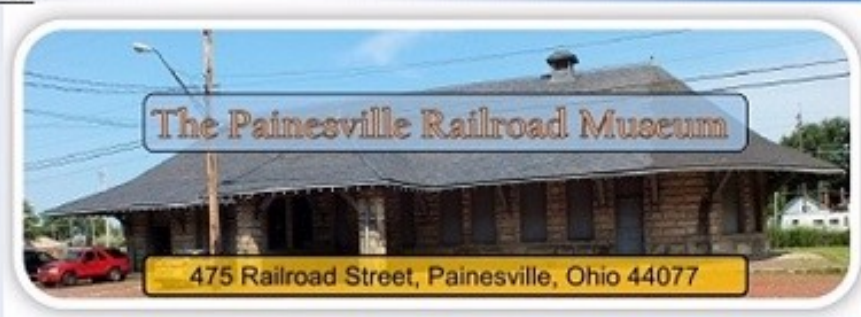
- Pork Sliders
- Sheet Pizza
- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries



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

Cost: \$25.00 Each
For Tickets, contact:
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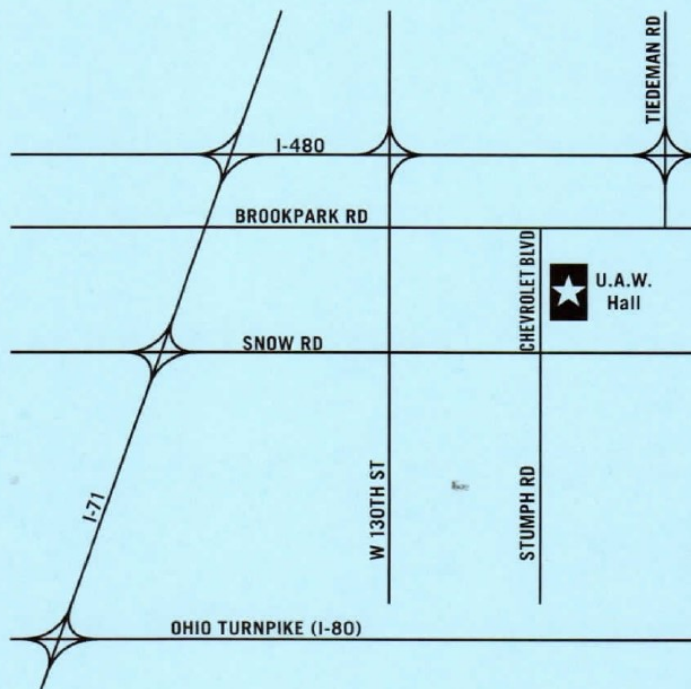
**SPRING
TRAIN MEET**

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

- Free Parking
- Ground-Level Entrance
- Good Lighting
- Wide Aisles
- Refreshments Available

- New and Old Trains
- Parts, Repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, etc.
- Train Videos
- Model Building Supplies and Kits
- Lionel, American Flyer, MTH, Williams, Weaver, LGB
- O, S, HO, N, Z & Large Scale



NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: NOV. 26, 2016

All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children (under 18) Free
Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

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