



The Depot Dispatch



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First Fundraiser Big Success



A different kind of fundraiser was held on Monday April 11th, 2016 at the Harry Buffalo restaurant in Painesville, Ohio. The Painesville

Railroad Museum held its first fundraiser of the year with a gargantuan Chinese raffle and a 50/30/20 split raffle. Instead of a 50/50 raffle, there were 2 winners splitting their 50% into

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Dan Chuppa



a 30/20 split. There was also a Cleveland Indian package worth well over \$400 that was offered as a silent auction. The impressive Chinese raffle had numerous great baskets for only \$1.00 a ticket or 6/\$5.00. Most of

these great gifts had 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 fund-

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First Fundraiser cont.....

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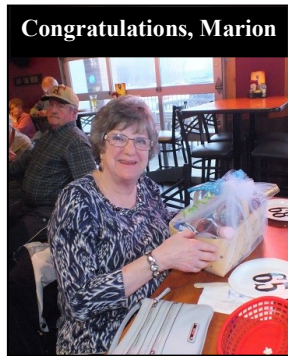
raiser a smashing success, which it was, and a great time for all of our friends that participated. The Harry Buffalo Restaurant gave us an offer too good to refuse. For a reasonable price, they provided five appetizers including pork

sliders, pepperoni pizza, boneless chicken wings, salad, fries and an **OPEN BAR!** My favorite was the never ending glasses of draft beer. A special shout out to Terry Mowery who was instrumental working the door and was the one that directed us to the sports bar. Dan Chuppa stepped

up and sold 50/30/20 tickets and Matt Bolyard was a great **GOFER** an essential part of the event. There were numerous winners in the prodigious Chinese raffle, even one of our guests that has stated that she never wins anything. We hope you enjoy your bountiful basket



Congratulations, Marion



Stephanie, 30%



Len, 20%



of wine, Marion Hanna. The card system that was designed by Julie and her friend Lisa Cummings for passing out items to the winners worked flawlessly. The cash winners of the 50/30/20 drawing were Stephanie Romig (30%) and Len Miecznikowski (20%). The patrons of the Harry Buffalo were invited to join in on

the 50/30/20 raffle and the silent auction. One lucky patron had the winning bid on the silent auction at \$175. It was a fun time for all that attended. Fundraisers, grants, donations, Depot events and membership dues are the only sources of income the Depot receives. However, the monthly bills that

come in every month are unyielding and all of our many of renovation projects are very costly. But on April 11th, 2016 we ate, drank and really had a magnificent time, wish you could have joined us.



Silent auction winner, enjoy



For Me?



Anyone can win

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, but we are well on our way not that the organization is under new managements. Come see with your family the many changes that have been accomplished.

CURRENT EVENTS at or near THE DEPOT

Railfanning Day & NETS Clinic	May 7
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	
Mother's Day	May 8
Happy Mother's Day to Mom's everywhere	
Depot Membership Meeting	May 10
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	
S Gauge Convention	May 12-14
Holiday Inn Select 15472 Royalton Rd. Strongsville, Ohio	(9:30 am - 3:00 pm)
Spring Spree Train Show	May 14
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Depot BOD Meeting	May 24
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	(6:00 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	
Railroad Memorabilia Show	August 28

Model Railroad clinics @ the Depot

The first of six model railroad clinics was held on April 2nd, 2016 at the Painesville Depot at 10 **am** by the NETS group (**North East Train Society**). The clinic was presented by Bob Orlando and covered the fundamentals of workbench con-

struction. Bob's favorite material for benchwork is ¾" plywood for legs, fascia's, joists and table tops. Many other types and sizes of wood can be used, but remember the lumber should be straight with a minimum amount of knots and gouges. While the tables only have to support a

small amount of weight from trains, structures, telephone poles, high tension towers, mountains, tunnels and bridges, they should be able to support the owner and possibly a helper. No matter how good you are at design, you will always find a spot that you cannot possibly reach



without mounting the table. It was recommended that aisles be a minimum of 30" between benchwork and that you be able to get all around your layout as much as possible.



There was a question and answer period after the clinic and many good ideas were exchanged. The clinic lasted a little over an hour and then Dave Hanna gave a short dissertation on the history of railroading from the early 19th century to today, including the Painesville area. There were about 15 hobbyists in the 10 **am** clinic and about a dozen participants in the 1 **pm** session. The second clinic will be held on Saturday May 7th, 2016 at 10 **am** and again at 1 **pm**. The clinic will cover track laying and the installation of switches with optional road bed. If you are plan-

ning on starting a layout, take advantage of the knowledge and information at the model railroad clinics at the Painesville Depot.



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!



One Scary Ceiling

Now that all of the walls in the building have all been dry walled and the roof insulated, the vaulted ceiling in the main room

has become a scary site. With brand new freshly painted walls, the ceiling became a huge eyesore and something you might find in one of those old bombed out

buildings in East Berlin after the war. The BOD was struggling to justify the expenditure of finishing the vaulted ceiling in the largest room at this time. Out of the blue, Julie Rhodes saved the day when she presented the treasurer, at a membership meeting, a check in the amount of \$450, a donation from 'American Marine Express/AMX Depot' to finish dry walling the ceiling. Where would we be without the generosity of the

City of Painesville, its many businesses, companies in the general area, organizations, and individuals (*members and non-members*)? And thank God for Dale Porter and his amazingly talented construction crew of volunteers. The ceiling will be finished before the end of April and looks magnificent! If you haven't been to the Depot for a while, you surely are in for a marvelous surprise. Things are really looking up. - *The Editor*



An Original Hamilton Railroad Pocket Watch

This beautiful Hamilton railroad pocket watch, valued at over \$300.00 can be yours for the price of a \$1.00 raffle ticket.

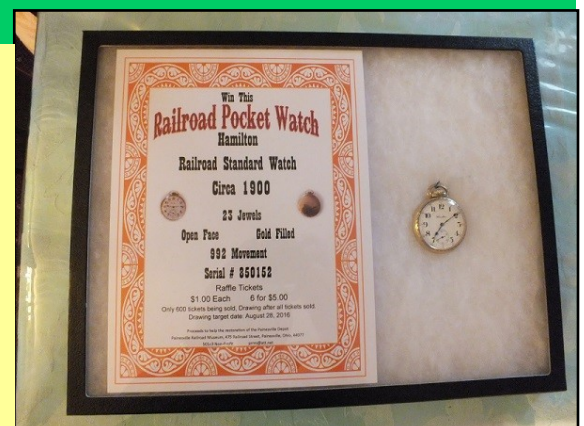
Albert Di Iorio a member of the Painesville Depot has donated this impressive original railroad watch for a special raffle to be used as a fundraiser for the renovation

of the Depot, a worthy cause. It has 23 Jewels, its gold filled, has a 992 movement and its own serial number. Tickets can be purchased at the Depot, at



any of our activities and any of our fundraisers until 600 tickets are sold.

You can purchase tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Don't miss out on this prodigious opportunity, tickets won't last long!



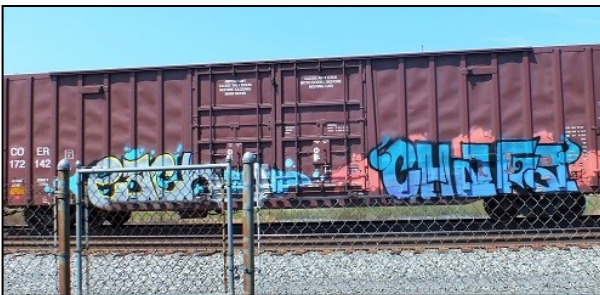
The 2016 Depot Season Officially Begins



The Painesville Depot kicks off the 2016 Railfanning season on May 7th, and that day appropriately is **National Train Day**. The Depot will provide four days for train watchers this year, May 7th, July 24th, (*the only Sunday*), September 10th, October 15th, all Saturdays expect one. The unique freight trains and their colorful graffiti will provide the gentle breezes caused by the their passing the historical building

in the midst of railroad buffs. Now if only Mother Nature will provide pleasant weather, sunny skies, puffy white clouds and a lack of rain, all four days will be exceptional. There is no admission charge, but donations are always welcomed. You will be amazed at the new improvements to the Depot since last year. Remember to bring a camp chair for everyone, field glasses, a good hat and plenty of sun screen for you and the family. A modest Bill of Fare will be

available for the guests that come with a case of the *hungries*. So come and enjoy one or more of the very interesting events at the Painesville Depot this year with our many other supporters while reliving the nostalgia of an outstanding railroad era. The Depot membership is open, growing and looking for interested people that just love trains and want to get involved. ☘



Planning on Getting into the Hobby?



An excellent way to start is with a quality model railroad starting set complete with transformer, locomotive, rolling stock, track and railer. An excellence Athearn starter set costing well over \$200.00 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 July 24th, 2016 when the winning ticket will be drawn at our July Railfanning Day, winner need not be present. But 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! ☘



First Railroad Memorabilia Show at the Depot



This will be our first annual Railroad Memorabilia Show. This show is designed to have collectors show off their private collections of railroad related items. These could be from railroad signals, plate setting wares that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, etc.

By displaying Railroad Artifacts, we can provide the history of Railroading and how it had a great influence on our National history and the importance that the Painesville Depot once served.



This show will provide the history of the Painesville depot from 1851 to present and how the railroads have influenced the City of Painesville and our Nation. This will also give the Depot a chance of showing off the major progress in the restoration that have taken place at the Depot all through the winter.

Admission: \$3.00 per adult
\$5.00 per family

Contact info: Tom Pescha
216-470-5780 or email at
cleveshows@att.net

This event is sponsored *in part* by the Lake County Visitor Bureau Arts and Culture Grant.

The Painesville Depot Newsletter



May, 2016

Electronic Version

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



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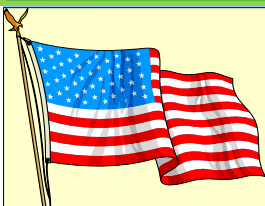
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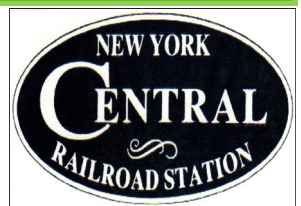
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2016 RAILFANNING DAYS

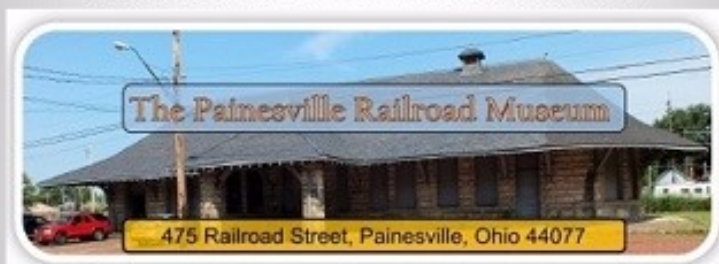
at

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-

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Saturday, October 15, 2016

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Food and Drinks available

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prrm@att.net



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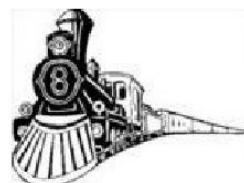
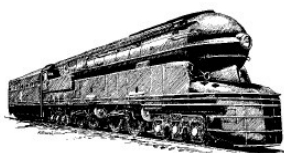
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(440) 238-8800

**All Gauge Train Show
Open to the Public**

Saturday May 14, 2016

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free



Spree Chairman: **Ray Diersing** 330-405-1425 mosey3500@aol.com

Sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association (www.cvsqa.com)

Spring Spree



Train Show



'All Gauge Train Show' May 14, 2016



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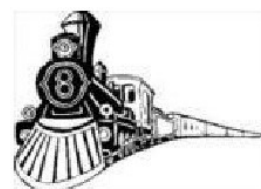
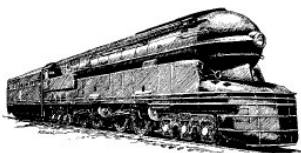
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DIV. 5 PICNIC

Saturday, August 6, 2016

At

The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

2 pm to 5 pm

Driving directions

Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester,
East on Chester to N. State Street,
South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge),
East on Railroad Street to Depot



**Join in on good fellowship
and railfanning!**



Menu:

Breaded Chicken - or Grilled Chicken
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips
Hobo Beans,
Desert
Pop & water



Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div. 5 members and immediate family.

RSVP by August 1, 2015 to Bonnie at:

(440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to Treasurer@MCR5.org

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!



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
216-470-5780



Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00



Vendors - If you wish to only display your item (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

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6' X 30" Tables

Display only - Tables are free

Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

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Make Checks Payable To:

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