



The Depot Dispatch



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Railfanning Day



September 13th, 2015 was the third Railfanning Day at the Painesville Depot. The weather was pleasant and a typical

mid-September day with plenty of blue skies and numerous white clouds. The Depot event was sponsored by the NETS model railroad group who

ran the concessions and a swap meet, the first show ever at the Depot. Admission for the event and the swap meet was free but we always appreciate dona-



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tions. Some dealers did very well and some of them just did so-so and one fellow that didn't sell a thing said he had a great time just being part of the show and getting a chance

to railfan up close and personal. Outside there was enough railroad traffic on the CSX mainline and the high light was when several unique track laying equipment came down the pike and headed east where they were installing new track. Visitors had a good time and

were very inquisitive about the work being done on the caboose. All profits generated by the NETS for the day were donated to the Painesville Depot. 🙌

- Len Kessler



Last Fundraiser of 2015



We had our last fundraiser of the 2015 season on Monday October 12th, 2015 and invited our supporters to a spaghetti dinner at the Stadium Bar and Grill in Mentor, Ohio. The penne

spaghetti with the meat sauce tasted better this time as did the salad. We provided individual desserts as we always do but this year we added real garlic bread instead of what the restaurant usually offers. We always strive to

make a good experience better the next time. It is always good to spend time with friends that share a common bond and interest, rail-roading in any form. We raffled off six baskets in our Chinese Auction and had a 50/50 raffle as well.



The winning tickets were split 30% and 20% of all monies collected. Tony Spena won the bigger amount (\$45.00) and donated it back to the Depot, thank you Tony. Unfortunately, despite heavy advertising, only 55 people showed up to share this night with us. Thanks to those who supported us and I hope that

we showed you a good time and sense of camaraderie. The only thing that keeps the Painesville Depot up and running is our membership dues, grants, generous donations and fundraisers. We are always looking for a better product to make people from the neighborhood (near and far) interested

enough to want to join our ever growing group. Our membership is open and we are always looking for good people that want to get involved and help us "Save Our Station". 🖐️ - Len Kessler



Depot Christens Re-built Caboose

CABOOSE CHRISTENING
during the
RAILFANNING DAY
at
THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Spend a day RailFanning at the Painesville Depot
Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Saturday, October 17, 2015
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Christening ceremony of the rebuilding of our caboose
3:00 pm

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



It was the last big event of the **2015 season** at the Depot. Railfanning Day, Saturday October 17th, 2015, was the special day we christened our re-built caboose and picked the winning ticket in our model train

raffle. The weather was a little rough with a cloudy sky, a bit windy, a temperature in the high 40's and a constant threat of rain. Railroad traffic was normal with plenty of trains howling past the Depot. Despite the low keyed weather, around fifty inter-



ested people stopped by to witness this joyous occasion. Leanne Exume, the Painesville City Engineer and Lynn White, the Painesville City Planner volunteered to break a ceremonial bottle of champagne over one of the caboose couplers. After the cheering and applause, everyone went back into the building and toasted the caboose with a non-alcoholic

sparkling beverage in champagne glasses. This whole event came together due to the hard work of volunteers Dale Porter, Rick Rocks, Brian Morningstar, Tom Tylicki, Jack Liles, Carl Neff and Bob Orlando. Thank you gentlemen, you took a burnt out caboose skeleton that sat in our backyard for nine years and turned it into the magnificent replica of a

1930's working caboose in five short months. After all of the celebrations, the winning ticket for our model train raffle was drawn and the winner, a fellow named Alex, was there to accept his train set. While our fun filled 2015 season comes to an end, the ghost hunters will be using the Depot in November to once again connect with the spiritual world. 🙌



Bulletin Board

Future Membership and BOD Meetings

Now that the Painesville Depot's **2015 Season** has come to an end and the building will be too cold for all but the hardest volunteer workers, now is not the time to rest on our laurels. We will be conducting regular meetings through the winter months at the Morley Library in Painesville.

Meeting Schedules for 2015

BOD	October 27	6pm
Membership	November 10	6pm
BOD	November 24	6pm
Membership	December 16	6pm

This was the best year the Depot has ever had in its recent history. It is our intent to make next year even better. We will be having our usual Railfanning Days, open houses and special events. We would like to add a clam bake to our fundraiser ideas and exploit all other good suggestions.

Fox 8, representing "New Day Cleveland" came out to the Painesville Depot on Monday October 12, to make a short video on all the changes that have occur during our best year ever. Fox 8 is doing a segment on Painesville, Ohio and we are proud to be part of what's going on in the city today. The feature will be aired on Friday October 23, 2015 at 10 *am*.

be sure to watch!

Member Paul Hach wants to sponsor a Christmas Party for the membership at the Depot on Saturday December 5th at 5:30 *pm*. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining the party.

Security cameras for the Depot and its grounds have been approved and will be purchased and installed very soon.

Our Membership is Still Growing

When the Painesville Depot came under new **Management**, in January 2015, our membership was at 10 members. To date we are up to 41 and still growing. Our annual dues are a modest \$30.00

per person, \$50.00 for couples. If you sign up after October 1st, your dues are paid for the rest of the year and all of 2016. We added two new members to our roster this month, Edward Hodkey

and Richard Sennett who resides in Milford, Connecticut.

Welcome gentlemen, we are glad to have you among our ranks and we hope you enjoy the experience as much as the rest of us do. 🙌

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**Depot Membership as of
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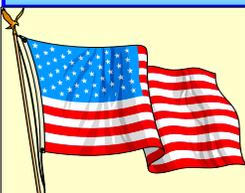
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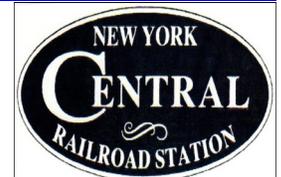
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