



Depot News from Painesville



THE DEPOT DISPATCH

Fall Train Season is upon us.



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The fall train show season is in full swing. And the guests are buying trains.

Our September Railfanning day flea market started the season for us, then came the TCA Fall Train Show. Both had good sales but The Great Berea Train show was above and beyond. NMRA Division 4 did an outstanding job on advertising the show and the attendance showed it.

Our Fundraiser Dinner is coming up soon, October 25, 2025.

Our next Dine to Donate at the Texas Roadhouse is on November 6th. They will be at our Fundraiser Dinner to sell gift cards for it.

Speaking of Texas Roadhouse, we are planning to have the Colliwood 999 engine at their Truck or Treat night on October 22th, 6 to 8 p.m. weather permitting.

The interactive display for the Engine Barn is being built and will be done by the end of October. The Videos are complete.

Dues are due as of January

1.2026. At the January 2025 membership meeting we voted to revise our bylaws it will increase the membership dues by \$10.00.

At the January 2026 meeting we will be voting for two of our BOD members. Frances Meinke and Dan Chuppa are up for re-election.

This has been a very busy month.

Be safe. *Tom Pescha*, V.P.



This months Membership meeting is October 14, 2025
BOD meeting is October 28, 2025

Upcoming Dates and Events

Oct. 14, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm
 Oct. 25, Depot Fundraiser Dinner 3 pm
 Oct. 28, BOD Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm
 Nov. 6, Dine to Donate, Texas Roadhouse
 Nov. 11, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm
 Nov. 25, BOD Meeting, Depot 6 pm
 Nov. 29, Hand Made Market
 Dec. 11, Membership Meeting, Depot 6 pm
 Dec. 15, Christmas Dinner
 Dec. 25, BOD Membership Meeting - Cancelled

For a complete list of locations of Train and Toy Shows visit
www.cleveshows.com

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The Painesville Railroad Museum is holding a Fundraiser at The Painesville Railroad Museum in the Painesville (NYC) Depot, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 from 3 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 each pre-sale and \$35.00 at the door and includes all you can eat buffet dinner and soft drink. The Buffet includes Salad, Breaded Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mix Vegetables and Rigatoni with Meat Balls.

Guest Speaker: Tom Pescha - Interactive Display for Engine Barn.

Doors open at 3:00 pm, **Dinner served at 4:00 pm..**

We will also have a great Chinese Raffle along with a 50/50 raffle. We have some outstanding Baskets for the Chinese Raffle.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to order your pre-sale tickets now

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER BUFFET DINNER

Saturday, October 25, 2025 3 to 8 p.m.

Come and join us for an evening of great Buffet Dinner and see all of our expansions at the Museum.

Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Menu: *All you can eat*

Breaded Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Mixed vegetables
Rigatoni & Meat Balls
Salad & Dinner Rolls

Cost:
\$30.00 Each Pre-Sale
\$35.00 Each at Door

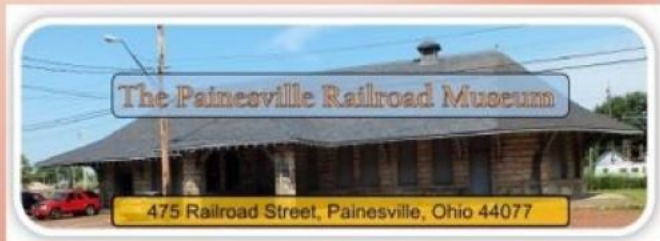
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Chinese Raffle

Live music provide by "Young and Blue"

Guest Speaker: Tom Pescha - Engine Barn Interactive Display

Be sure to visit our new Engine Barn



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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.



Sponsored in part by Texas Roadhouse.

For pre-sale Tickets, contact Tom Pescha at 216-470-5780

Make checks out to 'WRRRA'

Once again Young and Blue will be providing live music.

Auction Baskets

As the fundraiser Dinner is only a few weeks away, Lusia is busy putting the auction baskets together. We have over 14 bottles of great wine and also several bottles of Sparkling Juice, alcohol free for those who wish the non-alcoholic basket. Once again we will have the Halloween candy baskets and even some train items baskets.

And lets not forget the gift cards from Texas Roadhouse, Silvestro's, Chagrin River Diner, Mary Yoder's, Mary's Diner and Anthony's .

Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 and 15 for \$10.00.

50/30-20 raffle. The winners 1st place is 30% of total, 2nd place is 20% and Museum is 50%.



Dine to Donate

Our partnership with Texas Roadhouse continues! Any previously purchased gift cards can be used on Dine to Donate day **Thursday, November 6th**.

Gift cards will be on sale at the Fundraiser Dinner from 3 to 5 p.m. which can be used to pay your bill at the Dine to Donate.

This is great because the museum gets 10% of the gift card sales and then we get 10% of your food bill at the Dine to Donate event.

This means we



get a total of 20%

Model Train Set Raffle

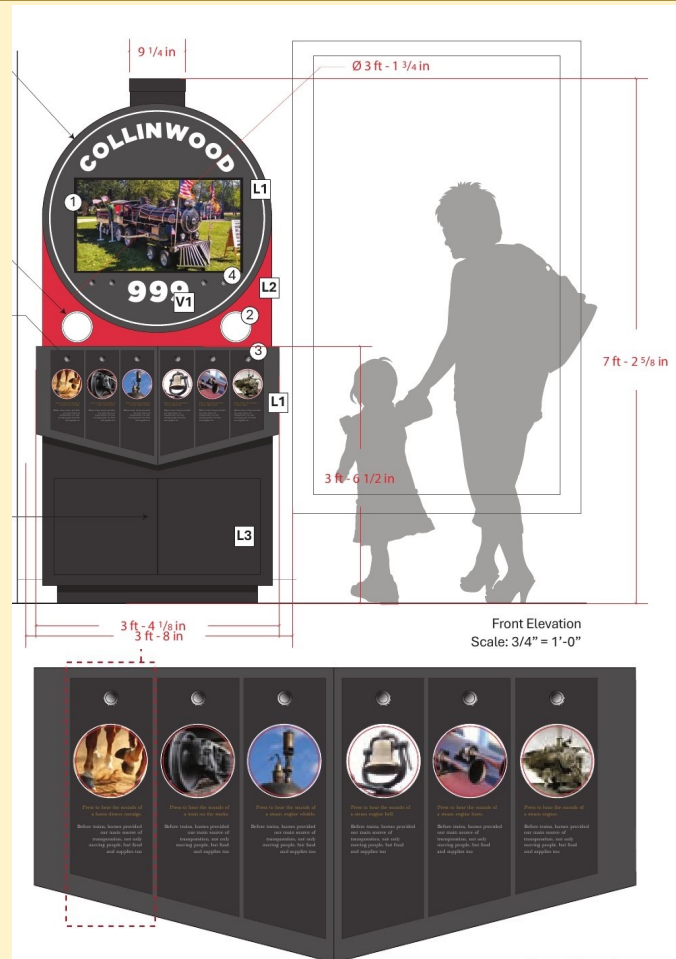
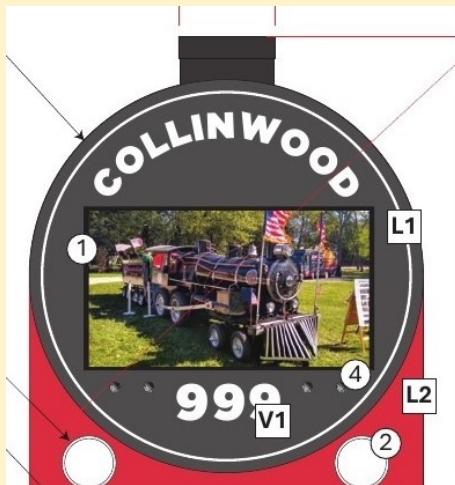
The Painesville Railroad Museum is raffling off two new Kato "N" Scale mixed freight starter set with CXS Engine and CSX Box Car.* Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be October 21, 2025 at our Fundraiser Dinner. Winner need not be present. All profits benefit the Painesville Railroad Museum, a 501(c)3 non-profit.

*In addition there will be a Kato F7 freight train with AT&F Blue Bonnet N scale set graciously donated by Paul McFee.



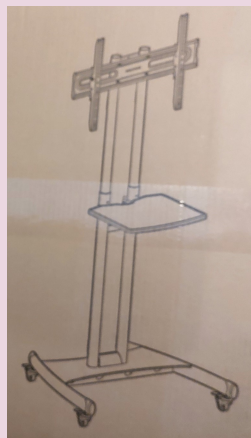
Interactive Display

Our new interactive Display will be completed by our Fundraiser Dinner. The Display will look like the front end of the Collinwood 999 engine and have push buttons to play different videos including the Collinwood 999 engine, building of the Engine Barn, the Horse Drawn Trolley and moving our CSX Box Car. It will also have buttons for different railroad sounds.



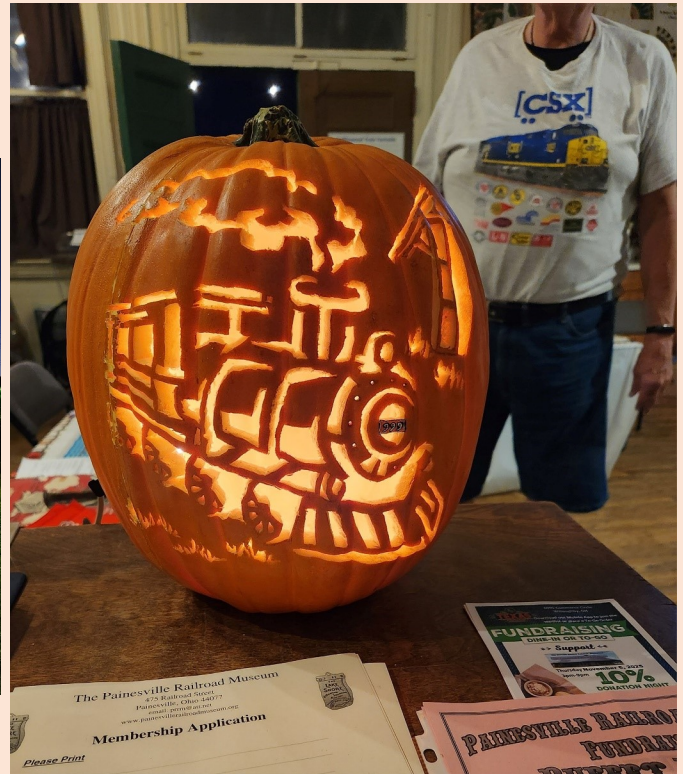
Smart 4K Ultra HD 65" TV and Stand w wheels

The museum has bought a new Smart UHD 65" TV to replace our old TV. With this being a smart TV we will be able to have pics from our cell phones show on this TV. Also we will be able to use it for presentation from our Lap Top computer. With the stand having wheels we will be able to move the TV to different areas for viewing.



Halloween on our door steps

Halloween is just around the corner and Jim and Fran Freda has brought the spirit to our museum. ***Absolutely Fantastic!***



Join us at The Historic Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) on Saturday, November 29th, 2025, from 9 am – 3 pm for The Handmade Market. We will be hosting an array of Quality Handmade Artisans and Crafters for this special Art and Craft Show on Small Business Saturday.

Be sure to visit our bake sale. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and chips will be available for a small donation. And don't forget our Chinese Auction.

Shop Small, Shop Local, Buy Handmade and Preserve History at the Museum. Join the Movement!!

Admission is FREE, Donation accepted and appreciated

Painesville Railroad Museum,
475 Railroad Street,
Painesville, Ohio
44077

440-655-4455

Art and Craft Show

The Handmade Market



November 29, 2025

9 am. to 3 pm.

Chinese
Raffle

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM
(NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission: **FREE**
For Info:
440-655-4455
prmevent@att.net



Join us at The Painesville Railroad Museum for The Handmade Market. We will be hosting an array of Quality Handmade Artisans and Crafters for Small Business Saturday. Shop Small, Shop Local, Buy Handmade and Preserve History at the Museum. Join the Movement!!





Refreshments Available



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Direction to Painesville Depot
East on 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.)
East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street
South on North State Street (under RR bridge) to Railroad Street.

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



The Handmade Market



The Handmade Market is a handmade only, juried show. Please mail your application and fee (payable to: Painesville Railroad Museum), 3 current photos of your best work, 1 photo of your booth set up, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Painesville Railroad Museum,
475 Railroad Street, Painesville,
Ohio 44077,
Attn: The Handmade Market.

Applications are due by November 8, 2025. You will be notified by mail if your application has been juried and accepted.

Booth fee is \$30.00 for a 6'x5' space. You must provide your own tables and chairs. 6' tables can be rented for \$5.00 each. Electricity is available, but limited, at an additional \$5.00. Set up begins at 8am and should be completed by 8:30 am. Please do not break down until 4pm. Each participant is required to donate an item for the Chinese Raffle.

For further information about this event, contact Stephanie at prrmevent@att.net

I hereby make application for a space at The Handmade Market at Painesville Railroad Museum, Saturday November 29th, 2025. I have read and agree to all application information. I attest that the work shown are my own designs. I waive all claims against the Painesville Railroad Museum, volunteers and others associated with the show for loss or damages.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Handmade Market Nov. 29, 2025 No "Pack Up" before 3 P.M.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email:

Permit# _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ No of Booths _____

Electrical ☐ No. of Tables _____ Please return this part only

Booth Space 6' x 5' \$30.00
6' X 30" Table \$5.00; Elec. \$5.00
Load in: Sat. 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Make Checks Payable To:
Painesville Railroad Museum
Mail To:

Handmade Market c/o
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-655-4455
prrmevent@att.net

Please send payment with booth order by Nov. 8, 2025

Each artist/crafter will be required to donate an item to Chinese raffle.

Please return this part only

Again this year the dinner will be catered, so we will need a head count to order the correct amount of food. Please **RSVP** Tom Pescha by email at cleve-shows@att.net or call him at 216-470-5780 ***no later than Thursday November 30.***

Menu

Tossed Green Salad

Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side

HoBo Beans

Breaded Chicken

Mixed vegetables

Au Gratin Potatoes

Rigatoni and Meat Balls

Cake for desert.



And a very big Thank You to Paul Hach for his donation to pay for our dinner.



AT our January 2025 membership meeting, our bylaws were revised, it increased our membership dues. This is the first increase in over 10 years. **Dues are due Jan. 1st.**

The Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

email: prrm@att.net

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org



RE: Membership renewal

Dear Member:

It has been a pleasure having you as a member of the Painesville Railroad Museum. As the year is coming to an end, so is your membership. We wish to keep you as a member by having you re-new your membership.

Dues are due January 1, 2026.

Renewal cost is:

\$40.00 per year for single membership or

\$60.00 per year for family membership

Please provide name(s) and any of your contact information that needs to be updated, please do so by completing the form below.

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

Make Check payable to
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The Western Reserve Railroad Association

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Please Check Areas of Interest

Museum Volunteer _____

Typical Opportunities Tour Guide, Receptionist, Gift shop sales.

Museum Collections: _____

Typical Opportunities: acquisitions (additions to collections).

Building & Grounds Maintenance _____

Typical Opportunities: carpentry, painting, basic electrical, plumbing, grass cutting.

Model Train Layouts _____

Typical Opportunities: Operate and Maintain.

Food Service _____

Typical Opportunities: Baked goods, Food serving and set-up, clean up for special events.

Days Available

____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday

____ Thursday ____ Friday

____ Saturday



Revision Date: 9-25-25

TCA Fall Train Show

The TCA started off the fall train season on September 13th at the Berea Fair Grounds. They had two buildings and they were full of trains and had a waiting list of vendors. Mother Nature provided great weather for the show. We had 3 tables for the show. The Museum did very well at this event. By the way, it was great to see R.J. back at one of our shows! A big thanks to all our members who helped with the show.



Railfanning Day - Graffiti Contest by Paul Mcfee

On June 20th and 21st, Saturday and Sunday, Mother Nature was a double-sided sword. Two beautiful days of sunshine and warm temperatures. But alas it was the reason that our attendance was somewhat lower than usual for this event. Summer is starting to wind down and people are taking advantage of the weather before the frost begins.

One saving grace, later in the afternoon there were many attendees that purchased several articles from the PRRM making it a profitable day for the museum. This year's inaugural event was the best graffiti photo contest. Four of PRRM members participated in this year's contest. Congratulations go to 1st place winner Rob Romig. Both Jim and Fran Freda won second and fourth place and George Anderson won third Place. Looking forward to making this contest an annual Event.

The PRRM would like to thank the many volunteers and vendors who participated in this year's event.

Till the next whistle stop folks



Rob - 1st place



George and Edna Anderson - 3rd place



Jim and Fran Freda 2nd and 4th place.

THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW - NMRA DIVISION 4

It was hard to tell that the Berea show was in October with 80's degree days. Yes 80's in October! But Division 4 did a great job in advertising the show and the gate showed it. And so did our sales. A very big thank you to all our members who helped with our booth. We had a total of 6 tables.

