



The Depot Dispatch



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Another Great Success



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On the weekend of May 5 & 6, 2017, the Painesville Depot had its first big event of the year, **Model Train Days**. This is a great show to take the whole family to see many model trains all

running at the same time. There were 11 layouts representing several scales including, "O", "HO", "S", "N" and "G" gauges. There was something there for everyone from model train layouts on the inside, to the real thing on the

tracks outside along with a couple of vendors with flea market items set up in the adjacent field. If the weather would have cooperated a little better, there would have been a lot

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Model Train Days cont.....



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more vendors in the flea market area of the show. We had two “G” gauge displays, one outside, Dave Metzger’s operation, and the other one riding the rails high on the ceiling of the main lobby. “O”

gauge was at the show compliments of Tom Pescha and the Depot layout in the women’s waiting room in the back of the building. “N” scale was represented by the LENS group, the Crooked River club and the personal layout of Rob Romig. “HO” was

exemplified by the Great Lakes HO Modular Group who brought their modules and a free standing layout. Kids even had a chance to run trains on Sam Monturi’s working layout. Depot President Jim Wendorf even brought the smallest operating lay-



out you have ever seen, I believe it is smaller than “Z” scale. There are 3 permanent based layouts on premise all the time. One is a “G” scale display, another is a multiple “HO” and “N” scale layout and the third

has an “O”, “S” and “HO” gauges loops on it. All three can be viewed on any visit to the Museum. For those guests that came down with a case of the hungries at the show, there was plenty of good food cook-

ing on the grill and plenty of snacks and beverages. This was our second Model Train Days event and both were big successes, we are already planning on our next one to be bigger and better next year!



Bulletin Board:

Paranormal Investigation

Join the ladies of [the Haunted Housewives](#) for a paranormal investigation of the Painesville Railroad Museum (aka The Painesville Depot) on June 9, 2017 from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am! This historic building, built in 1893, was used as a passenger depot up until 1971. This haunted building has more than its share of paranormal activity. Would you like to join a small group of investigators searching to discover the evidence to support that claim? This is a fundraiser and a \$20 donation will be accepted. All proceeds from this paranormal exploration will go to the [Painesville Railroad Museum](#), the group responsible for saving this iconic piece of history.

Order your tickets at:

<http://www.willoughbyghostwalk.com/special-events.html>

Grants Awarded

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Painesville Railroad Museum has been awarded grants from the Lake County Visitor Bureau Arts and Culture Funding program and The Robert S. Morrison Foundation for its **Railroad Memorabilia Show**, which will be held on August 27, 2017 from 10 am to 5 pm.

The 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 ware (*Dinner Ware*) that was used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, etc. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.

By displaying Railroad Artifacts, we can provide the history of **Railroading** and how it had a great influence on our history and the importance that the Painesville Depot once served. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.

Admission: \$5.00 each, Family \$7.00

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

CURRENT EVENTS at or near THE DEPOT

Paranormal Investigation	June 9
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (9 pm -1 am)	
Membership Meeting	June 13
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)	
Quaker Steak-Bike Night	June 15
Quaker Steak & Lube 7834 Reynolds Rd. (Rt. 306) at Tyler Blvd. (flyer on page 10) Mentor, Ohio 44060 (6:30 - 9:30 pm)	
BOD Meeting	June 27
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)	
Paint & Sip	June 28
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 11) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:30 pm -9 pm)	
Open House	July 22
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 12) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)	
Division 5 Picnic	August 5
The Painesville Railroad Museum	
Painesville Depot Picnic	August 12
The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 13) Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm)	
RR Memorabilia Show	August 27
The Painesville Railroad Museum (10 am -5 pm) (flyer on page 14)	

The Depot Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



On May 12, 2017 the Painesville Railroad Museum held its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. This was to show off all the restorations of the past two years. Many of the City of Painesville officials were present. We received certificates from the Ohio Attorney General, Mike DeWine, Congressional Achievement from Congressman David Joyce, Painesville City Council,

Lori DiNallo and PCIC. We were also recognized by the Eastern Lake County Chamber.

Here is a list of just some of the restorations that have been completed in the past two years

Restoration that have been completed so far:

- 1) Rebuilding the Caboose

- 2) The installation of two new ADA Restrooms
- 3) With the addition of the rest rooms, running water, both hot and cold were added along with turning on the heat during the winter months.
- 4) Now that the heat is on, we needed to insulate the entire building to R48. Some areas were not insulated at all.



- 5) Adding the Trainmaster Office.
- 6) Adding Wi-Fi and new IT Station.
- 7) Repairing hole in roof over the east end overhang.
- 8) Dry walling the walls in the main lobby.
- 9) Repairing sandstone with mortar, nip and tuck.
- 10) Painting the doors and eve braces.

- 11) Adding lighting and chandlers in east end of building.
- 12) Replacing windows in Bay Window area.
- 13) Repairing dry wall ceiling in Main Lobby
- 14) Adding new chandlers and ceiling fans in main lobby.
- 15) Repairing windows in eyebrow skylight.

These projects could not have been completed without the help of funding. We would like to recognize the following for their support:

- Painesville Community Improvement Corporation
- Western Reserve Junior Service League
- Mr. Tony Spena
- American Marine Express, Inc.

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony cont....



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Robert S. Morrison Foundation
 Lake County Visitors Bureau
 NMRA Division 5
 Cuyahoga Valley 'S' Gauge Association
 Mr. Paul Hach Sr.
 Tom Dailey foundation
 Ms. Gretchen Reed
 Mr. & Mrs. Diane and Robert Palvin
 Mr. Leonard Kessler
 Ms. Ryan Morris

Fundraising

A special thanks to Lisa Cumming and Julie Rhodes for their outstanding work on our numerous fundraising projects

Food for this special event was provided by **Mr. Chicken** in Painesville, Ohio. 

And a very large thank you to our Restoration Crew:

Dale Porter	Jack Liles
Rick Rock	Dennis Marano
Rob Romig	Tom Tylick
Brian Morningstar	



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. The next Bike Night will be on June 15, 2017 from 5 pm to 10 pm. It is on a Thursday and it will be our first of the year. Stop by and have a beer with us and show your **support!**



25th Wedding Anniversary



Stephanie and Rob Romig held a *surprise* 25 wedding anniversary on May 15, 2017 at the

newly renovated Painesville Depot. The surprise was to Rob, a member on the Board of Directors, who was totally caught off guard by his bride of 25 years and key associates of the Museum Board. The happy couple renewed their wedding vows in front of many friends and family members. Congratulations to these two happy friends and participants of the ever growing family of

the Painesville Railroad Museum.

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Race Car Sponsors

The Lake County Juvenile Diabetes Walk Family in conjunction with their Fish Festival are sponsoring a race car to help in their fundraising efforts. This car races at Raceway 7 in Conneaut,

Ohio on Friday nights. The car will also appear in many local parades. Also being a sponsor, the Painesville Railroad Museum logo is on the driver's door. Having our logo on this race car will help promote the Painesville Railroad

Museum, keep an eye out for it at the Depot and wish them luck.



Cub Scouts Meet at the Depot



At the invitation of the Depot President Jim Wendorf, a local Cub Scout, **Pack 174 of Painesville, Ohio**, held their meeting at the

Painesville Depot. Pack 174 is from Hope Ridge United Methodist Church, primarily from the Riverside School District, but they do have some kids from the Mentor area. Cub Master Rob Burnham and Assistant Cub Master Chris Hartman, conducted the meeting for 13 scouts along with approximately 20 family members that attended the assembly. After the meeting, the guests were divided into 2 groups. The first group was led by Rob Romig to tour the caboose on grounds. The second group was given the history of the Depot by Jim Wendorf as they observed the many renovations to the Depot over the past two years. When each group finished their tours, they changed places with each other. A special thanks to the

Board members that helped make this visit enjoyable. 



Stairway to the Caboose

For the longest time there have been numerous complaints about access to the completed caboose. Unfortunately there are no appropriations for the building of access steps to the caboose, much less a railfanning deck, in the Depot budget. However, under the approval of the Board, plans and an estimate for access steps only was submitted by Dale Porter. The plans were very detailed but regrettably came with a hefty cost of just over \$1,000.00. The steps and landing platform would be permanent and compatible with any observation deck that may be built in the future. The board conceded that they could probably afford a couple of hundred dollars toward this worthy project, but that was

all. Being handicapped myself, the steps would be a great aid to me, enough so that I am asking for \$100.00 donations starting with *mine* to get this project going. To date two other members are willing to match me. If the amount is too much, one could probably

find a couple of members or friends to help one meet this goal. Any amount donated to this well-intentioned project will be greatly appreciated.

- Len Kessler





All Aboard Depot Members:

At the May BOD Meeting, it was decided to do a re-order of the Polo Shirts and Baseball type hats with the Painesville Railroad Museum Logo embroidered on it. The shirt and hat will be dark green with Yellow-Gold logo embroidering on it. This order of shirts will have a pocket, thus the increase in price.

We are not ordering extra shirts and inventory them. If you wish one you must order and pay for it.

Shirt cost is \$22.50 each, 2x and 3x is \$24.50 each
Hat cost is \$10.00 each

We will be placing the order on July 12, 2017, so you need to place your order and pay for it before then, or you can mail your order and check (made out to: WRRRA) to the depot at:
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Orders MUST be received by July 11, 2017

Price	\$22.50 each				\$24.50 each	
Shirt Size	Small	Medium	Large	X Large	2X Large	3X Large
# ordered						
Hat	One Size fits all \$10.00 each					
# ordered						

Amount Enclosed _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



The Painesville Depot Newsletter



June, 2017

Electronic Version

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



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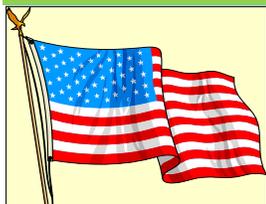
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Bike Night

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Quaker Steak & Lube

7834 Reynolds Road (Rt 306) at Tyler Blvd.

Mentor, Ohio 44060

6:30 to 9:30 pm

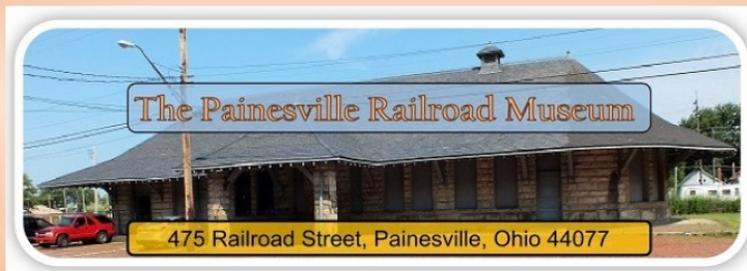


Beer Tent being hosted by:

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 RAILROAD STREET, PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077

All proceeds to help continuing restoration of depot.



475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM'S Paint & Sip Night

Wednesday, June 28th, 2017

6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

\$30.00 per person

*Pre-Sale Tickets Only

Location: 475 Railroad Street

Painesville, Ohio 44077

Join us for a fun filled night as you paint "Moonlight Train".
Instructors from Stella's Art will guide you step by step, as you sip
on a complimentary beverage.

All painting supplies are provided.

Checks can be made out to *WRRRA* and mailed to:

Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street

Painesville, Ohio 44077

Attn: Paint & Sip



*Deadline for payment no later than June 21st.

For further information contact Lisa or Julie at wrrmevents@gmail.com

100% of proceeds will go to the restoration of the PRRM.

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OPEN HOUSE

at

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

JULY 22 - 2017

10 am to 5 pm

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot

VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT

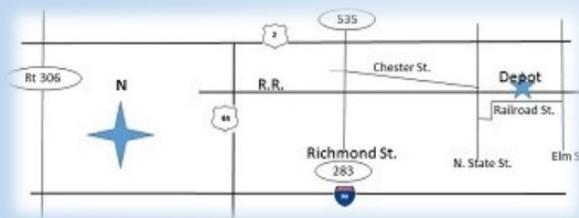
AND SEE THE PROGRESS OF OUR RESTORATION!



Admission Free

Donation accepted and appreciated

**SEE ARTIFACTS OF THE GLORY DAYS
OF RAILROADS FROM DAYS GONE BY.**



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.)
- 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.



Food and Drinks available.

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



DEPOT PICNIC

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Noon to 5:00 pm
Eats around 2:00 pm



Staff and Families are invited

Depot will provide the Meat, potatoes, pop and water
Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.



Volunteers Needed

Division 5 will be holding their annual picnic at the Painesville Depot on Saturday August 5, 2017. We are always looking for volunteers to help make events at the Depot big successes. The Division always

has plenty of good food and they enjoy the close proximity to the CSX railroad tracks right next to the Depot. There is no better place in the immediate area for a day of railfanning. Any member that stops by on that day to lend a hand will be welcomed to stay and

join in on the food, railfanning and camaraderie of a group with similar interests. Come on down and make a day of it.

RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS



Sunday, August 27, 2017 10 am to 5 pm

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
216-470-5780



Admission \$5.00 each, Family \$7.00



See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.



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. 2017 Railroad Memorabilia Show

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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

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6' X 30" Tables

Display only - Tables are free
Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

Load in Sat. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sun. 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Make Checks Payable To:
WRRRA

Mail To:

Tom Pescha
3942 East 364th Street
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
Phone (216) 470-5780
www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

Please send table request by Aug. 18, 2017

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