

November 2017

THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL



President's Message for November 2017

Hi Everybody,

Right now it is very hard for me to write this column as the President and elected leader of this forty two year old organization. I feel frustrated and outright betrayed by someone in this organization who would take advantage of me the way they did last week.

For those of you who don't know what I am talking about, here is the story of last week. On Sunday we got slammed by the nastiest storm to hit Northern Ohio in many years. Some say the storm was a level two hurricane in strength. It hit my house about six PM and knocked out all the power to my house and to the entire area. It stayed blackout the entire evening and about nine I simply went to bed and slept the entire night. The next morning we still had no power and no heat, so we stayed put in the house. Nobody went into the barn from Sunday afternoon until power and heat was restored Tuesday morning. The reason I mention all this is that sometime between Sunday evening and Tuesday morning someone broke into my barn and stole the main portion of the Flyer collection that was being temporarily stored in there while the van was having its transmission fixed.

The people who broke in knew exactly what they were after. They went through all the flat white boxes that the trains were stored in and took only the best of the best. Boxes with not so valuable items were thrown aside. The Plasticville and Ertl stuff is still there but the fourteen boxes with the NP, MP, Circus sets, and heavyweights are gone. So is all the scale equipment. Nothing else in the entire garage was touched or gone through, just the trains.

All this leads me to three conclusions: First that the person or persons who did this knew Flyer and it was not the random actions of a thief of opportunity who would take whatever looked most valuable to him. Certainly not a box of toys! Second, that the person was totally familiar with the layout of my crowded barn and could navigate his way around even with no power by the light of a flashlight. And third, that he knew that the collection, which has been locked in my van at my house, was stored for just three weeks in the barn while the van was fixed. In short, this had to be an inside job.

That is what hurts most, that one of my closest friends would do this to me. Now who can I trust in my home or workshop, who might be casing my house or collection for opportunities to steal things if given the chance? Sandy Melzer just commented that the reason she is reluctant to let all these strangers into her home is who might be casing the place, checking out the security systems, furniture and anything else valuable while they attend a club meeting?

I have little doubt that the person or persons who did this are reading this newsletter right now. To that person I have a message for you. There have been police reports and insurance claims filed already, and I am told that anyone found with any of this stuff cannot claim they bought it legitimately from "someone" and that they are innocent of wrongdoing. They are guilty of having stolen goods and can (and will) be charged with possessing those stolen goods.

President's Message Continued

Also, thanks to the foresight of one Mrs. Dawn Stopar, we have a complete and 100% accurate list of exactly what is missing, along with descriptions of those items and any unusual things about them that would identify them as being mine. That list is being passed out all over the country to every S Club from Boston to Sacramento, Minnesota to New Orleans, to every auction house and hobby shop and all people known to be in the Flyer buying market within a thousand miles of here. All are glad to help because they consider you to be scum and want you gone from the hobby. I hope you enjoy them in your basement because that is the only place you can take them where you won't get caught trying to sell them.

By the way, from now on anyone caught in the barn without permission will be disposed of permanently and buried beyond my back cliff.

Lee

(Editor's Note. Our hearts go out to Lee and Cindy McCarty regarding this shocking violation of the sanctity of their home and of their property. Anyone with any knowledge that may be helpful in recovering the items that were taken should contact Lee on his home phone (440)-526-9864; his cell phone (440)-665-0243 or via email at Macsir@aol.com. A list of the items taken has either been uploaded to the club website or will be uploaded shortly. Ed.)



Upcoming Shows:



TCA Train Meet Nov. 25, 2017 10 am pm 3pm
UAW Hall, Parma

Hand Made Market (Art & Craft Show) Nov. 25, 10 am to 4 pm
Painesville Depot, Painesville

Christmas Train and Toy Show Dec. 10, 10 am to 3:30 pm
Lakeland Community College

Massillon Train & Toy Show Dec. 10, 10 am to 3 pm
K of C Hall, Massillon

Snow Dog Train show, Jan. 6, 2017 10am to 3 pm
Parma UAW Hall

Antique & Collectible Old Toy Show, Jan. 6, 2018, 9am to 2pm
Lakeland Community College

TCA Train Meet Jan 27, 2017 10 am pm 3 pm
UAW Hall, Parma

Be sure to check www.cleveshows.com for the most complete list of NE Ohio Train and Toy Shows!

NEWS AND NOTES:

Meetings:

November 19, 2017 Chuck and Gail Fonda

December 3, 2017 Holiday Party, Details in Lee Message.

We have two events on November 25, 2017. First we have our annual event at the Cleveland Public Library involving the Tinsplate and HO layouts - I am in charge of this, and we have set up about 4 pm on Friday the 24th and sunning trains on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. We also have the TCA show and will be taking the Hi-Rail layout, with set-up also on Friday.

We have the same situation with the Frieden show at Lakeland on December 10 getting the hi-rail layout, as with Jon Albright's show the tinsplate layout, all of which will be discussed at the meeting.

REMEMBER: Our Club show is on January 6, 2017 at the UAW Hall in Parma, Ohio

Have a great weekend, and hope to see you soon.

Chuck

Stolen Train Collection

CARS

- 716 Ejector Car
- 734 Koppers Tank
- 912 Jersey Central Covered Hopper
- 924 Lumber Car
- 928 AFL Caboose
- 935 MP Refer
- 983 B&M Refer
- 985 New York Central Custom Caboose
- 17560 Peabody Hopper
- 24323 Bakers Chocolate with Box
- 25016 Flat Car with 1 broken step

Kits

- 1973 Quality Craft Models
- Ma & Pa Flat Car
- N&W Hopper Kit
- Pacific Rails Tank Car Kit
- USRA Box Car Kit

- NASG Pullman
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MEETING MINUTES — Oct. 22, 2017

The October 22nd, 2017 meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley S-Gaugers was held at the Boneyard restaurant and called to order by President Lee McCarty at 5:20 p.m. with 17 members present.

Greg Melzer read the treasurers report. It is still in good shape with no outstanding debts.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The TCA will be having its train meet on Oct 28th at the UAW Hall in Parma. The Tinplate layout is committed to the meet with setup on Friday afternoon. The TCA is providing free admission to those who will be running the layout it and taking down plus two or three tables next to the layout. The transmission on Lee's van broke down whereby how to get the layout there was discussed. There was no clear answer to the issue at the meeting.

Jon Ulbright's CJ Trains Show in Mt. Hope was discussed. The show is scheduled for March 24, 2018. Even if Lee's van was able to haul the trailer, there are no major highways to Mt. Hope. The weather could be a factor at that time of the year. It is called snow.

Our train show is set for January 8, 2018. Lee indicated that he will not be there but will take the table reservations prior to the show. Jim Futules will be overseeing the show. Greg Melzer will not be there as well. Bob Shaw will take care of the show fees at the door.

The club's annual Christmas party will be at the Pufferbelly Depot Restaurant in Berea on Sunday Dec. 3 at 3:00 p.m. The club will pay for the appetizers and dessert. The main course will be Prime Rib with all the trimmings. Cost is \$12.00 per person. All members are welcomed

to come with their spouses.

Max Gruber presented a proposal for a new hi-rail layout. Max passed out drawings to the members showing three 6' x 12' modules. When set up, the layout would be 12' x 24' in a "U" shape. The three sections will fold up on a wheeled frame allowing each section to be rolled into the trailer. Max would like to build one module for presentation to the members. Mike Udolph made a motion to give Max a \$100 allowance from the club to build the module. Chuck Fonda seconded it. The motion passed.

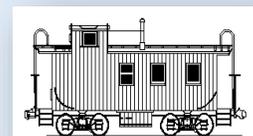
Jim Futules brought attention to the fact that the present hi-rail layout still has work to be done plus some adjustments to be made. There were several areas that were left unfinished because there just wasn't enough time to do it all. The work would be done in the summer. Lee made a motion that every section is done and finished on the layout and not to be touched unless an emergency arises. Bryan Stopar seconded it. The members present felt the layout is not done and did not vote on the motion. Chuck Fonda asked to table it for discussion again in the Spring of 2018. The members voted unanimously on tabling it. Chuck also asked the members for hand applause for all the work Jim had done on the Layout. With no further items, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chuck Fonda and seconded it by Terry Patti.

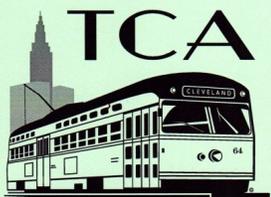
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The November meeting will be at Chuck and Gail Fonda's home

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Futules, Secretary





LAKE ERIE CHAPTER TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

THANKSGIVING TRAIN MEET

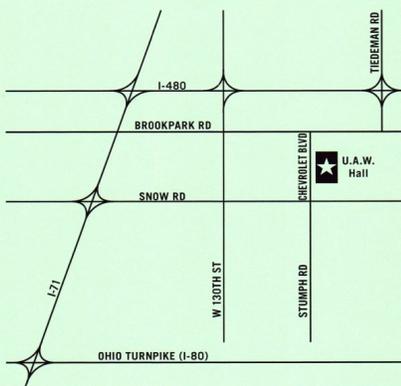
LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

Saturday, November 25th, 2017

U.A.W. Hall (Parma); 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.; Cleveland, OH

- Free Parking
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- Good Lighting
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- New and Old Trains
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NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: APRIL 28TH, 2018

All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

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

For More Information Contact: David Stachnik at tcalakeerie@gmail.com.

The Handmade Market

Art and Craft Show

Hand-Crafted



November 25, 2017

10 am. to 4 pm.

Chinese Raffle

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

(NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Admission: **FREE**

For Info:
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WRRMevents@gmail.com

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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.
East on Railroad Street to Depot.

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

Christmas Train and TOY SHOW

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BUY - SELL - TRADE

Sunday, December 10, 2017
10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Santa Claus will be at the show from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. If you wish to take your child's picture with Santa, we ask that you make a \$5.00 donation to JDRF.

(440) 256-8141

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Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Main Gym
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

Admission: Adults \$6.00 Family \$15.00
Children (6-12) \$3.00, Under 6 Free
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Toy Collection for needy families - New in-box toys only (unwrapped). Please no stuffed animals.

JDRF - Stop by the LCJDWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation.



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THE NEWS-HERALD

BUY - SELL - TRADE



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Antique & Collectible Toy Show

BUY - SELL - TRADE

Saturday, January 6, 2018
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Located at:

LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
7700 CLOCKTOWER DR.
KIRTLAND, OHIO 44094

Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Auxiliary Gym
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

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Web: www.neocollectibletoys.com

TOY II Jan. 6, 2018 Toy Show 2 - No "Pack Up" before 2 P.M.

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HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FLYER PA SANTA FE DIESEL

History of The American Flyer PA Santa Fe Diesel

At the time of the American involvement in World War II, following the Pearl Harbor attack in December, 1941, the American Flyer O Gauge train line was running a poor second to Lionel in sales, despite a heavy investment in tooling over the several years prior to 1941 by the A.C. Gilbert Company. The coming of the war gave the Gilbert Company breathing space to contemplate a newer strategy, and the decision was made to go to take the American Flyer train line to S Gauge, where it was hoped that American Flyer could compete with Lionel on a head-to-head basis. Well, as the saying goes, "The best laid plans oft gang alee", and so it happened here.

Plagued by production line mishaps, and not fully contemplating the changes needed to go to two-rail track, Gilbert's American Flyer S Gauge line got off to a slow start in its post WWII race with Lionel, and never really caught up, essentially making American Flyer S Gauge the "Avis" of the toy train world, compared to Lionel's "Hertz". One of the best examples of this is Lionel's bringing out its top of the line diesels, the F3s in 1948. By being first, Lionel got New York Central and Santa Fe, the two railroads featured on the new F3s, as well as General Motors, to kick in one-quarter each on the tooling costs of the new diesels, which meant that Lionel had relatively minimal tooling costs on its new diesels. When the American Flyer line was ready to produce diesels two years later in 1950, there was nobody out there ready to help defray its tooling costs for the new diesels. This perceived slight stuck in the craw of Gilbert executives for years, and had effects on the product line in the years ahead.

However, a wise choice was made in the selection of the PA diesel as the top-of-the-line unit, and naturally, it was decided that it should appear in Santa Fe markings. The 1950 catalog shows a different scheme than was produced with a yellow-stripe running down the nose, and with the PA coming with Miller-type trucks. The initial runs of the new 360 and 361 units were "chrome" versions and came with wire handrails and brass wheels on the motor chassis. The term "chrome" is a bit of a misnomer, but will be used here; the actual process of the chrome units, being quite well laid out in the article by the late Bob Tufts "Sources of American Flyer Variations", published in the second volume of the American Flyer 3-volume set by Greenberg published in 1992. A major problem with the initial runs was that the "chrome" did not adhere that well to the shell, and many a Flyer fan has been disappointed over the years, when he (or she) learns that a significant find of the wire-handrails version has too much "chrome" loss to be significant.

After the initial runs, both the "chrome" versions and the satin version with the war-bonnet scheme were produced with painted handrails and the brass wheels were phased out. From all indications, both versions sold very well. As the "chrome" versions were not catalogued, the set box, either 5007 or 5008 would come with the suffix "A"

With the introduction of the Nathan Air Chime Whistle in 1951, the Santa Fe PA units underwent a numbering change with the B unit receiving the number 364, and the set receiving the number 365. The satin versions were once again the catalogued version, although the early 1951 dealer catalogs showed the 1950 catalogued version of the 1950 units as noted above, and the "chrome" version with the wire handrails. There were at least eight runs of the 360-364 satin version, showing how popular this version was. There was still some demand for the "chrome" versions so the 360-364 was also produced this way, though not nearly in the amounts of the their satin counterparts.

One last note on the 360 series units. At one time, it was thought that a "Chrome" version with the warbonnet on the 360 and the satin type striping on the 361 B unit was first produced in 1950 as well. However, it has since been verified from several auction sales that apparently, this warbonnet "chrome version was produced in a very limited basis in 1952 (25-100 sets look to have been made) with the "chrome" passenger cars introduced in 1952, with the set including a 663 "chrome" observation (which was also never made for general sales). This set was apparently some form of sale special or executive sales/gift offering similar to gold units of 1959. You can see from the 360 on my shelf that the "chrome" warbonnet still had paint issues/

As I noted earlier, the matter of having to swallow the entire tolling costs for the new diesels in 1950, had not set well with Gilbert company executives. Maury Romer, longtime Gilbert executive noted how he had brought the Celanese tank car up as a nice addition for the 1954 line. While the board was pleased that the car looked sharp, Romer was asked how much Gilbert was being paid to put the car in the line. When he replied nothing, the consensus was to put the Gilbert name on the car, and hence, the 910 Gilbert chemical car came into being.

This attitude change was first applied to the diesel line in 1952, when the 405 diesel was first introduced as carrying the Burlington name. However, noting the same logic as indicated above, the name was changed to "Silver Streak", as this was the name that referred to the famous Burlington Zephyrs of the C.B & Q, so the thought was that the company could get away with claiming a new road name without actually placing a road name on a product for which the company would not get paid.

This concept was followed even more audaciously in 1953, when an A-B-A diesel was introduced with the numbering 470-1-3 bearing the "Chief" name, warbonnet striping, and Indian Head decal (also "Chief"). But neither on the locos, nor on any catalog or other written publication, would you find the name "Santa Fe". This was also followed with all other PA diesel, such as "Rocket", "Flash" and "Comet", but not in so brazen a fashion. All the new diesels also had a different form of "chrome", which still had problems adhering to the shell
End Part one.





Snow Dogs Train Show

Saturday, January 6, 2018

Wind, nor Rain, nor Snow will kept a train fan from a good train show!

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130



10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free



Free Parking

This is an ALL Gauge Show with over 150 tables of trains and toys.

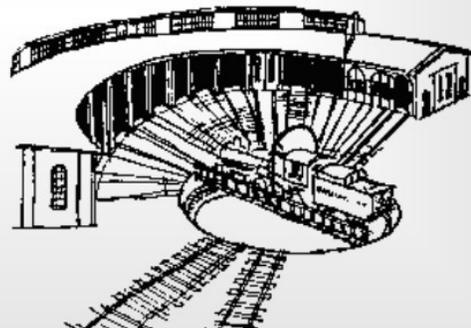
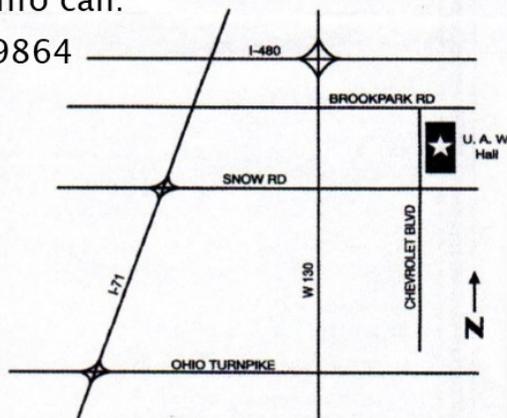
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NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017, 6:00 PM!!

The next meeting will be hosted by Chuck and Gail Fonda, 2662 Elmhurst Drive, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Phone (216)-765-0672; Cell (216)-544-6400.. Email – cwaltf@aol.com Our house is west of Richmond Road off of Fairmount Blvd., with access from I-271 off either the Cedar-Brainard Road or Chagrin Blvd. exits. Call me on my cell phone (216)-544-6400 if you get confused on directions. Please note that Gail and I do strive to maintain an alcohol-free house, and thus, we will not serve alcoholic beverages. If you wish to bring and consume these beverages, we would request that you do so outside the house.



CVSG

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