

April 2016

THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL



President's Message for April 2016

Hi Everybody,

Well, folks this is the last President's Message before the upcoming 'S' Spree is over and done with. So what inspirational message am I going to give everyone this month? I want to continue on my discussions as to the finances of this convention, of course!

Last month I went off on why it was cheaper to stay at the host Hotel instead of going to the local flophouse next door. The message must have gotten through because the reservations have picked up considerably since March. This month I want to let everyone know why you should all be going to the banquet on Friday night.

Our buddy from the internet list told everyone that \$34.00 was a lot of money to pay for a meal, even a good one, and that there were several good and very cheap places to eat right down the street from the convention. In this point he was correct. There are several good but "available every night" spots to get a decent meal within, say two miles of the Spree. Only problem is that they are not really cheap. Assuming that nobody is so cheap as to search out a Mickey Dees or a Burger Barn for dinner, let's just take one of those restaurants and compare it to the banquet facility and meal.

Last week was my wife's birthday, so I took her and my Mother out to the Longhorn Steakhouse on Rt. 82 just west of the Hotel to celebrate. Did we get a good meal? Of course. Was the atmosphere conducive to a good meal? Of course. Was it crowded? You bet!

It was like having your lunch in the Terminal Tower at noon. Noisy and hurried, the staff was under a lot of pressure, didn't give out much in the way of above average service, and managed to feed us with little else involved. For this we were expected to give out a 20% tip. This was on a Tuesday afternoon. Imagine what it will be on a prime Friday evening?

Dinner for three without any drinks or dessert came to nearly seventy bucks, plus another fourteen dollars for the staff. Eighty four dollars in total for three adults.

Now let's look at the banquet. First, the convention hall will close and be locked at six until seven thirty so everyone will get a chance to clean-up and eat comfortably. There will be an open cash bar in the hotel lounge next to the banquet hall for socializing and conversation with your friends until about seven at which time the doors will open and people will be seated in groups of six or eight friends together.

Dinner has been selected by the hotel staff from the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Diner Car as advertised on our website. It will be served family style so you can serve yourself as much or little as you wish. If you don't care for a dish, it will not be on your plate. The idea is to mimic a diner car experience on a real rail diner car with real diner car food.

Souvenir booklets of the cookbook are being made and everyone who wants one will get a copy of the original booklet as part of the meal. This booklet will not be available, free or for sale, anywhere else at the convention, B & O fans beware!

It has been pointed out to us that there will be children at the banquet who will not eat as much as an adult and who may wish their own menu. This is being arranged with the hotel at a price of about twelve dollars for the kids menu. It is too late to have it on the registration form so we will take care of it at the convention. If you have kids under about twelve, they will receive a highly reduced price and menu. Just see us at the registration desk for details. With some advanced notice, we can also arrange for vegan or Kosher meals as well.

President's Message Continued

At the Longhorn Restaurant at this point you are through with a line waiting for your table, and the hall will not open for another hour or so, so you can wander around beautiful downtown Strongsville until seven thirty. The clock tower is especially nice in the evening.

At the banquet the activities are just beginning. We will introduce our guest speaker, Mr. Dave Gates, now a staff member of the Summit County Historical Society of Akron, who will tell us of his adventures of travelling the rails the risky way, from the open door of an empty box car. He will also have a display of his possessions gained from twenty years of riding the rails. He is an excellent speaker and will entertain us during dessert and coffee. Seven thirty will be on us all too quickly and then back to the trading halls!

Dinner for two adults and a child will come to about \$84.00 and no tip is needed. Oh yeah, that is just how much a meal at the Longhorn was but without the atmosphere, the comradery, the souvenirs and the entertainment! Have I convinced you to join us yet? I hope so.

On a few other subjects this month, we have been having a devil of a time getting the hotel to take our reservations for a variety of reasons involving price, days of the convention, and believe it or not, they claimed at one time that they never heard of us! Finally, our own Dawn Stopar figured

out that it was the hotel's own computer answering system that was at fault. It told you to press "one" for individual reservations but instead of putting us all to the front desk in Strongsville, it switched you to their international reservations bureau in Atlanta, Georgia where they indeed never heard of us and only wanted to give us the rack rate of \$150.00 or nothing. Dial 238-8000 and Press "two" for the reservations desk, and you will be OK.

We have solved that problem by setting up a link on our own website that links you directly to the front desk of the Holiday Inn where your information will be taken by a member of our own hotel. That should solve that problem, but I can't help but wonder how many persons got frustrated by the snafu and just went next door for their rooms? I sure hope not. * .

Finally, it doesn't mean much to many of us anymore, but this week is York week. Reason I mention it is that we will meet this Sunday at Bill Newhouse's place in Silver Lake, just North of Cuyahoga Falls. Bill will be going to York and tell us all about it on Sunday.

Finally the tinfoil layout will be the guest of the TCA Great Lakes Chapter on the 23rd of this month. Most of us will be at the meet with or without the layout, so bring something to run and join us at the S gauge headquarters in front of the stage. See you this Sunday. Lee

SPREE BANQUET

The theme of the banquet will be "Hobo Life on the Rails". Dinner will include dishes that were served aboard a real Baltimore and Ohio diner during the 1940 to 1970 period of time. No more chicken cordon bleu this time, you will be served rail specialties such as crab imperial, corn bread pie, Hungarian Goulash, eggplant creole for the Vegans in the crowd, baked string beans with mushrooms, Boston baked beans, curry of chicken, as well as New York gourmet rib steak. Perhaps a few other dishes as well.

One of our members found a genuine Baltimore and Ohio diner car cookbook from the 1940s complete with recipes, at a garage sale last year and the hotel is using the booklet as the basis for its menu.

You will even receive a free copy of that cookbook as a gift at the banquet!

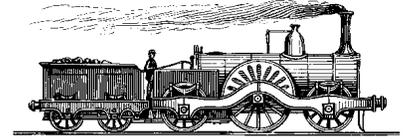
After the meal, we will be entertained by Mr. Dave Gates, now of the Summit County Historical Society, telling us what life as a hobo on the rails was like. Let's just say that Mr. Gates has a lot of personal experience in this area. He will bring along highlights from his collection of "understanding the American hobo" memorabilia to share with the audience.

MEETING MINUTES — MARCH, 2016

Owing to the two shows on March 20, and the Easter holiday, there was no meeting in March, 2016, and thus, Ms. Futules was relieved of the obligation of taking minutes in March!!



NEWS AND NOTES:



This meeting will be our Annual Meeting. And this it will be election time; Shold you wish to run for an office contact me either by email at [cwalf\(a\)aol.com](mailto:cwalf(a)aol.com) or phone, my cell is best at (216)-544-6400. Lee has opted to stay on as President, but he has agreed to allow his Vice-Presidents to handle more of the duties. Jim Futules will stay on as executive Vice-President, Maria Futules will remain as Secretary, and Gregg Melzer will continue on as Treasurer. Joe Jansky has opted to retire from his duties after a long tenure, and deserves a hand for his good service. We will also be discussing the creation of several other positions to distribute the load among our officers more evenly at the meeting

DUES, DUES, DUES: One of the best deals out there anywhere, our club membership is only \$20.00 annually. If you have not done so already, please either pay your dues at the meeting to our treasurer, Gregg Melzer. Call Gregg at 440-238-0175 or email him at smelzer@attinet, if you wish to mail him your dues

Upcoming events: There is the York TCA train show going on this week, and some og our members will be in attendance. Bill Newhouse, among other, will give us the report

on the show at the meeting. There is a TCA show coming up at the UAW Hall in Parma, Ohio on April 23, 2016. It is my understanding that the we will have set-up starting Friday, April 22, 2016 at 5:30 PM, and then the show will start at 9:00 AM, and that we will have the usual 4 tables or so to lay out our merchandise. Tom Scott may also be bringing his Winter Wonderland All-Aboard layout to display.

Finally, that brings us to the Spree. We will need the usual assortment of volunteers to set-up and take down, but we do get relief this year in that the four or five layouts coming to the Spree. Will not be our layouts, so we will not have to handle that chore (if Scotty set up his All Aboard layout, he may need help with that!). A lot of us will be busy with clinics, and just running around to make sure everything is running smoothly, so we can always use the help. The Holiday Inn has been a venue for past Sprees, and we have always handled it well, and I expect the same this time. It is a great event to meet people, talk trains, Swap stories, and even acquire and or show off some of your prize pieces. Hope to see you at the meeting TCA Show, the Spree, or somewhere soon,

Chuck

Upcoming Shows:

April 16, 2016 - Firelands - Mansfield *Revised Date*

April 23, 2016 - TCA Spring Train Meet, UAW Hall, Parma

May 7, 2016 - Railfannig Day, Painesville Depot

May 12 - 14 - Spring Spree

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



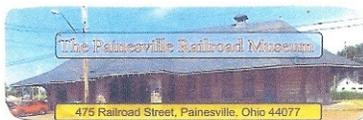


Northeast Train Society

Will sponsor Free Model Railroad Clinics at the Painesville Railroad Depot the summer of 2016
 Clinics will be held on the First Saturday Of the following Months
 April 2, May 7, June 4
 July 2, August 6
 Painesville Depot
 475 Railroad Street
 Painesville, Ohio 44077

A Brief History of Railroads
 Before each Clinic

- Clinic 1 Track Planning and Benchwork
- Clinic 2 Track laying with switches and sidings
- Clinic 3 Wiring for DC or DCC
- Clinic 4 Testing train operation
- Clinic 5 Planning scenery and buildings
- Optional Clinic 6 August 27
 Building Structures and Bridges and Trestles
- Clinic time 10:00am
- Clinic Repeats at 1:00pm



Northeast Train Society (NETS) will be sponsoring Free Model Railroad Clinics at the Painesville Railroad Museum (Painesville Depot), 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077. Clinics will be held on the first Saturday of each month from April through August from 10:00 am to Noon, with repeat clinic at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm if needed.

May 7, 2016 – Clinic 2 - Track Laying with Switches and Sidings.

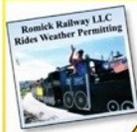
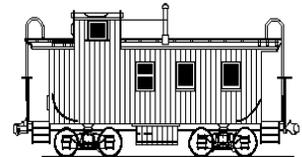
June 4, 2016 – Clinic 3 – Wiring for DC or DCC.

July 2, 2016 – Clinic 4 - Testing Train Operation.

August 6, 2016 – Clinic 5 - Planning Scenery and buildings

August 27, 2016 Optional - Clinic 6 – Building Structures and Bridges and Trestles.

For more information call Bob at 440-539-4041.



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3. All monies will be refunded for each show that a dealer is unable to attend because of illness or vehicle problems, any other reasons, let Firelands Train and Toy Show know in writing one week prior.
4. Nothing is to be attached to floors or walls.
5. If for any reason the show is canceled, all sums will be refunded.

6. Boxes and storage materials to be placed under the tables NO loose material left in the aisles unattended. Electricity is available if ordered in advance (3 pronged outlet) no cost. Dealers need their own extensions to their tables.
 7. All loading and unloading of materials, exhibits is to be done at designated areas.
 8. NO smoking inside and NO alcohol on the grounds.
 9. **NO packing up before 4:00PM** (unless Firelands Ok's)
- FREE COFFEE & DONUTS** til 10:00AM courtesy Firelands

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Signature:

Tables 8' @ 20.00 ea = _____
 Buy 5 tables get 1 FREE. 2 weeks prior to show date \$25 Ea.
 Make Checks payable to: FSOMR Box 11, Flat Rock, Ohio, 44828
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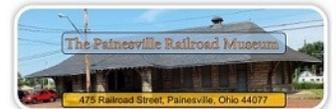
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Sunday, August 28, 2016 10 am to 4 pm

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street
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Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00



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 If you wish to sell items, then your table cost is \$25.00 per table

Food and Drinks available.

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org
 prrm@att.net 501(c)3 non-profit

Aug. 2016 Railroad Memorabilia Show

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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

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6' X 30' Tables

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Please send table request by Aug. 19, 2016

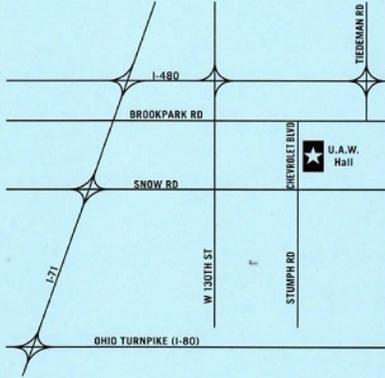


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NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: NOV. 26, 2016

All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children (under 18) Free
Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

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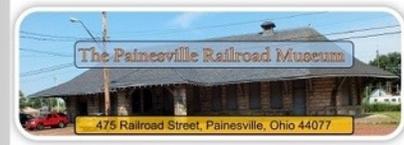


2016 RAILFANNING DAYS

at

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475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot
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Saturday, May 7, 2016

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10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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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 or any of our fundraisers until 600 tickets are sold. You can

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Win This Railroad Pocket Watch Hamilton

Railroad Standard Watch

Circa 1900

23 Jewels

Open Face

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992 Movement

Serial # 850152

Raffle Tickets

\$1.00 Each 6 for \$5.00

Only 600 tickets being sold, Drawing after all tickets sold.
Drawing target date: August 28, 2016

Proceeds to help the restoration of the Painesville Depot
Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio, 44077
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'S' Gauge Spree



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May 12-14, 2016



Visit www.cvsqa.com for Registration Forms

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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
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S SPREE 2016 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Bus tour downtown to the Rock Hall of Fame and Great Lakes Science Center.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Bus tour of Amish country and Warthers Museum

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

8:00 am – 10:00 am Dealer and layout set-up No trading or non-dealer allowed yet.

8:30 am – Registration table opens. Club cars for sale or pickup at desk.

10:00 am – S Spree officially opens for business. Hospitality room (Juniper Room) opens to everyone.

10:00 AM – Clinic #1 -“How to repair a Flyer or Flyuonel reserve unit”. Jim Futules and John Modoni. Bring your own broken unit to this Clinic.

10:00 AM Clinic #2 – “How I re-wired the universal layout.” Billy Shaw and Max Gruber talk about the latest developments in DCC operation.

11:00 AM Clinic #3 – “History of early Circus Sets and Allied / Pyro Toys” by Chuck Fonda

1:00 PM Clinic #4 – “Evolutions of the Slot Cars and demonstration of them” – by Marty Lydecker.

2:00 PM Clinic #5 – “Latest in decaling and finishing techniques” by Jim Futules and John Madoni

3:00 PM Clinic #6 – “Cleaning and Restoring Techniques” by John Heck

6:00 – 7:30 PM Buffet Dinner – Self serve and open seating.

7:30 – 9:30 PM Clinic #7 – “Railroading around Ohio” Son Woods and Dave McKay slide collection of Ohio railroading. Don't miss this one!

7:30 PM Dealer Ballroom opens once again.

8:30 PM Auction in Hospitality Room

10:00 PM Trading Room closes for the evening.

10:00 PM Attitude adjustments session, Group sensitivity training Session (Hotel Bar)

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

9:00 AM Registration Desk Opens for business.

9:30 AM Dealer Hall opens for business. *Show Opens to Public.*

10:00 AM Clinic #8 “The worst has happened, now what becomes of your collection?” presented by Tim Simon and Chuck Fonda, Open to the Public.

11:15 AM Clinic #9 “Restoration, New techniques” by John Heck

12:30 PM S Spree Picnic opens to convention guests. Lunch will be served until 3:00 PM.

3:00 PM Dealer Hall closes for good. Tear down for displays and layouts begins.

3:00 PM Picnic Closes. Layout tours begin.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR THE S SPREE
FROM MAY 12 TO MAY 14, 2016, PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!**

“Special Early Bird Deal” – For those who register by April 1st, save ten dollars off the registration fee!

2016 S Spree Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT	
Name: _____	Family: _____
Club Affiliation: _____	
Phone: (____) _____	Cell: (____) _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____	

Registration Fee	\$35.00 _____
Less Pre-registration Discount - Register by April 1, 2016	\$10.00 _____
Friday Only (No Discount)	\$20.00 _____
Additional Family Members	\$ 5.00 _____
Friday Night Banquet Number of Dinners _____ @	\$34.00 _____
<i>Convention Cars - See our Website www.cvsga.com for pictures</i>	
CLV Forest City Nurseries Trailer Flat Car.	\$71.00 _____
CLV Forest City Nurseries Container Flat Car. Limited supply,	\$59.00 _____
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Bus tour of Amish country and Warthers Museum	\$60.00 _____
Extra Display Tables _____ (8 foot) Use of one table free for each night's purchase of a room in the hotel	\$25.00 _____
Make checks payable to: CVSGA	Total _____

Mail this form to:

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*Mention the Spree
 Special Room rate applies before April 15*

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Spring Spree



Train Show

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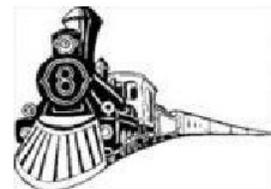
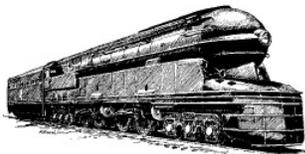
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NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, April 17, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by Bill and Jancie Newhouse, 2915 Millboro Road, Silver Lake, Ohio 44224. Phone (330)-928-2672. Bill always has some neat items to display, so it is always worth the trip. I come down 271 to Rt. 8 and get off at Graham Road, turn right and head into the Silver Lake development. If this is confusing to you, either Google it, or call or email bill at Willflyer@aol.com You can also call Bill or myself on my cell phone (216)-544-6400 if you get confused on directions.



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