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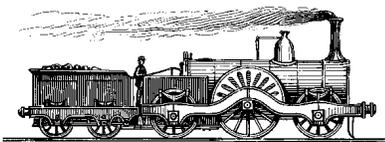
President's Message for June 2016

There will be no President's Message this month. Our president, El Poobah Grande, Lee McCarty and Ray Diersing are taking some well deserved time off following the Spree. Check out our website for the latest news on the Spree and the upcoming NASG Convention in August.

NEWS AND NOTES:

All quiet on shows and events for the next few months, with the exception of the NASG Convention in Novi, Michigan in August. Remember, our next meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, July 18, 2016 when we return for our picnic at the Medina Live Steamers layout in - Medina, which will start in the afternoon. Check out next month's Newsletter for details.

Chuck



Coming Soon!



Upcoming Shows:

July 24, 2016 - Railfannig Day, Painesville Depot

August 28, 2016 - Railroad Memorabilia Show, Painesville Depot

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

MEETING MINUTES — MAY 22, 2016

The May 22, 2016 meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley S-Gaugers was in the barn of Lee McCarty and was called to order by President Lee McCarty at 6:00 pm with 22 members present.

Greg Melzer read the treasurers report. The Spree did well financially with only one unpaid bill – the hotel.

OLD BUSINESS:

The S-Spree held the previous week was discussed. More problems were encountered with the hotel. Convention goers were not getting the convention rate at the hotel desk. There were not enough tables forcing us to rent 30 additional tables with Bryan Stopar taking up the task. A bill from the hotel that was more than double the negotiated price with charges for unused Rooms (people were turned away at the convention rate), charges for floor space that could not be accessed Friday morning, and unexpected surcharges. A meeting with the hotel manager was to be arranged to discuss all of the charges to the club (the issue was resolved and will be discussed at the next meeting, ed).

In spite of all the problems that were encountered, the Spree itself was a success including the banquet. There were about 200 people attending the Friday gathering. The clinics presented by the club members were well attended and very informative with a lot of compliments on the internet. Having the clinics in the hospitality room was well received by those attending. Tina Murry helped make that possible. The banquet also went well. Those choosing not to go to the banquet missed out on a great meal with entrees out of a 1948 B&O dining car menu and a very informative presentation on the "American Hobo" provided by the Summit County Historical Society.

With Saturday open to all scales, there were 273 additional people in attendance. Advertising with flyers passed out at other events and the website were key factors on Saturday's success with a lot of selling activity. There were some new people who had never been to one of our events.

The Spree cars went as well as could be expected. Jim Futules provided a summary of what

was sold and what remains. Spree cars are still available and will be posted on the website at the Spree prices (done, ed). Jim suggested putting the cars on eBay as well with a motion by Lee McCarty to do it. Seconded by Bill Wyatt. The motion carried with Jim doing the honors (the cars are now on eBay, ed). People who pre-ordered the Mustang and Forest City container flatcars but were limited to one each of the cars were given the option of purchasing additional cars at the preorder prices.

NEW BUSINESS:

The upcoming NASG convention in Detroit on August 11-14 was discussed. Although the Detroit group did not have their layout at the Spree, the Universal layout will be going to Detroit. As has been the practice in the past, six to eight of our members who attend the Conventions stay in one hotel room to keep the cost down. The "Bear's Den" is alive and well.

The saw mill on the Tinplate layout is worn out and must be replaced. It was agreed by the members present to have the club purchase a replacement saw mill. The layout will be taken to Jim Zborowski's place to do the replacement work and check out the layout before the next train show.

Ray Diersing put a lot of miles on his car going back and forth to the hotel for the Spree. The members present agreed to reimburse Ray for the accrued mileage.

Chuck Fonda discussed our picnic and which date would be good to have it on June 18 or July 17. The membership would be notified.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Bill Newhouse and seconded by Bryan Stopar. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Futules, Secretary



Thoughts on Gilbert Numbering Systems:

There were two unusual American Flyer items that came to light at the Spree, and I wanted to discuss both of them here. At the Friday Night Banquet, Gary Clark and Laura Zase showed off pictures of an L-2004-1 Rio Grande Dummy F Unit they had acquired, which was one of only a handful known to exist. Then, one of the Spree attendees came across a 21024 engine wrapper, with the number not having appeared previously in most guides.

I will start with the L-2004-1 dummy unit,

In 1961, Gilbert apparently went with a numbering system designed to keep track of special and uncatalogued cars and locos that went into special sets. The engine numbers were L-XXXX and the cars were C-XXXX. These items were produced in both S and HO gauges. The following is a list of the known locos and cars that were produced in this numbering system:

Locos:

L-1001 HO NP F-3 A Unit
L-1002 HO C&O F-3 Dummy A Unit
L-2001 S Gauge Game Train Loco
L-2002 S Gauge Burlington Loco
L-2004 S Gauge Rio Grande F Unit
L-2004 S Gauge Rio Grande F Unit Dummy
L-3003 HO Santa Fe F-3 A Unit

Cars:

C-1001 S gauge White's Box Car
C-1002 HO NP Combine
C-1003 HO NP VistaDome
C-1004 HO NP Observation
C-1006 HO C&O Hopper
C-1007 HOT&P Hopper
C-2001 S. Gauge Post Hay-Jector
C-2009 S Gauge T&P Gondola
C-3008 HO Santa Fe Caboose

The S Gauge White's Box Car, The HO NP loco and cars, and the HO C&O dummy unit and hopper cars were all included in special uncatalogued sets that are highly sought after by collectors. The S Gauge game train loco was part of a special catalogued set, and the L-2002 was again part of a special uncatalogued set. Since the L-2004-1 Rio Grande dummy unit is noted on

Service Station Exploded view forms, I would guess that a special set including the dummy unit was planned and not produced in 1962, which would also explain the C-2001 Post box, and possibly the C-2009 gondola which was placed in regular production. I also believe that the HO Santa Fe loco and cabooses were originally intended for an uncatalogued set as well, but the plans for the set were abandoned and they were placed into original production as well, with, their first number changed from a 1 to a 3 to indicate regular catalogued production.

The 21024 engine wrapper dates from 1957, when Gilbert changed to an IBM base numbering system, and is a wrapper for a 293 engine. The Original 5-digit numbering for steam locos assigned a 0 value for an engine without smoke and choo-choo, a 4 value for an engine with smoke and choo-choo, and an 8 value for engine with whistles such as a Hudson or Northern. Thus the first 5-digit numbers for steam locos were 21004 for the PRR 0-6-0, 21014

for the C&NW Pacific, 21024 for the 293 style Pacific, 21030 for the 307 Atlantic, 21034 for the Atlantic, 21044 for the 313 K-4, 21058 for the 326, 21068 for the 336 Northern, and 21074 for the 343 0-8-0 switcher. When the decision was made to go to the split chassis with reverse unit in the loco, and the plug-in with the tender, a value of 1 was added so a 21044 became a 21045, for example. Before the production of five-digit engines began, most engines numbers were increased by 70, giving us the roster that we are familiar with – 21085 C&NW, 21095 or 21099 NY, NH&H Pacific, 21100 and 21105 atlantics, 21115 K-4, 21129 Hudson, 21130 Northern and 21145 0-8-0. The anomaly here is the 21004 0-6-0 which was produced with the number originally assigned. The 21084 produced in 1957 seems to follow this numbering system. Of course, what muddies the waters further, are the four 3-digit engines that have shown up up with the reverse unit in the loco and the plug-in, the 293,307, 326 (which explains the scarcity of the 21129) and the 343. Then add even another headache – There are six known 21095 locos. I have examined Lee's and one other, and both have the same tender with a whistle unit as the 21099, which should not have occurred, but obviously did. So, there are mysteries out there, which still need to be explored. Hope this helped a bit.

Chuck

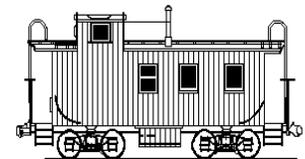
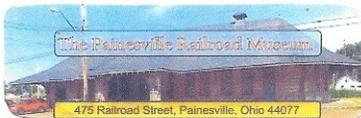


Northeast Train Society

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.

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.



DONATION FUNDRAISER

A CHANCE TO WIN \$500.00

Why Donate? Your tax deductible donation is great way to help preserve a part of history from days gone by, the Caboose. In 2000, the Lubrizol Corporation donated a B&O #C-2124 Woodside 15D caboose. Unfortunately, due to an arson fire in March of 2006, the caboose was destroyed and all that remain was the frame and trucks. In June of 2015, we started to rebuild the caboose. The outside is 95% complete, just some trim and windows need to be completed. The frame was scraped, rust proof and painted. Studding was added, plywood and then cedar siding and stained.

NOW COMES THE INTERIOR.

We have started the project but have run out of funds and need your help. Lets bring our caboose back to its full glory and finish this project. We also wish to add a deck on the track side of the caboose for railfanning. Plus you have a chance to win \$500.00.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

For every \$5 you donate, your name is placed into the selection drum. For example, if you donate \$25, your name will be added 5 times. The more you donate, the higher your probability of winning. A winner will be selected from the drum and notified once we reach our goal of \$5,000 or by September 10, 2016 whichever comes first. It can't be easier than that!!!

HOW TO ENTER?

It is as easy as 1, 2, and 3.

1. Make check or money order payable to "Painesville Railroad Museum", Provide information below.

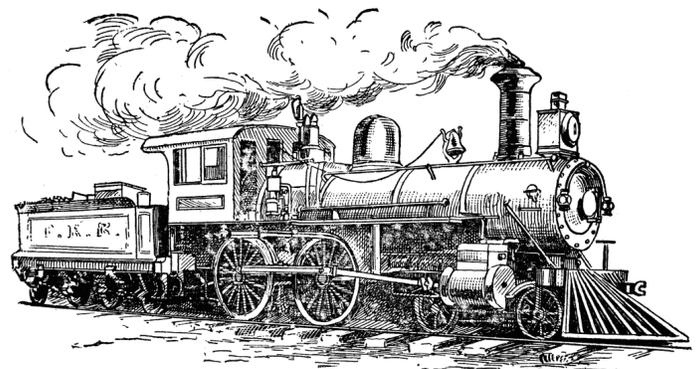
2. Name: _____

Amount: _____ Check # _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

3. Mail 1. & 2. to:
 Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077



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 DBA

Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

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RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS
FROM TIMES GONE BY

Sunday, August 28, 2016 10 am to 4 pm

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
216-470-5780



Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00



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



Aug. 2016 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:
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Tom Pescha
3942 East 364th Street
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
Phone (216) 470-5780
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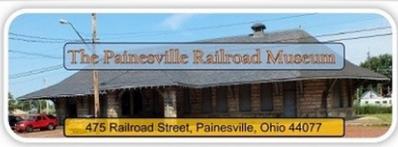
Please send table request by Aug. 19, 2016

Please return this part only

2016 RAILFANNING DAYS

at
The Painesville Railroad Museum,
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot
VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT



**THE DEPOT OPENED IN 1893 FOR THE
LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE**

THE DEPOT IS ON THE CSX MAIN LINE -Mile Post 153.2-

Sunday, July 24, 2016
Sponsored in part by LCJDWF

Saturday, September 10, 2016
Sponsored in part by Harry Buffalo, Painesville

Saturday, October 15, 2016
Sponsored in part by LCJDWF

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Food and Drinks available
216-470-5780
prrm@att.net
www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

This beautiful Hamilton railroad pocket watch, valued at over \$300.00 can be yours for the price of a \$1.00 raffle ticket. Albert Di Iorio a member of the Painesville Depot has donated this impressive original railroad watch for a special raffle to be used as a fundraiser for the renovation of the Depot, a worthy cause. It has



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

purchase tickets for \$1.00 each or 6/ \$5.00. Don't miss out on this prodigious opportunity, tickets won't last long!

Win This Railroad Pocket Watch Hamilton

Railroad Standard Watch

Circa 1900

23 Jewels

Open Face Gold Filled

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
501(c)3 Non-Profit prrm@att.net

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, June 18, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by Jim Wendorf and Tom Pescha at the Painesville Railroad Museum (Painesville Depot). After the meeting, enjoy an evening of Railfanning on the CSX Main Line.

Tom's Cell Phone: 216-470-5780

Direction to Painesville Depot

East on I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44

North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2

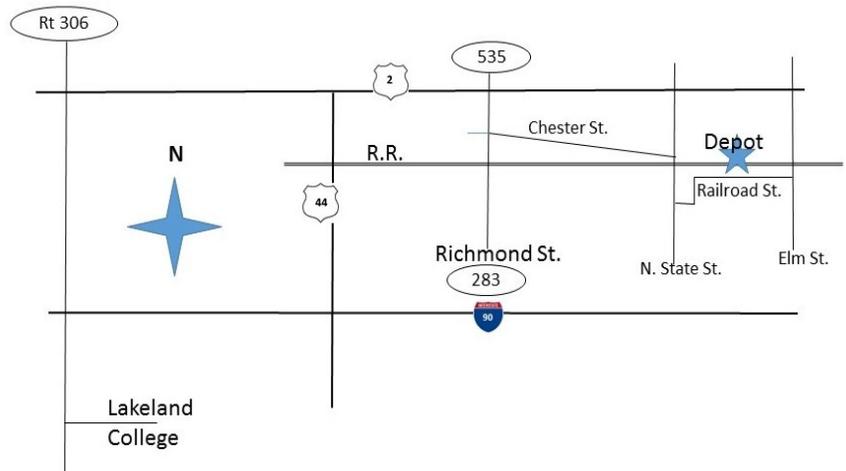
East on Rt. 2 (1.5 miles) to OH 535 /
OH 283 (exit 223)

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.



CVSG

Lee McCarty

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