

May 2016

## THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL



### President's Message for May 2016

Hi Everybody,

This month I give you the date of MAY 16, 2016, one day past the closing date of the 2016 S Spree. We did it guys, the newest Spree is now history and we can relax and enjoy the summer basking in the congratulations of the model railroad world until we visit the NASG Convention in Detroit this August as visitors. More about that convention later.

As you all know we had to overcome a bunch of miss-steps and problems, mainly caused by a very inexperienced management staff at the Holiday Inn who did little or nothing to aid in the running of the show, but somehow our team managed to, as Clint Eastwood commented, "*We overcame, we adapted.*" Also of great help were the attendees of this show, many of whom have been hosts of conventions themselves and know that things can go wrong. Their patience was gratefully recognized by all of us in the box. In the end, it is already being compared to the best Sprees over the years. Most of the dealers I talked to were happy with their sales, and the layout guys were pleased at the reactions from the crowds, especially the kids, that watched the trains running.

One thing that we will have to watch in the future is space. We had so many dealers at the Saturday, open to the public show that we ran out of space to put tables for the dealer crowd, and were shoving tables in anywhere we found an open spot. By the way, we had 273 persons show through the door on Saturday, an event that both surprised and delighted our convention dealers.

Someone in our crowd came up with the idea of putting the hospitality room and the clinic room together, so our clinic attendees could grab a soft drink and watch the presentation together in comfort. It was such a good idea that all the other clubs said in the future they planned to use the idea at their shows. I think Thanks Tina is in order.

The policy of this club has always been never to discuss financial matters in the newsletter, so if you want the profit or loss count of the Spree, be at the club meeting being called this Sunday afternoon at 6:00 PM at the barn. I will have refreshments from Augies Pizza, the same place we got pizza from on Pizza Night last Thursday. Greg will give us the money low down at that time.

During the show as the weekend went on, I got a bunch of guys who tracked me down to tell me that they had never seen such a great variety of excellent and useful clinics. Many times, things like clinics and contests get overlooked as secondary items, but all the clinics were very well attended and truthfully, I have received positive mentions about every clinic we had. All of you guys who worked so hard to put them on deserve a great big well done in that department.

Unfortunately, there are some negatives that are still in the finishing up mode. We have some serious issues with the hotel over double billing, the payment by us of rented tables that they were supposed to be supplying but didn't, their incredibly fouled up reservation system and our shortage of the guaranteed room numbers, all these things will be discussed with the hotel very soon and worked out financially.

Now we will be moving on to our part in the Detroit NASG National in Novi, Michigan this summer. I have some ideas I would like to present to the membership at the meeting this Sunday, so be ready for it. Then I or Wayne Tomsic will be happy to lead you downstairs to my train room to show off my new DCC operated layout. I love it.

See you on Sunday starting at the barn.

Lee

## MEETING MINUTES — APRIL 17, 2016 NEW BUSINESS:

The April 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley S-Gaugers was held at the home of Bill and Janice Newhouse and was called to order by President Lee McCarty at 6:45 p.m. with 16 members present.

Treasurer Greg Metzger read the treasurers report which is still healthy with some expenses paid.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Ray Diersing gave his report on the number of people who have registered for the S-Spree Convention. Lee told the members that there were some problems being encountered. There was a change in personnel at the Holiday Inn reservation center and the new person was not aware of the special rates or of the Spree. People calling to make reservations at the hotel were being quoted full room rates. The other problem was with the hotel leasing out parts of the ballroom to other entities for Friday morning leaving the club short of the space that was agreed to for the dealer tables. Lee will contact the hotel manager on both issues.

The Spree cars will be handed out at the registration table as people come in to register.

The April 23<sup>rd</sup> TCA Train meet at the UAW hall was discussed. With the tinfoil layout there, the club will get three or four tables in front of the stage for our members to use.

Bill Newhouse attended the York TCA meet and said that attendance there was down. The prices on the new Train Sets have dropped and the old train items just sat there. There were a lot of re-pro items available.

The issue of members hosting meetings at their homes was discussed and why no one was stepping up to host the meetings. The cost of food has gone up. Providing snacks, food, and beverage is expensive and that the stipend provided by the club doesn't even come close. Lee McCarty made a motion that the stipend be doubled to cover the expense of hosting a meeting. Seconded by Chuck Fonda. The motion was passed.

The call for adjournment was made by Joe Jan-sky and seconded by Jim Sima. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

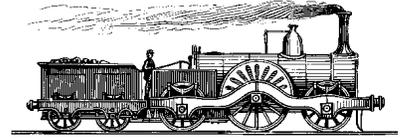
Respectfully submitted,

*Maria Futules*, Secretary





## NEWS AND NOTES:



Whew, it is over. As Lee noted earlier, the 2016 S Spree just concluded had more than its share of headaches and nervous moments, but it came off really well. I concur with Lee that all who assisted at the Spree should give themselves a big hand. Guys, a job really well done!! There remain some issues with the hotel, which will need to be cleared up in the days ahead, but overall it was a very nice event!

The upcoming meeting dates are May 22, 2016, June 18, 2016 and July 17, 2016. The next meeting will be at Lee's Barn on May 22, 2016.

We will then have two picnic outings, first at the Painesville Depot on Saturday June 18, 2016, starting at 06:00 PM, and continuing into the evening. There will be lots of good train watching, and you can check out the nice renovations that have been done at the Depot, on one of the longest days of the year. Then, on July 17, 2016, we will return to the Live Steamers set-up in Medina after a year off, for a picnic that will begin around 2-3 PM in the afternoon, and continue on for a while, which will be hosted by our own log-time club member, Mike Udolph.

I am thinking about recommending that we have a trifecta of picnic events this year. For a number of years, we essentially had an annual picnic/cookout at the Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Depot in Olmsted Falls. The host club there had an O gauge layout, a larger HO layout, and even a loop of S track for us to run trains on. And the spot was great for train-watching. So, I am thinking about having the September meeting there on either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Let me know what you think.

Finally, there were two interesting AF items that were displayed at the Spree, and I will discuss in a posting on the website, and it may turn into a Newsletter article..

See you at Lee's Barn, or somewhere soon.

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](http://www.cleveshows.com) for the most complete list of NE Ohio Train and Toy Shows!**



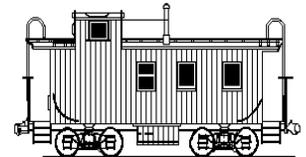
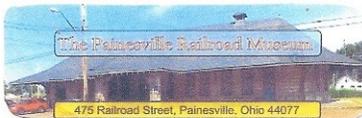


## Northeast Train Society

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.

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.



# 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.

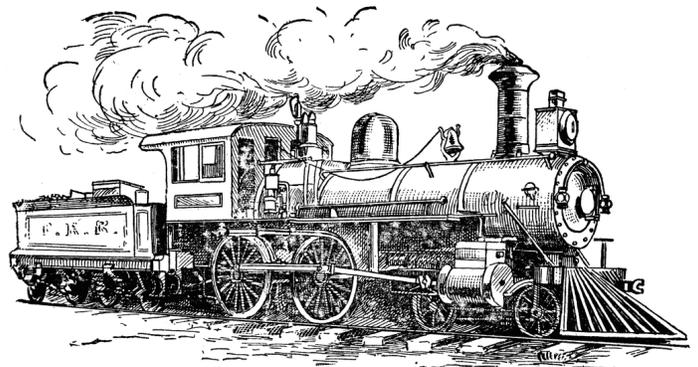
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Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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



Western Reserve Railroad Association, Inc.  
 DBA

### Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

A 501(c)3 Non-profit

painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org prrm@att.net



# 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:  
**WRRRA**

Mail To:  
Tom Pescha  
3942 East 364<sup>th</sup> Street  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
Phone (216) 470-5780  
www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

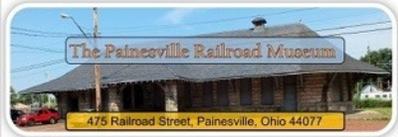
Please send table request by Aug. 19, 2016

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-**

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**  
**Sunday, July 24, 2016**  
**Saturday, September 10, 2016**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**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

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

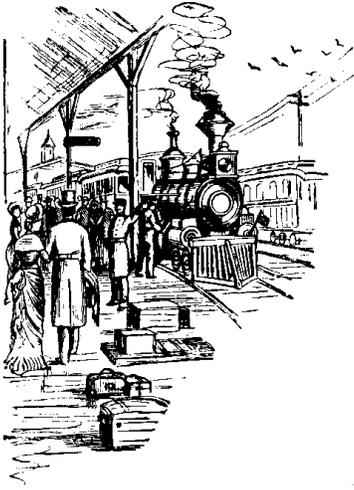
**23 Jewels**  
**Open Face Gold Filled**  
**992 Movement**  
**Serial # 850152**

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 SUNDAY, May 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by our renowned president, Lee McCarty at The Barn located at the front of Maison Chez McCarty, 8725 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. Phone (440)-526-9864; Cell (216)-544-6400. Email [Macsir@aol.com](mailto:Macsir@aol.com). Lee notes that work has continued on his layout. So we should see some new features. By now, everyone should know the directions to his place, but in case anyone does not, Lee's place is located on Broadview Road between Wallings and Royalton Roads, with easy access off I-77. You will enjoy seeing his layout and collection, so make plans to join us. Call Lee or myself on my cell phone (216)-544-6400 if you get confused on directions.



CVSG

Lee McCarty

8725 Broadview Road

Broadview Heights, OH 44147