

November, 2015



THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL

President's Message for November 2015

Hi Everybody,

Now that the holiday flea market season has officially begun with Berea and Dalton, it is time to begin forming our plans on what to do for the rest of the year and look forward to the two shows we will sponsor in 2016. Starting with our own flea market in early January, and moving on to the 2016 S Spree, we will have lots to keep us busy for the forthcoming winter.

Before I go into those details though, I have a public service message to get out to everyone who has an interest in real sized trains. Most of this information comes to me through our member Paul Gerhart, who lives on a mountaintop in sunny Colorado these days and concerns the future of passenger rail service in this country.

The US Congress is currently debating a huge transportation bill worth over a half trillion dollars to fund all transportation venues in this country for the next five years from updated harbors and airports to, of course, huge outlays for new roads, bridges and rail transport, and their upkeep. Most of the money is going to new road construction, but included in this budget is a sizeable allocation for little Amtrak.

This funding has nearly been eliminated entirely in the past, which would put Amtrak out of business except for the far eastern US coastal corridors from Washington to Boston. The rest of the country's rails need assistance for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that the trains in those places must run on private tracks and as a result, have lower priority than the home company's prime schedules. If you have ever been side tracked for hour after boring hour on some lonely siding waiting for a priority freight train going the other direction, while your connecting reservations fly out the window, you know of what I speak.

Amtrak also runs with thirty and forty year old equipment in many cases because there is no money allocated for new equipment. Engines, yes, and the government makes sure that the new motive power is in every picture of Amtrak, but no one takes pictures of the stained and ripped seats with the ripped and soiled carpets, the outdated bathrooms, unwashed windows and the horrible prepackaged food served on the trips. Porters are at a minimum, and bad labor relations sometimes cause havoc on the trips.

The new transportation bill sets aside funds just for Amtrak and its needs to update itself into a more efficient business. Watch this bill which is currently being considered as I write, and if you have the time, let your representatives know what your desires are. Paul and I already have done so, so should you.

Ok, back to this month. We have one very busy Saturday scheduled in this month, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, or the 28th of November. We will be doing double duty as a club that day because we will be taking the tinsplate layout to the downtown Public Library to run trains for the children of Cleveland at the same time as we will be taking the number one layout, the universal layout, to the TCA show in Parma the same day.

Tom Scott will be at the library with his All Aboard layout, along with the tinsplate layout and the HO layout will be there as well. This will be the third year we have done this and I can tell you that there is little else as rewarding as watching those little eyes looking with wonder at a real train layout in action. Remember that many of these kids don't have a tree for Christmas let alone a train to put under it, and some don't even have a house or apartment in which to put a Tree!

There will be many grasping little hands to keep from touching and grabbing the trains, so any help will be appreciated from anyone. There will also be choirs and a tuba band to entertain us, so go if you can make it. Chuck is leading the set up crew on Friday afternoon and on Saturday, so if you can lend a hand, call him and let him know you are available.

On the other hand we have a commitment to the TCA Great Lakes Chapter to supply them with something to see running at their show on the same day at the UAW Hall in Parma. I will be bringing the number one layout to the hall at 5:00 PM on Friday to set it up near the stage, and of course will need about four or five guys to help with set up and check in. Please be there to help.

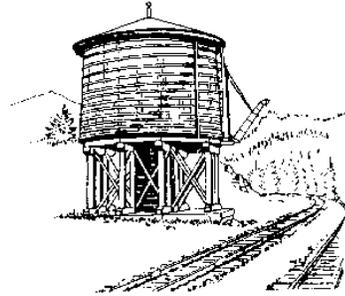


President's Message Continued

After the problems we experienced at Dalton where large sections of the new MTH track that we installed on the layout proved to be a lot more fragile than we expected, I plan on spending most of the day at Parma manually applying track spikes to most of the track. This is a great disappointment to me. I thought that new MTH track would hold up to some movement especially since it was all glued and ballasted, but it broke loose from those little tiny plastic spikes that are there to hold the rails in place. The corner sections where the track is permanently curved will be spiked first since it all broke loose between Berea and Dalton, evidently, while still in the trailer. Then we will proceed to the straight sections, and then to re-ballasting. Since Jim Futules and I are the best "spikers" in the club (hey, I learned from the best Josh Seltzer, too, but I will let it slide as I will be at the library.ed), we will both be at the UAW Hall on Saturday, but since Jim usually has several tables there to attend to, at least one of us will be busy with maintenance most of the day.

Needless to say that this is one of the more ambitious projects we have taken on in a long time, so please, please join us and help out in either place.

I don't know if we have received any firm offers for the hi-rail layout as yet, the guys in charge of that project will let us know at the next meeting at Ray Diersing's house on the 22nd. They will also fill us in on the car project and its progress. See you all on Sunday. Lee



CLEARING THE AIR — THE REST OF THE STORY

On September 26, 2015, there was a Model Train and Toy auction at Milestone Auctions. The train collection was Bob Frieden. Several people saw Bob bidding on items in the auction and ASSUME that he was buying it back. In fact he was bidding for a third party.

I wish to also ad that the part of the auction that was bought for the third party was **100% donated to the Painesville Railroad Museum** (aka Painesville Depot) with the understanding that they may sell some of the items to help with the restoration of the depot. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. This was over \$8,000.00 at auction hammer, insurance replacement value of over \$31,000.00 and actual resale value at about \$15,000.00.

As the VP of the Painesville Railroad Museum, I wish to thank the donor.

Tom Pescha

Upcoming Shows:

Nov. 28, 2015 - TCA Thanksgiving Train Meet, Parma UAW Hall, Parma, Ohio

Nov. 28, 2015 - Winterfest 2015

Dec. 6, 2015 - Medina Christmas Xtravaganza Model Railroad and Toy Show, Medina, Ohio

Dec. 13, 2015 - Massillon Train Show, Massillon, Ohio

Dec. 20, 2015 - Christmas Train Show, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio



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

MEETING MINUTES — OCT. 25, 2015

The October 25th, 2015 meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley S-Gaugers was held at the home of Max and Patricia Gruber and was called to order by President Lee McCarty at 6:30 p.m. with 20 members present.

Lee provided the treasure's report on behalf of Greg Melzer. There is still a good balance after several expenditures were made in procuring the 2016 S Spree cars.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was brought to the attention of the members attending that four people have expressed an interest in purchasing the High-Rail layout. After a lengthy discussion Chuck Fonda made a motion to accept sealed bids and that the bidding would start at \$500 for the layout only. The trailer used for the high rail layout is a separate issue to be dealt with before its registration expires. The sealed bids are to be submitted to Greg Melzer and opened at the Christmas party on December 13th. Bill Newhouse seconded it. This will also be mentioned on the club's Website. The motion was passed. See the bid terms below.

The Christmas party will be at Jim and Mary Ann Sima and start at 5:00 P.M. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert. Turkey, Ham, and/or Lasagna would be provided.

Jim Futules reported that the order for the CVRR flatcars with the Forest City Trailers from American Models has been placed and should be done by the end of January 2016 (this is where some of the clubs money went). It was also suggested that a picture of the prototype Spree cars be sent to Tom Pascha for inclusion on the clubs website (this was done – see the website).

NEW BUSINESS:

Table signups for our upcoming January show are slow.

Huge correspondence effort is needed for the 2016 S Spree to be a success.

The CJ Train Show in Dalton will take place Sunday Nov. 8th. Ray Diersing will be taking the Tin Plate layout and Brian Stopar will be taking the Universal Layout to the show. Jon Ulbright is providing six tables to be used by the club.

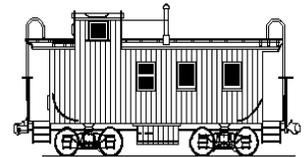
On November 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Universal Layout will be at the TCA train meet in Parma. The Tin-Plate layout will be at the Cleveland Public Library on the same day. It will be a busy day at both locations.

Whether or not to have the Universal Layout at the upcoming Freiden Show was discussed. Max Gruber made a motion that the club should not participate. Joe Jansky seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to not take the layout to the Freiden Train show.

With no further items, motion for adjournment was made by Chuck Fonda and seconded by Joe Jansky at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Futules, Secretary



Finally, Dues are due once again.

See you Sunday. Chuck

TERMS OF BIDDING FOR THE CVSGA HIGH RAIL LAYOUT

The high rail layout owned by the Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association has been retired and is now available for purchase. As directed by the members of the association, bids for the layout are being accepted. The minimum acceptable bid will be \$500. All bids are to be in a sealed envelope and sent to:

Greg Melzer

19236 Saratoga Trail

Strongsville, OH 44136

All bids must be received by December 12, 2015 and will be opened on December 13, 2015 at the next gathering of the club members at the home of Jim and Mary Ann Sima. In the event of two or more identical high bids, the bid will be awarded to the one with the earliest postmark. The layout will be delivered upon satisfactory payment in full.



FURTHER THOUGHTS ON PRICE GUIDES

American Flyer Pullmans and New Haven Cars (Part 1)

At the recent Dalton show, I was discussing my recent commentary about Price Guides when the discussion turned to what seemed a relatively common piece - a 651 Maroon/Burgundy American Flyer Lines Baggage Car (While the guides refer to this car as Tuscan, in this article I will reserve "Tuscan" for the Brown passenger cars American Flyer produced in 1940-1 on "O" gauge, and which were referred to in AF catalogs as "Tuscan"). The two guides with text both list this car as NRS - No Reported Sales, with a clear implication the car is extremely rare, despite the fact that it is a relatively common car. This highlights my point that you really cannot get an accurate assessment of AF production from guides edited by Lionel Collectors.

As I further delved through my written materials, I was struck by the fact that no one had really done an accurate history of the S gauge production of the New Haven cars and the Pullman cars from 1946-53 (Link Coupler Era). So, this will actually be the first such history, and due to the expected length I will have to spread it out over several installments. Ironically, the best sources of information which I will rely on for this work are both contained in the Greenberg's Guide to American Flyer S Gauge, Volume II, published in 1992. This volume, which is easily the most informative of any Greeneberg AF book, contains two excellent chapters. Noel V. McGaughey's "Link Era Car Identification", which focuses primarily on the 650 New Haven cars and Robert Tufts' "Sources of American Flyer Variations". Both chapters continue to be the lading works in their area, almost 25 years after publication.

We begin with the American Flyer O Gauge production in 1940 and 1941, which had the New Haven cars available in five colors - Apple Green (lower priced sets - only baggage and coaches); Royal Blue (also lower priced sets - whistling baggage car, baggage and coach); Red (medium priced sets - baggage, mail-pick-up, coaches, metal Pullman, metal Obs) and Tuscan and Dark Green (baggage, mail-pick-up, coaches, metal Pullman, metal Obs, diecast Baggage and Diecast Pullmans). Sets were marketed in Red, Tuscan and Dark Green with the hope and expectation that consumers would want to make longer trains of six or more cars, and purchase add-on cars adding either New Haven cars or Pullmans as desired,

When the transition to S Gauge got underway in 1945-46, Tuscan was abandoned as a color, with red becoming the primary color of the New Haven cars and Pullmans and green the secondary color. The New Haven cars - baggage, coach and mail-pick-up were to be brought forward from the "O" gauge line, as were the diecast baggage and Pullman, along with a new observation car similar to the metal one in "O" gauge (If you look carefully at the dream layout pictured in the 1946-49 catalogs, the observation is not portrayed). The first catalogs boldly proclaim the new "lightweight" plastic cars.

It has been suggested and I will not disagree that Gilbert may have bitten off a little more than it could chew with the concurrent decisions to go from metal to plastic cars with the use of plastics still in its infancy, and to go from three-rail track with no real issues regarding current and polarity issues to A.C. powered two-rail track with a raft of issues regarding current and polarity. Both decisions carried with them significant problems that Gilbert did not substantially resolve until 1948, and which placed them far behind Lionel on a competitive basis.

Returning to the passenger car line, these problems affected the line in three ways. First, the 718 Mail-pickUp car was not produced in 1946, as all indications are that problems with the development of the 711 rail section prevented use of the inside rail pick-up. There are a few known samples of the mail pick-up with an inside rail pick-up and all are believed to be mock-ups prepared for the 1946 Toy Fair. The Pullmans were also not produced as a problem with the long truck carried over from the "O" Gauge line developed, as the cars could not stay on the new S Gauge track. This was temporarily resolved in 1947 by using shankless wheels on the inner wheel set of each car.

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Massillon, Ohio 44647

No "pack-up" before 3 p.m.

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c/o Jon Ulbright
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e-mail: cathjon@ssnet.com
Massillon - Winter 2015

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BUY - SELL - TRADE

Sunday, December 20, 2015
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.

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KIRTLAND, OHIO 44094
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

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Children (6-12) \$3.00, Under 6 Free
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TrainMaster of Cleveland with Toys for Tots and LCJDWF
The Christmas Train and Toy Show on December 20, 2015 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. at
Lakeland Community College (AFC) Main Gym,
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094.
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

Admission: Adults \$6.00 each, Family \$15.00, Children (6-12) \$3.00, under 6 free. Active Military Free.

Come to the Christmas Train and Toy Show and see over 200 dealers with model trains of all gauges, antique toys, and diecast toys just in time for your Christmas shopping. Enjoy watching the **operating train layouts** in many different scales and dioramas. Buy - Sell - Trade.

\$25.00 Door Prize Certificate Dealer Redeemable at this Show

This will be a great time upgrade your Model Train or get a new train set for under the Christmas Tree.

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.

There will be **Toys for Tots** collection boxes at the show. Please help those less fortunate by donating new, in the package (unwrapped), toys. Please no stuffed animals.

Lake County Juvenile Diabetes Walk Family (JDRF) will also be part of our show. Join them in trying to find a Cure for Diabetes.

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Snow Dogs Train Show

Saturday, January 2, 2016

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.

Operating Layout of several gauges

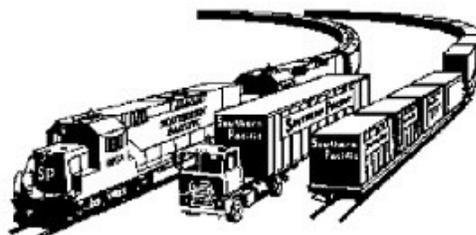
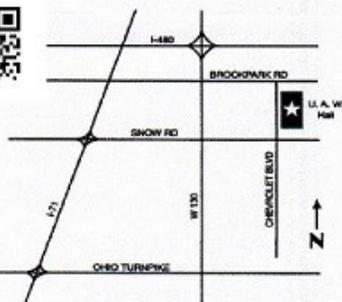
Good Food at reasonable prices

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For Table Info call:

330-405-1425 or 440-526-9864



Show sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association (www.cvsqa.com)

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Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association Presents Snow Dogs Train Show on Saturday, January 2, 2016.

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Good Food at reasonable prices

For addition information, Contact:

Ray Diersing, 3500 Cannon Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Or Call **330-405-1425** for information, Or email: Mosey3500@aol.com

or visit www.cvsqa.com

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, November 22, 2015 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by Ray Diersing, Phone (330)-405-1425 Email Mosey3500@aol.com. Ray Diersing's address is as follows: 3500 Cannon Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Ray notes that directions are as follows: I-480 from Cleveland; get off on Rt. 82 exit, turn left into the center of Twinsburg,. From the center of Twinsburg at the intersection of S.R. 91 Darrow Road) and S.R. 82 (Aurora Road)

Take S.R. 82 (Aurora Road) east towards Aurora. Walgreen's should be on your left side and the Chase bank on your right. Go to the next traffic light, about 500 feet. Cannon Road goes straight ahead and Aurora Road veers off to the right. Take S.R. 82 (Aurora Road) to the right. At the next traffic light, about a mile go left, cross the R.R. tracks about 200 feet Cannon Road is on the left. Go up the hill. Ray's house is the 5th drive, 3500 Cannon Road. The number is on the mail box. He has a long drive, but if it is full, park across the street where his pick-up truck will be parked.

CVSG

Lee McCarty

8725 Broadview Road

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