

September 2016



THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL

President's Message for September 2016

Due to Lee currently recovering from an illness, there is no President's Message for this issue. We wish Lee a speedy and total recovery. There are also no minutes due to no meeting being held in August (ed.) The Berea show will take place on October 1 and 2, 2016, with us setting our layouts up on Friday night, Sept. 30, as usual. Call Lee for further instructions.



MOST THRILLING FIND by Jim Futules

A good portion of my American Flyer S gauge collection did not come from the TCA York meet. Fact is, some of my best and most thrilling finds came about outside the organization through my escapades through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan. The one that stands out the most is the 21115 K-5 Pacific.

I went to New York City in September of 1977 to attend a national convention associated with my Greek heritage. While there, I took the subway over to Brooklyn to check out one of the well-known hobby shops of the day. It gave me some pause because I knew their prices were usually 50 percent higher than the general market but I went anyhow.

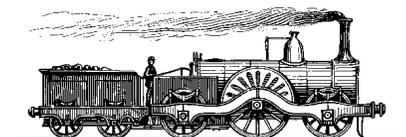
Upon entering the store, I saw mostly Lionel O gauge with no American Flyer S gauge in sight. I asked if they had any whereby I was directed to the second floor. There I found a treasure trove of AF with their attendant high prices. What caught my eye was the 21115 PRR K-5 Pacific that I had been looking for sitting by itself on one shelf with no price tag on it. Suffice it to say of what the prevailing prices were at the time and I am thinking to myself they probably want even more for it. Once I finished looking at everything, I returned to the main floor and approached the fellow at the counter to inquire about the 21115.

I braced myself and got a classic sales pressure tactic. "You can have it for \$50. It will be \$80 once it goes in the catalog." I struggled to keep from hyperventilating so as to not tip them off. I stood there for a few seconds looking at it and calmly responded to confirm what I had just heard. After a few more seconds of hesitation and reluctance, I accepted his offer. He made out the sales ticket with 8 percent sales tax added and wrapped up the locomotive. I paid the man, got the locomotive, calmly walked out the door, got on the subway, and back to the hotel in Manhattan. To this day, I often wonder if they ever realized the mistake they made that day. Probably not.

What is interesting is that once you have something you have been looking for, it is a sure bet that another will come along. Six months later, not only another 21115 landed in my hands, but all the freight cars associated with it in 1958 at a price that didn't break the bank.

What is your most thrilling find? What stories can you tell? Let us know.

---Jim Futules



MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at
THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25 2016

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14 Different Layouts to see!
Model Train flea market on grounds.



Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00



Direction to Painesville Depot
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.



Food and Drinks available.

www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org
505(3) 539-9907

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

THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW



Saturday, October 1, 2016
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 2, 2016
11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio

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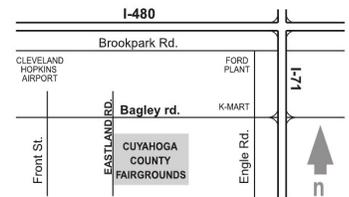
Admission \$7.50
Under 16 Free with Adult
Special 2-Day Pass \$10.00

Contact Show Manager/Chairman
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OUR 43RD YEAR!



The Great Lakes Division TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

FALL of 2016
TRAIN MEET

Saturday, October 29, 2016

U.A.W. HALL (Parma)
5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44130

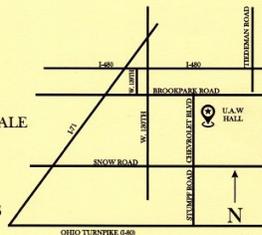


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All TCA National Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION \$6.00 Each, \$8.00 Family
Children Free
Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For Meet Information Contact Ed Mularz:
(440) 665-0882
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LOCATION DIRECTIONS

From Northeast
I-90 to I-71 Southwest to W 130th, to Brookpark Road to Chevrolet Blvd.
From Southeast
Ohio Turnpike to I-71 North to Snow Rd. to Chevrolet Blvd.
From East
I-22 West to I-480 West to Tiedeman Road to Brookpark Road To Chevrolet Blvd.
From West
I-480 East to W. 139th Street Exit to Brookpark Road to Chevrolet Blvd.

Next Great Lakes Division / TCA Meet: February 11, 2017

Coming Soon!



Upcoming Shows:

September 24 & 25, 2016 - Model Train Days at Painesville Railroad Museum, Painesville Depot

October 1 & 2, 2016 - Great Berea Train Show at Berea

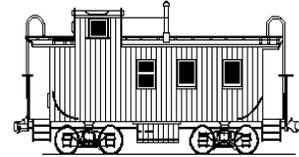
October 29, 2016 - TCA Meet at Parma UAW Hall

October 29, 2016 - Antique Toys and Diecast Show at Lakeland Community College.

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

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, September 18, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by Joe and Dawn Jansky at 79 Greencroft Road Bedford, Ohio 44146. Greencroft is one block north of Rockside off Broadway. Phone (440)-439-2686, or email Dawn and Joe at dawnjansky@att.net. Dawn and Joe's house is across the street from the city park, where there is parking available for our members. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. Dawn advises us that the food will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., so if you snooze, you lose . .



CVSG

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