



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Road Trip!

At December's meeting we talked about a summer trip for our members, a few suggestions were made, and then we did a little preliminary investigation and discussed the possibilities in last month's meeting. Rich and Linda Kacperzak volunteered to prepare some detail for us for this month's Trainwire, read their article later in this edition!

Be prepared to discuss further and vote in our March meeting. The Board has agreed to at least partially fund the outing, principally the bus charges. Whether we will defray additional

costs will be determined later as we finalize details. We will plan to go on Saturday July 23 to the destination of choice. Any of the three Entertainment Junction, NYC Medina, New York museum, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum is an all day affair, leaving at 7 a.m., lunch, visiting the site, dinner, and return. There will be many details to work out when we have selected the actual venue. Any NMRA member in good standing plus immediate family members are eligible to participate in this event.

--Note to all members-- if you cannot attend the March meeting, and do



Dave Neff – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

have a preference and want to go on this trip---- please email your choice to me beforehand!

*Dave,
 Superintendent*



UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
 Chardon, Ohio

Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

March 4th, 2016

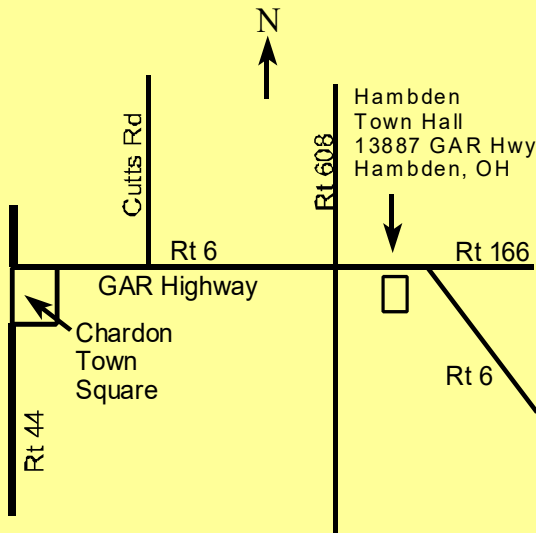
Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Narrow Gauge *(by Ted Wiese)*
 Bring & Brag: Anything narrow gauge related

April 1st, 2016

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: TBA
 Bring & Brag: TBA

May 6th, 2016

Location: Erie Area *(more info to follow)*
 Program: TBA
 Bring & Brag: TBA



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 BOD Meeting	March 14
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	
 Railfest 2016	 March 19 & 20
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10 am - 4 pm)	
 Railfest Dinner	 March 19
Painexville Depot 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077 (5:30 pm)	
 Division 5 BOD Meeting	 April 11
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	
 Painesville Depot Fundraiser	 April 11
Harry Buffalo Restaurant 2119 Mentor Avenue Painesville, Ohio 44077 (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 32 members and 3 guests were present.

Some announcements and notifications that were highlighted:

Verde Canyon Railroad is sending out e-mails advertising that you can purchase cab rides for their excursion train which also includes helping the brakeman perform his duties.

Northeast Scale Models is going out of business at the end of February.

Division 1 has structure kits in N & HO that they are selling. Information is on their website. They also have N scale AC&Y cars for sale.

The Division 5 Nominating Committee for the 2016 elections is made up of Don Thomas, Dave Hanna, and Dick Naramore. If you are interested in running for office, you should contact one of these members. The current slate of candidates is: for Superintendent: Dave Neff, for Assistant Superintendent: Bryan Persing. The nominations will be closed at the March membership meeting. The ballot will be mailed out by mid-March. Winners will be announced at the May meeting with the new officers taking over June 1, 2016.

We are going to hold our May membership meeting in the Erie, PA area on Friday, May 6, 2016. It will be at St. Michael's Church in McKean, PA at our regular time of 7:30 pm. The Division is going to provide some form of food for the meeting. The intent is to attract the NMRA members in PA and NY that were recently added to our Division.

There is a train show in Erie, PA on Sunday, March 6. Division 5 is going to have a table at the show to advertise our Division to people in that area since they are now part of our Division. The show will be at the Rainbow Gardens from 10am to 4pm. We would like to get some Division members to help man the table. We will try to have more information in the March Trainwire.

Railroads In The Parks will be the first weekend in June this year due to something else Lake Metroparks has going on in May.

The Mid Central Region told us they are considering adding some additional PA counties to Division 5.

Railfest 2016 preparations are proceeding well. As of the date of the meeting, there were still tables available. We are using this year's grant money and have applied for a 2017 grant. Arrangements for the box lunches, Saturday dinner, and advertising are all in place. Initial setup will be on Thursday March 17 from 2 pm to approximately 6 pm. The main setup will be on Friday March 18 from around Noon until 9 pm.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the 2016 Mid Central Region convention in Columbus, OH being held April 28 through May 1.

The 2016 NMRA National Convention will be held reasonably close in Indianapolis, IN July 3 – 10.

LENS reported they will be setting a small layout at Chardon Library on Saturday, Feb 13. They also thanked the Division for funding the construction of their power cart for the modules.

It was reiterated that the Division will consider funding requests from outside groups in the area that support model railroading. We just need a written request describing the project.

The Lake Geauga HO Module Group had a very successful setup at Farmpark's Country Lights in December. The group gave away about 40 cabooses to small children. They will have a number of new modules in their layout at Railfest this year.

The Painesville Depot has been busy working on a number of projects. Their restrooms are very near completion. They have built a janitor closet with a sink. They are working on the ceiling and painting the beams. They will have a fundraiser on April 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm at Harry Buffalo in Painesville. Tickets must be purchased in advance by April 1.

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Division 5 Meeting Minutes cont.....

Discussed some more the possibility of a Division bus trip this year. The three locations being considered are Entertainment Junction near Dayton, OH, the PA Trolley Museum near Washington, PA, and the NYC Museum in Medina, NY. The trip would be partially funded by the Division. It will be on either Saturday Jul 16 or Saturday July 23. A rough show of hands was asked for and all three locations were essentially tied as far as people's interest. The members were asked to look into the locations on their own before the March meeting and think about which location was their first choice. We will make the decision of where to go at the March meeting.

Modeling Question: What type of adhesive to use to attach sheet styrene to plywood and masonite? Those present mainly suggested using contact cement. Some other suggestions were Walthers Goo and silicone caulk.

It was requested that we try to get the Bring & Brag themes posted well in advance so members have time to prepare.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Signals & Signs

Bill Berger
Dave Metzger
Bob Gittinger

Bryan Persing
Bill Osborne
Matt Kross

Dave Neff
Tom Pescha

Program: Bill Osborne did Part 2 of his Prototype Signaling clinic. In this session, Bill talked about various signal aspects and what they mean. He also talked about how understanding some basic signal aspect facts can help you when railfanning.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 2016 Elections

This coming spring will be election time again for Division 5.

There are 2 elected officers in the Division:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent

Elections are held every two years in the Spring of the even-numbered years. Only Division 5 members may hold office. Terms are two years in length and are limited to 4 consecutive years (two terms) in a row in the same office. If a member has been in a position for two consecutive terms, they can be elected for that position again after they have been out of that position for one term.

If you are interested in running for Superintendent or Assistant, please contact a member of the Division 5 Nominating Committee.

The duties of the Superintendent are:

Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.

Serve or appoint a proxy as the Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.

Assign the Assistant Superintendent Suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.

Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.

Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

The duties of the Assistant Superintendent are:

Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.

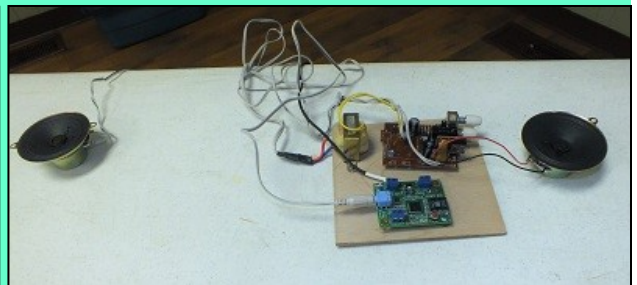
Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent.

Run the monthly meeting raffle.

Run the Bring & Brag period during the monthly meeting.

Pictures from the February Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting April 1, 2016

Field Trip Plans

By: Linda & Richard Kacprzak

Division 5 is planning another field trip sometime in July of this year. Spouses and family members are welcome. Three locations are under consideration: The Medina Railroad Museum in Medina New York, The

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington PA, and EnterTrainment Junction in West Chester Ohio. One-way distances and driving times given below are from MapQuest. Stops for lunch and/or dinner will be added after the location is decided. Division 5 will pick up some of

the cost of the trip. Be prepared to vote for your choice at the March meeting or email Dave Neff at Super@MCR5.org before March 4th, 2016.

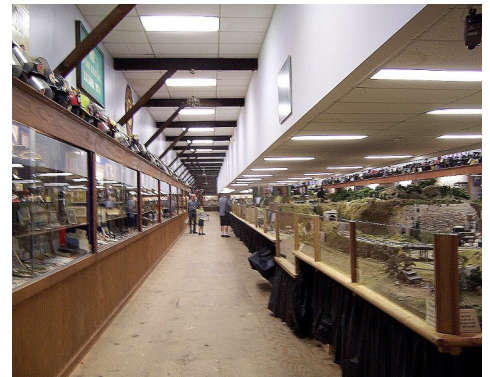
Medina Railroad Museum, New York



The museum located in Medina NY has a large HO-scale model railroad layout that measures about 200-feet long by 14-feet wide, with displays along the walls of railroad memorabilia,

and fire department helmets and equipment. Passenger cars are on display outside the building. A limited number of train excursions are scheduled for this year, but there are none in July. It is 202 miles from Hambden; driving time is

approximately 3-1/2 hours. A possible extra stop on the return home could be in Lockport NY to see the locks and the upside-down railroad bridge or in Niagara Falls, New York.



The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Washington PA



Field Trip Plans cont.....

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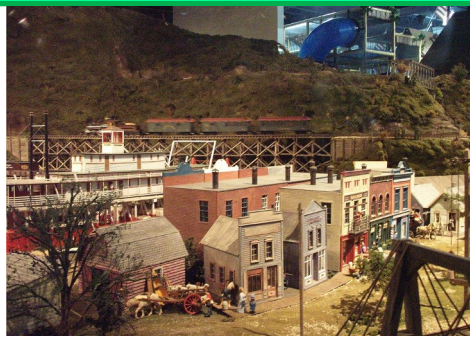
The trolley museum in Washington PA offers rides on restored trolleys along a loop beginning at the station near the gift shop/ticket office, stopping at the trolley

museum building for a guided tour of the historic exhibit, and crossing the road to ride alongside the county fairgrounds before arriving back at the station. You can get on and off while riding any or all of the trolleys

in service on the day of the visit. It is 134 miles from Hambden; driving time is approximately 2-1/2 hours. A side trip on the way back might be possible.



Entertainment Junction West Chester, Ohio



Entertainment Junction is a 25,000 sq. ft., G-scale model railroad layout with two miles of track depicting several railroad eras from

early steam to modern diesel engines. Also on site are a hobby/gift shop, food service, a train ride for children, a fun house area complete with mirrors and optical illusions, and a seasonal

display room running Lionel equipment with a large workshop in back. It is 283 miles from Hambden; driving time is approximately 4-1/4 hours.

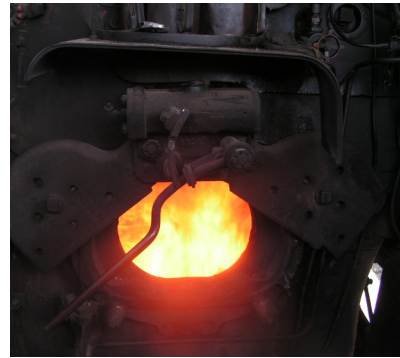


Arcade & Attica Train Ride and Museum

By: Bruce Lutheran

Last summer I went with my wife and a couple of friends, to the Arcade & Attica Train Museum and train Excursion in Arcade NY. I had been there a long time ago as a child and I remember enjoying it very much, so I went back there to create some memories. Being

a Model Railroader has always made me look out for Train excursions, especially when they involve "Live Steam". The station was nicely laid out and they have the passenger cars lined up in the back. They then bring out the steam locomotive, in all its glory, to hook up for the ride.



This creates a great opportunity to get some nice action shots. When we arrived at the Arcade & Attica Depot, the train station brought back many memories. It also gave me an opportunity to talk with the Engineer about

getting some Engine Cab shots. The engine is number 18, a 1920 2-8-0 locomotive made by the American Locomotive Company, and she is a beauty. The Ride itself is a nice little trip to the Curriers depot, which itself is a



little train museum. Outside the depot, they let you off the train to explore the museum, visit the displays and stand up and relax. They have a nice old tank loco and a couple of speeder's.

While you walk around, they unhook the engine, back it around the siding and re-hook it to the back of the train. This also gave me an opportunity for some nice action shots of the engine. The passenger cars are followed by



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Arcade & Attica Train Ride and Museum cont.....



an open seating car, (old converted gondola), and this allows you to see the front of the engine and get some soot in your face, if the wind hit you right, as they back the engine back to its starting point in Arcade.

I enjoyed the excursion, as did my wife and our friends, on what turned out to be a great sunny day. The ride thru the country side was very enjoyable and each time we hit a crossing, the whistle would blow, reminding me of times past. - *Bruce Lutheran*

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
Train Specialty Company
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Chardon, Ohio
Geneva, Ohio



Please support these dealers!

Team Track**www.MCR5.org**

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(Terms expire June 2016)

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**Bad Weather Closings**

Even though the weather is still very nice and warm, soon it will change to winter with cold and snow. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to cancel our meetings, it will be broadcast on Ch 5, WEWS.

So if the weather looks bad, and you want to know if the meeting has been cancelled, check on Ch 5 or www.newsnet5.com, click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed. "and will be posted on Division 5 web page at www.mcr5.org"

Wanted

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on Division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 22nd of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 22nd will probably be published in the following issue.

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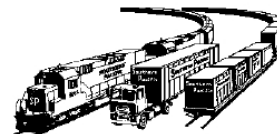
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RAILFEST 2016



Saturday and Sunday
March 19 & 20, 2016
10 am to 4 pm
Buy – Sell – Trade



Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts
(LENS)

HO Scale layout
(LG HO G)

S Scale & American
Flyer
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge
Association)

Lionel O Gauge
LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes
Historical Displays
Train Ride Info

Food Service
Available

Admission	\$7.00
Two Day Pass	\$12.00
Family (couples)	\$12.00
Family (max)	\$12.00
<i>(Adults with Children under 18)</i>	
Food Service Available at reasonable prices	

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Email: railfest@mcr5.org



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RAILFEST 2016 DINNER

3rd Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 19, 2016

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Eleven miles east of College.

Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!



Time:

Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 19, 2016

Price:

\$20.00 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT

The trains that served the Cleveland Union Terminal Tower - by Tom Pappas

RESERVATION DEADLINE

March 11, 2016

DINNER MENU

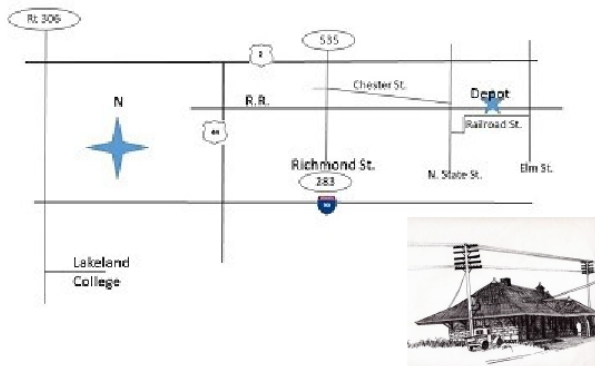
- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Mixed vegetables
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Rigatoni

Beverages Stations:

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners

Direction to Painesville Depot

Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306
 North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles)
 East on Rt. 2 (8 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.



Please retain this part for your information

This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Cut and Return

Cut and Return

Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 11, 2016.
 (Check will be held & deposited March 21, 2016)
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Please return this part only

Print you name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Please list and Print all Attending

Mail to:

Bob Frieden,
 9695 Chillicothe Rd.,
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Return this part

Railfest 2016 Is Upon Us – Help Needed!

Railfest 2016 is here this month. We will be needing lots of help! We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Division 5 meetings and during Railfest setup.

Plan To Help The Division With Its Only Major Fund Raiser. Railfest Tasks

Thursday March 17

(approx. 2 pm to 6 pm - show setup only, no dealers)

- Begin putting tables in proper positions
- Deliver show materials

Friday March 18

(We can usually get in by noon till 8 pm)

- Move tables to proper positions
- Cover the tables
- Put out chairs
- Attach vendor labels to the tables
- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Help vendors unload vehicles
- Setup the Division flea market tables and Division display items
- Put up signs

Saturday March 19

(7 am - 10 am - dealer and display set-up)

(Show 10 am – 4 pm)

- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Man the entrance desk: collect admission fee and make change
- Put wrist straps on show attendees as they come in the gate
- Run the PA system - make announcements
- Collect and count money

Saturday March 19 cont...

- Make coffee for the morning set-up
- Assist vendors and guests with questions
- Provide general overall security
- Man the Division flea market table - especially those selling items
- Man the Raffle table
- **BUY LOT'S OF GOOD STUFF!**

Sunday March 20

(8 am - 6 pm; show 10 am – 4 pm) (Must be out by 6 pm)

- Same show items as on Saturday
- Buy more good stuff!
- Remove covering from tables
- Clean up trash
- Provide security while vendors load their vehicles
- Assist vendors with carrying merchandise to their vehicles
- Take down displays and signs

Need volunteers for tear down 4 pm – 6 pm or later

Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you **MUST** fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, **you need to provide a Business Size envelope** to put the money in from the sales of your items. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Monday, April 11, 2016 6 to 8 p.m.

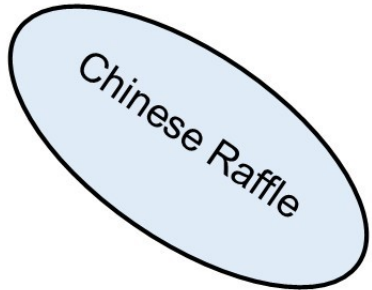
HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS

Come and join us for an evening of great Hors d'oeuvres and the fellowship of railroad enthusiast at:

Harry Buffalo

2119 Mentor Ave.

Painesville, Ohio 44077



Menu: *All you can eat and drink for 2 hours*

- Pork Sliders
- Sheet Pizza
- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries

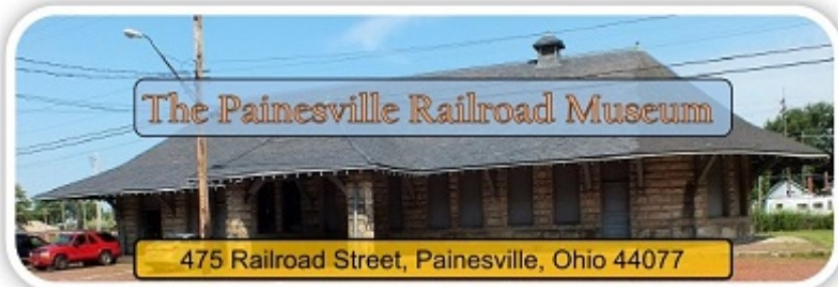


All you can Drink - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well

Liquors from 6 pm to 8 pm

Cost: \$25.00 Each
For Tickets, contact:
Pre-Sale only

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Phone (440) 417-6746
cyberlen@roadrunner.com



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

