



THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL

President's Message for July 2018

There was a comment in one of the NASG publications quite a few years ago where the fellow was lamenting the fact that the S gauge manufacturers were still gauging the track at 0.875 inch (7/8") instead of the correct 0.883 inch. His point was that 56 and 1/2 inches scales out to 0.883 inch, not 0.875 inch in S scale. That is a difference of only .008 inch or 1/2 of a scale inch that you would never notice without a track gauge. As a mechanical engineer who once worked for a real railroad, I can attest to the fact that the track gauge on the real thing can vary as much as 1/2 inch in either direction without any problems. It is also a fact that general design work was once done in fractional inches where high precision wasn't essential and that 7/8 of an inch was a convenient number that was close enough for S gauge. If you want to nitpick, consider O gauge and just exactly what is it?

O gauge is based on 7 mm to the foot which works out to 1:43 scale (that is metric by the way used to measure out scale feet). That is all well and good until you get to the track gauge. At 7 mm, the track gauge should be 1.298 inches which was difficult when you are working with fractional inches. To get around that, it was rounded off to a very convenient 1.25 inches putting the track gauge at 54.4 scale inches. To solve that, someone came up with 17/64 inch to the foot or 1:45 scale. While this put the track gage at the correct 1.25 inches, 17/64 was difficult to work with when trying to figure out the dimensions for that building or piece of rolling stock. Quick, convert 35 feet 10 inches to inches at 17/64 inch to the foot **without a calculator** (they didn't exist in those days). Then someone else comes along and decides that both 7 mm and 17/64 were just too hard to work with so why not just simplify everything by using 1/4 inch to the foot or 1:48 scale but kept the track gauge at 1.25

inch. Now the track is at a scale 60 inches. Then throw in two rail versus three rail.

S gauge is straight forward at 1:64 scale or 3/16" to the foot. I am glad I am an S gauger who is not too concerned about track gauge.

In spite of the heavy rain encountered early in the afternoon, the club picnic went well on Sunday June 3 with quite a crowd coming to enjoy the day compliments of Mike Udolph and the Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers in Medina. The food was great with everyone bringing appetizers, side dishes, and desert to go along with the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, and brats provided by the club and cooked up by chefs Marty Lydecker, Mary Beth Lydecker, and Bill Newhouse. It was a fantastic way to kick off the summer months.

Speaking of summer, the tinsplate layout is being worked on. By the time you read this, the layout will have had the necessary maintenance work done in Lee McCarty's barn and ready to be put back in the trailer on Sunday July 29, 2018 followed by the club meeting.

The hi-rail layout was supposed to be brought back to my place in June for additional upgrades. That didn't happen. More trouble with trees with the latest one falling were the trailer was to go. At least the trailer was not present or there would have been yet more grief. There are also some physical problems on a personal level that rules out any lifting for the present. As a result, the work planned for the hi-rail layout has been put off until further notice.

See you all at the meeting at Lee's place.

Jim Futules



MEETING MINUTES — JUNE 3, 2018

The club had its picnic at the Ohio Live Steamers in Medina.



NEWS AND NOTES:

Summer is just about upon us and time to do some maintenance on the tinsplate layout. Jim Zborowski is no longer able to work on it at his place in Medina. Lee McCarty has agreed to give us the use of his barn in Broadview Heights. There is a two week time window to do the work. In order to get started, your help is needed to get it out of the trailer and set it up in the barn. Please come to Lee's place at **1:00 PM on Saturday July 14, 2018**. The teardown will be at 1:00 PM on **Sunday July 29, 2018** followed by a club meeting. Mark your calendar for those two days.

Jim Futules

ASHTABULA STATION - SAD DAY

A sad day indeed came on the last day of May. The Ashtabula Depot came to a very unjust end. It was built by the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad in 1901. The same railroad that built the Painesville Depot. CSX Railroad workers tore it down Thursday (May 31, 2018) because of ongoing safety concerns.

A local non-profit group, known as 21st Century Ashtabula Depot Rail Experience, formed three years ago and advocated turning the depot into a limited, working Amtrak Station. Though city officials backed the plan, it never came to fruition.

Some of the Station History is John F. Kennedy's train stopped during his campaign for president in 1960.

The depot has additional historical value to the area as the station is within 1,000 feet of the deadliest train bridge collapse in U.S. history, which killed 83 people in 1876.



All that is left by the end of the day.

Upcoming Shows:

Jefferson Model Train Show, July 21, Jefferson, Ohio

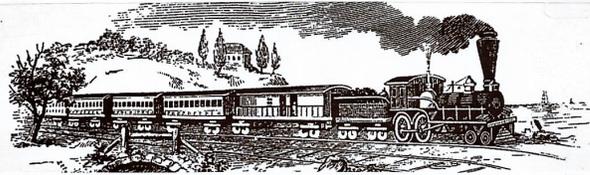
Painesville Depot 125th Birthday Party, Aug. 4, Painesville Railroad Museum.

Railroad Memorabilia Show, Aug. 26 Painesville Railroad Museum.

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

Jefferson Historical Society

TRAIN SWAP AND SALE



Saturday, July 21, 2018

10:00 am - 3:00pm Admission \$2.00 Children under 12 FREE!

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Jefferson Community Center

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Tables (6') @ \$12.00 ea \$ _____

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Total \$ _____

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Note - Table Rental Money will be refunded if this event is canceled

RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS
GLORY DAYS

Sunday, August 26, 2018 10 am to 5 pm

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077



Admission: \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child (3 to 12 year old)
\$12.00 Family (max 2 adults, 3 children)



See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.



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.

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Aug. 2018 Railroad Memorabilia Show

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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 364th Street
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
Phone (216) 470-5780
www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org
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PAINESVILLE DEPOT

Celebrating it's
125TH BIRTHDAY

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THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

August 4, 2018
10 am to 5 pm

Admission **FREE**
Donations accepted and appreciated!



The First Painesville Train Station was built in 1850 for the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad. The first train ran from Painesville to Cleveland on November 20, 1851. The trip took about 2 1/2 hours. The alternate form of travel was a 14 hour, once per week stagecoach ride, horse back or walking.

The present Painesville Depot was Built in 1893 under the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad (LS&MS). The LS&MS railroad merged with the New York Central Railroad in 1914. This Station served as a passenger station until 1971 when Amtrak was formed.

The Western Reserve Railroad Association, doing business as The Painesville Railroad Museum, received ownership of the station in 1997.

Live Music
Chinese Auction
50/50 Raffle
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Free Birthday Cake
and
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One serving per person

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, July 29, 2018 , 1:00 PM

work party followed by meeting

The next meeting will be held at Lee McCarty, 8725 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. For questions or directions, contact Lee at (440)-526-9864 (home); (440)-665-0243 (cell) or via email at maccsir@aol.com). .



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