



THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL

President's Message for November 2018

It is hard to believe that the AC Gilbert Company has been gone for over 50 years and that the American Flyer S gauge trains the company made are still around today. We don't really think about it until someone brings up the subject that the Gilbert era S gauge trains we collect and/or operate are all over 50 to 70 years old and getting older as time goes by. Anyone in this age group knows what it is like and the same can be said of those trains.

Things were not all that old when I first started my collection in 1969. Most of what I bought worked with nothing beyond having to clean and lubricate the locomotives. There were a few that needed some replacement parts; a smoke in tender unit for a 312, a driver for a 336, a gear for a 484 and this was over 40 years ago.

Much of what is out there has gone through a lot over the years with repairs done just to keep them running. Fix it any way you can so that it runs was the norm. Even the service manuals showed a lot of substitution parts to replace what was no longer available. I can attest to that as I used to help out a fellow in Pennsylvania before coming to Ohio in 1980. Someone came in to the shop with a box full of parts and pieces asking that we put together a locomotive out of the parts. The end product was a 290 with a tender that belonged with a 283 and the guy was happy with it. They were just toys to be played with whereby originality wasn't a concern to their owners.

Most, if not all, of the trains eventually ended up in disuse as it all sat in an attic, a closet, or a damp basement before they got snapped up by the collectors only to spend more time sitting on a shelf (or in boxes) with scores of others. Some were even pulled out of trash destined to a landfill (scavenging and dumpster diving certainly come to mind). The ravages of time eventually took a toll on them.

I have purchased a number of collections in the last 12 years, both large and small, and it became obvious that everything that came into my hands needed a good going over and cleaning. It has become a sure bet that the locomotives don't run (The TCA grading standards considers appearance only for a good reason). If they do run, performance is sluggish. Some of the many problems one can expect to encounter are:

- ◆ Dried out grease and seized axles
- ◆ Dirty or worn out contact points in the R/C unit
- ◆ Collapsed brush springs and worn out brushes
- ◆ Loose rims (steamers)
- ◆ Broken or missing parts or wrong parts
- ◆ Hardened or worn out Pullmor tires
- ◆ Worn out axle bores (diesels)
- ◆ Outright basket cases

President's Message Continued

With the way things have been going in the last 10 years, a lot of it just isn't worth the time and effort to bring back to life unless you intend to use it or it is of personal value. They are just like automobiles to eventually be parted out so that others can live on.

The tinplate layout was taken to Jon Ulbright's CJ Trains show in Mt. Hope. There was a good turnout of members to help set up, run, and take down the layout. The layout ran well the entire day. The only issue was some of us missing a few turns and ending up well off target including me. Thanks to all who came to help.

Thanks goes out to Tom Zimmerman for hosting the October meeting at his home in Hartville. We were treated to a great layout and good food.

Jim and Maryanne Sima have offered to host the club's Christmas dinner at their home in Solon. Details will be brought forth at this month's meeting at the Firehouse Grill & Pub on route 91 (South Avenue) right on the circle in Tallmadge, Ohio. The meeting date is November 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the restaurant's conference room. See you all there.

There will not be a December newsletter.

Jim Futules



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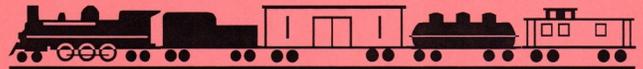
The club will have its layout at the downtown Cleveland Public Library on November 24. Members are needed for setup, take down and staffing. Set up will be at 4:00 PM on Friday, with layouts running from 10 AM-4PM on Saturday.

Upcoming Shows:

- Nov. 18 Mansfield Train Show
- Nov. 24 TCA Meet, Parma
- Dec. 2 Medina Train Show
- Dec. 9 Christmas Train Show
- Dec. 9 Massillon Train Show

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

Jon Ulbright presents the 21st



Massillon Train & Toy Show

sponsored by CJ Trains LLC
www.cjtrains.com

Featuring:

- All Gauges & Parts
- Running Layouts
- Farm & Vintage Toys
- Die-cast Models
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- NASCAR Items
- 150+ Dealer Tables
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- Good Food & Drink

Sunday, December 9, 2018

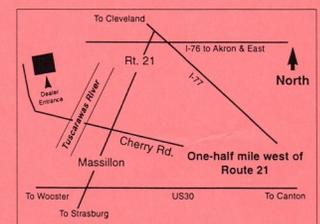
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM • Admission: Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 and under FREE

Massillon Knights of
Columbus Hall
988 Cherry Road NW
Massillon, Ohio 44647

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

Rules for Dealers:

1. Dealers will set up between 6:00 AM and 9:45 AM.
2. Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to them or their property while attending the show(s). Dealers expressly release the promoters (CJ Trains LLC) and Massillon Knights of Columbus from any liability and agree to hold promoters harmless therefore.
3. All monies will be refunded for each show that a dealer is unable to attend because of illness or vehicular problems. If unable to attend because of any other reason(s), the dealer must let CJ Trains LLC know one week prior to the show in writing.



4. There is to be nothing attached to the walls.
5. If for any reason the show is cancelled, all sums will be refunded.
6. All boxes and storage material must be placed directly under the tables. No loose material is to be left in the aisles or unattended. Electricity is available if ordered in advance (3-pronged outlet) at no additional cost.
7. All loading and unloading of material, exhibits, and etc. are to be done at the designated entrance.
8. No "pack-up" before 3 p.m.

Next Show: December 8, 2019

Please Print

Dealers - \$25 per 8' table in advance. — Buy 5 tables, get 1 FREE! —
Two free admissions per exhibitor.

I would like _____ tables at \$25.00 each = \$ _____
Free coffee for Dealers till 10:00 AM, courtesy of CJ Trains LLC.

All table orders are prepaid! No exceptions!

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

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Make checks payable to:
CJ Trains LLC
c/o Jon Ulbright
PO Box 446
Wooster, Ohio 44691
www.cjtrains.com

Call after 6:00 PM
Jon Ulbright
(330) 262-7488
e-mail: cathijon@ssnet.com
Massillon - Winter 2018

MEETING MINUTES — OCTOBER 21, 2018

The October 21st 2018 meeting of the CVSGA was held at the home of Tom Zimmerman and called to order by President Jim Futules at 6:20 p.m. with 19 members present. Gregg Melzer read the treasurers report. We are still in good shape with no outstanding debts.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee McCarty gave the York report. There were a lot of lookers, and not many buyers. Attendance seems to be declining, and as a result, to save money, the TCA Eastern Division is no longer providing senior discounts. Lee also had adventures coming and going to the meet. Catch up with him to discuss further.

President Jim Futules has requested an update on the search for the By-Laws. All long-time members are asked to search their archives for copies.

Jim Futules announced a committee to search and update the membership list consisting of himself, Tom Fritsch and Gregg Melzer. An updated and complete membership list should be ready in a few months

Discussion was had about upcoming events where the club will be taking layouts. First discussed was the Mt. Hope show on November 3, 2018. Lee McCarty said he would take the layout down to the show on the Saturday morning of the show. Next up was the Cleveland Library Winterfest event on November 24, 2018, with the tinsplate layout going. Chuck Fonda gave the usual set-up time of 4:00 PM on Friday, with layouts running from 10 AM-4PM. All help will be appreciated. Discussion was also had about the Freedom train show at Kirtland on December 9, with no decision being made, and further discussion to be made at the November meeting.

Also discussed was a train show in Independ-

ence on March 3, 2019 with no decision being made. Jim Futules said he would look into the show further and report back to the club.

The high rail layout was discussed. Bridge sections are in need of work, as more tubes and pins are needed and tool boxes for both layouts really should be updated. Bill Newhouse made a Motion that the Club should spend up to \$250.00 to update the hi-rail layout and tool boxes, which was seconded by Tom Scott and passed unanimously..

Jim Futules brought up the 2019 S Spree, noting the new location at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near the Berea Fairgrounds. Jim reminded everybody about the flea market on Saturday and asked Chuck Fonda to check if the Indians are playing at home that weekend. (They are, May 16-19 vs. the Baltimore Orioles). Discussion was had about the actual square footage available for clinics and dealer tables, and Jim Futules indicated he would investigate and get back to the club before the next meeting. A buffet vs. sit-down dinner was discussed, and Jim asked for a clinic chairman to volunteer.

Up and coming Train Shows: TCA in November, and the Christmas Train Show at the Cleveland Library in November as noted above, the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. Also Freedom on Dec. 9 and our Snowdogs show on Jan. 5, 2019

With no further items, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mark Ward and seconded by Tom Scott. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Fonda, Acting Secretary





Snow Dogs Train Show

Saturday, January 6, 2018

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

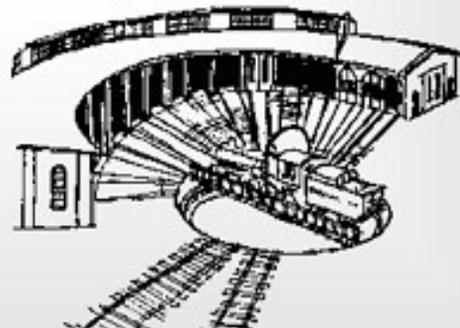
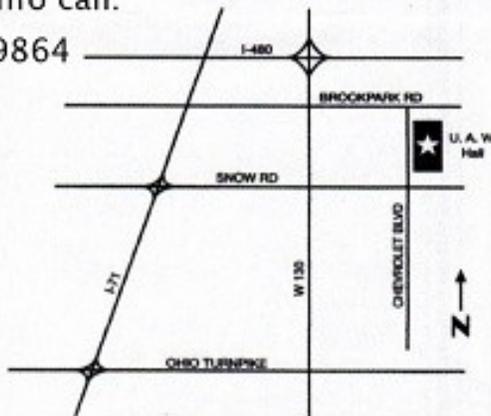
Good Food at reasonable prices

Free Parking



For Table Info call:

440-526-9864



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'S' Gauge, 'S' Scale, American Flyer, Tin Plate, High Rail, Sn3
Promoting all facets of 1:64th Modeling



May 16-18, 2019

Visit www.cvsqa.com for Registration Forms

Crown Plaza Hotel

7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
(440)-243-4040

All Gauge Train Show
Open to the Public

Saturday May 18, 2019

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday only Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free



Spree Chairman: Jim Futules 330-633-9097
Registration: Ken Vendlinger 440-833-4366

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**IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR THE S SPREE
FROM MAY 16 TO MAY 18, 2019, PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!**

“Special Early Bird Deal” – Save \$10 by registering by March 31, 2019!



2019 S Spree Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Family _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell:(____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Early Registration Fee – must be postmarked by March 31, 2019 (will not be honored after March 31, 2019)	\$25.00 _____
Late Registration Fee after March 31, 2019	\$35.00 _____
Friday only (no discount)	\$20.00 _____
Additional Family Members _____ @ \$5.00 per _____	_____
Friday Night Buffet Banquet Number of Dinners _____ @ \$38.00 per _____	_____
Display Tables (6 foot) _____ @ \$25.00 per _____ (Contact Ken Vendlinger if more than four tables are needed)	_____
Total	_____

Make check payable to **CVSGA** and mail to:
Ken Vendlinger
28920 West Willowick Drive
Willowick, OH 44095
Phone: 440-833-4366 for information
Email: jvendlinger@gmail.com

Hotel Information :
Crown Plaza Hotel
7230 Engle Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
440-243-4040
Room rate @ \$95.00 for the Spree
Code: SGA Booking Link: [SGA](#)
The \$95.00 hotel room rate is not guaranteed after May 10, 2019

Convention Cars - See website www.cvsqa.com for pictures (sorry, no 2019 cars)

- ◆ American Models CVRR Flatcar w/Forest City Nursery Trailer, Limited Supply, Available at the Spree
- ◆ American Flyer Flatcar w/Forest City Nursery Containers, Limited Supply, Available at the Spree

Cleveland attractions:

- ◆ Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- ◆ USS Cod - WWII Submarine
- ◆ Crawford Auto Museum
- ◆ Cleveland Art Museum
- ◆ Northern Ohio Railway Museum - Chippewa Lake, Ohio
- ◆ Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad - Independence, Ohio
- ◆ Cleveland Indians Baseball - if in town

Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association
www.cvsqa.com

Denny's Trains will have its third

MANSFIELD

TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, November 18, 2018

at the Richland County Fairgrounds

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. in The Fairhaven Hall

750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906

Admission \$5 under 12 free

THIS SHOW WILL HAVE ONLY TRAIN-RELATED ITEMS.

If you are looking for tupperware, fishing lures, plants, coins, Mary Kay cosmetics, toys, Barbie dolls, jewelry, Godzilla figures, baby clothes, basement water-proofing booths, etc., this show is not for you.

This show WILL have a KIDS AREA with a small riding Thomas train, operating G scale Thomas train, several operating layouts and over 150 tables of quality train-related items.

DEALERS - 8 ft. tables \$25 - Buy 5 get 1 FREE! - Saturday set-up 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Sunday set-up 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

There will be limited drive-in access to unload - Dealers must stay completely set-up until 3:00 P.M.

For more information, contact Dennis Breese at 419-606-7934
Please make checks payable to Dennis Breese and mail to:
Dennis Breese
22537 State Route 3
Loudonville, OH 44842

DIRECTIONS: off US 30, 7 miles WEST of I-71 - exit at Trimble Rd., go north 1000 feet, turn left on Longview, take Longview 8/10 of a mile to stop sign at Home Rd., turn right - Fairgrounds on right

The Handmade Market

Art and Craft Show

Hand-Crafted



November 24, 2018

10 am. to 4 pm.

Chinese Raffle

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

(NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Admission: **FREE**

For Info:

440-655-4455

prmevent@att.net

Join us at The Painesville Railroad Museum for The Handmade Market. We will be hosting an array of Quality Handmade Artisans and Crafters for Small Business Saturday, Shop Small, Shop Local, Buy Handmade and Preserve History at the Museum. Join the Movement!!

Bake Sale

Refreshments Available



Direction to Painesville Depot

East on 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.

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

501(c)3 non-profit

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



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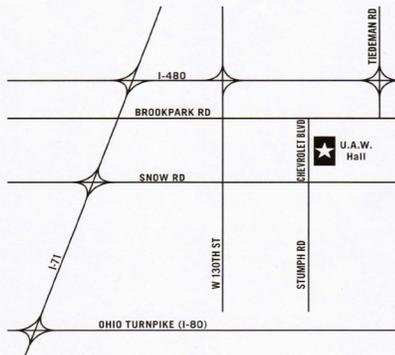
THANKSGIVING TRAIN MEET

Saturday, November 24th, 2018

U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

- Free Parking
- Ground-Level Entrance
- Good Lighting
- Wide Aisles
- Refreshments Available

- New and Old Trains
- Parts, Repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, etc.
- Train Videos
- Model Building Supplies and Kits
- Lionel, American Flyer, MTH, Williams, Weaver, LGB
- O, S, HO, N, Z & Large Scale



ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children Free
Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For More Information Contact: tcalakeerie@gmail.com

Christmas Train and TOY SHOW

2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018

BUY - SELL - TRADE

Sunday, December 9, 2018
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 JDJRF.

(440) 256-8141

Email: cleveshows@att.net
www.cleveshows.com

Dealer info at:

www.christmastrainshow.com

Held at:
Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Main Gym
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

Adm.: Adults \$6.00 Children (6-12) \$3.00, Under 6 Free
Family \$15.00 (2 adults + children under 12)
Active Military Personnel Free

Toy Collection for needy families - New In-box toys only (unwrapped). Please no stuffed animals.

JDJRF - Stop by the LCJDJWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation.



Dealer Redeemable this Show
\$25.00 Door Prize Certificate
Drawings at Noon and 2 pm

Featuring:

300 + Tables * One Floor * Operating Train Layouts * Free Parking
HO Trains - Structures - Accessories - Lionel, American Flyer, G-gauge, N scale trains
Good Food - 24 hr. Police Security

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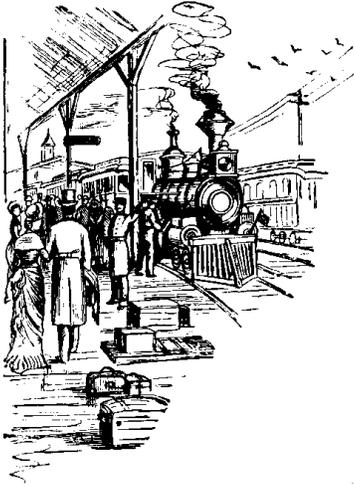
BUY - SELL - TRADE



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NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, November 18, 2018 , 6:00 PM

Firehouse Grill & Pub on route 91 (South Avenue) right on the circle in Tallmadge.



CVSG

Jim Futules

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TALLMADGE, OH 44278-2930