



THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL

President's Message for July 2019

There are a lot of people out there who are not aware of what the AC Gilbert Company did in the 20 years it produced S gauge trains. Case in point is the latest issue of the TCA Quarterly under new and unusual items showing up at York this past April. One item is a box having the American Flyer five-digit number 24212 on it along with the 940 Wabash hopper car that came out of that box.

The fellow who owns the box and the hopper car was expecting to find the 24212 in the price guides and found nothing. Apparently, he does not know about the switch to the five-digit catalog numbers in 1957 and that the box with the 24212 number is what the 940 hopper car came in. It is not so much the lack of knowledge on the part of the individual that is troublesome. It is the fact that a common box was reported in the Quarterly as an unusual item. There really isn't anything unusual about that box. What would have been unusual is finding a Wabash hopper car having 24212 stamped on it. To date, no one has ever reported one nor is it likely that anyone ever will.

One of the wettest June months is now behind us. All one needed to do was check the news to find out what part of Ohio was getting hit with severe storms and flash floods. Even though my piece of the world is on the high ground, the ground was saturated with water to the point that a tree was no longer able to keep itself upright. It was no small tree that narrowly missed the house in the process of falling over. It kept me

busy for a while getting it all cleared out. At least there are no train shows to contend with during this time of the year.

Even though it is July, it is not too early to start thinking about the upcoming train shows. They come around faster than you think. The Division 4 NMRA Great Berea Train Show is October 5th and 6th and, as usual, our high rail and tinsplate layouts will be there but vehicles with tow hitches are needed to get them there. Ken Vendlinger, as our new Vice President, will be contacting all who have the capability of hauling the layouts to and from Berea. The tinsplate layout will also be going to the Cleveland Public Library in November and our Snow Dogs show in January. The CJ Trains show in Mount Hope and the Freiden show in Kirtland are in the November and December time frame and are open for debate.

Speaking of layouts, it has become clear that the high rail layout still has issues that are difficult to correct with any degree of satisfaction. A new layout should be considered with ease of portability and quick setup in mind. It was indicated at the June meeting that a committee is needed to come up with ideas and a plan. If you wish to participate in this endeavor, please let it be known that you want to help develop the plan for a layout that we can all live with.

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The next meeting is with the Lake Shore Live Steamers at the Penitentiary Glen in Kirtland on July 20, 2019. The Glen is south of Lakeland Community College along Kirtland-Chardon Road. Come to spend a day riding the trains along with a picnic. The CVSGA is providing the hamburgers, chicken, brats, and hot dogs with all that goes with them. Going by your last name in alphabetical order to round out the offerings, bring an appetizer, covered dish, or desert as follows.

A through H Appetizer
I through R Covered Dish
S through Z Desert

See you all at the Glen in Kirtland
Jim Futules

MEETING MINUTES — JUNE 23, 2019

The June 23, 2019 meeting of the CVSGA was held at the home of Gregg and Sandy Melzer and called to order by President Jim Futules at 6:18 p.m. with 18 members present. Gregg Melzer read the Treasurer's report. We are still in good shape with no outstanding debts.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Jim Futules led a discussion on the S Spree which was held May 16-18, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights. The show itself ran pretty well with all three layouts that were brought in from neighboring clubs running well. There were not any major issues that occurred during the Spree. although two vendors had to be placed in the hallways, which necessitated bringing in security guards to protect the items of these vendors. The hotel staff was very cooperative in helping out where needed.

However, there were some things that probably should be reviewed moving forward. The placing of the rooms for the clinics may need to be looked into, as people had to walk a good distance for the clinics. The banquet and the cost of the banquet may also need to be reviewed as

only 38 banquet tickets were sold. Also, a discussion was had as to what other items should be included in future sprees - layout tours, contests, auctions, etc. With Columbus in 2020, Pittsburgh in 2021 and Dayton in 2022, we will not be hosting a Spree until 2023, and maybe even 2024, if the Detroit group decides to take a Spree. Chuck Fonda suggested that different venues be considered with an initial list of 30-50 locations being looked into. Jim Futules suggested that a committee be established to maintain an ongoing review of the next Spree (I was guilted into becoming a member of this committee after the meeting.

Board Chairman Lee McCarty presented the slate of club officers that were ready to stand for nomination:

Jim Futules - President;

Ken Vendlinger - Vice-President;

Open - Secretary

Gregg Melzer - Treasurer;

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Lee then asked if there were any other nominations and Brian Stopar nominated Lee McCarty for President, seconded by Bill Newhouse. Owing to the that arose, Lee McCarty then turned the election over to the next most recent Chairman of the Board, Chuck Fonda, who ran the election. Chuck requested a motion to approve the rest of the slate, with Tom Scott moving to adopt the slate; Bill Wyatt seconding, and the rest of the slate was approved unanimously. The election for President was then conducted by secret ballot with Bill Newhouse observing and Jim Futules was reported as being elected as President and the meeting was turned back over to run.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Futules then led a discussion as to how to get younger kids more interested in model railroading, noting how the local TCA meets were putting items up on the stage for kids to put together and run, something which we might consider at future shows.

Discussion was also had about getting people to haul trailers to the events we have previously committed to bring our layouts to shows - NMRA Berea in October, the Public Library event in

Cleveland over Thanksgiving (note to Ohio State fans - every time we have gone to this event, the Buckeyes have beaten Michigan!!), Our Snowdogs show and NMRA at Kirtland in March. Ken Vendlinger as Vice-president will be in charge of making arrangements for the layout trailers to be hauled.

Ken Vendlinger and Darrel Dunham brought up the subject of looking into building a new hi-rail (main) layout as the actual layout framework was built in 1984, and then redesigned in 2000, and then modified again in the summer of 2017. There are a number of new techniques that could be applied in building a new and updated layout. This will be discussed further in future meetings.

Up and coming Events: Picnic with Lakeshore Live Steamers. - July 20, 2019; starting at noon; Picnic with Medina Live Steamers to be determined in August.

With no further items, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lenny Wendorf, seconded by Tom Scott, approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Fonda, Acting Secretary

Club Picnic –July 20 at the Glen

This years club picnic will be on July 20 at Penitentiary Glen, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, Ohio 44094 [MAP](#)

Enjoy the day with riding the trains.

Fun begins at Noon. The CVSGA is providing the hamburgers, chicken, brats, and hot dogs with all that goes with them. Going by your last name in alphabetical order to round out the offerings, bring an appetizer, covered dish, or desert as follows.

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A Boy Growing Up in the Cuyahoga Valley

By Lee McCarty

I and my older brother John, were both born in Northfield Center, Ohio in the late 1940's. The exact date is of course irrelevant, but if you know the area, Northfield and Sagamore Hills both rest right on the edge of the grand Cuyahoga Valley in Northern Ohio. My father made his living as a carpenter, which for a season changing area, meant that there were times when an outdoor carpenter simply had no work. If you couldn't find a job indoors for the winter, you simply had no work until the spring.

As a consequence, money was always tight in my family, with no room for allowances or extras. We had to find our own methods of entertainment. In 1950 the country endured a huge recession due to the war ending. Northern Ohio had no work and no prospects of work, but my parents heard that out in California they were begging for qualified craftsmen, so my family packed up and drove out first to San Francisco and later Lake Tahoe, where they were building the Squaw Valley Olympic site. My father worked and we lived at Lake Tahoe for four years until the site was finished, then we returned to Ohio where they had recovered somewhat from the recession.

My family, which now had four of us kids, settled in a little house on W. Highland Road, just west of the current All Saints Cemetery, at the top of Highland Hill, at the bottom of which now lies the entrance to Brandywine Ski Area. All we had to do was walk or bike down the hill and we were in the middle of an outdoor kid's dream playground.

There was no Ski Lodge yet, but there was a huge paper mill, the Jaite Paper Company, which produced mainly paper for newspapers. Not only was this plant busy all day and into a second shift, but it had logging trucks and trains coming and going all day long.

Also, at the bottom of the hill and across from the main entrance to Jaite, was the remains of the Red Lock, of the Ohio and Erie Canal. I believe lock number 33, abandoned for over fifty years but still capable of holding three or four feet of running water including a waterfall from the leaking gates on the lock. Since we as kids had absolutely no cash, we simply had no money to fork over the two dollars it took to get into Fell Lake north in the village and I was not about to crawl through the woods and fields in swim trunks to sneak into the park without paying.

I and my other poor friends made our own swimming hole out of the Red Lock, our own 91 by 13-foot swimming pool, complete with its own cooling waterfall and soft muddy bottom. Nobody ever worried about broken glass or cans in the lock, people just didn't do that kind of thing back then. We spent many a hot day down there having such a good time that at times there were a dozen or more kids there at once. Lifeguards, what is a life guard? Safety rules? No running or horse play, are you kidding? Yet we all lived!

There was one more enticement of a boy with imagination and that location. The lock was less than a quarter mile from the mainline of the Cuyahoga Valley Lines, owned at the time by first the B&O and then the C&O railroad. I grew fascinated by the peculiar pounding sound a Challenger makes as it labors its way up the valley with 120 loaded coal hoppers. We would watch as that 4-6-6-4 would work as a common switch engine to shift cars at Jaite and its nearby business, the Peninsula Peat Company. But the railroading part of life in the valley will come in part two. Hope you enjoyed part one.

Lee

Upcoming Shows:

- July 20, 2019 Jefferson Train Show
- July 27, 2019 Hobo Day, Painesville Railroad Museum.
- August 10, 2019 Painesville Railroad Museum Fundraiser at Harry Buffalo.
- August 25, 2019 Railroad Memorabilia Show, Painesville Railroad Museum.

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

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 10, 2019 4 to 6 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



Chinese Raffle

Menu: All you can eat and drink for 2 hours

- Smothered Chicken
- Sheet Pizza
- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries



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All you can Drink - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well
Liquors from 4 pm to 6 pm

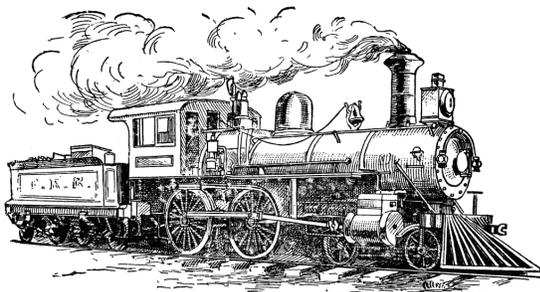
Cost:
\$20.00 Each Pre-Sale
\$25.00 Each at Door

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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.



HOBO DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

10 AM TO 8 PM

At the
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)

Food and Refreshments available for small donation
Hamburg's and Hot Dogs (Noon to 8 pm)
Hobo Stew and Hobo Beans (4 pm to 8 pm)



Live Music by
The Miracle
Band
1 to 3 pm

RAILPANNING



The Depot is located on CSX Main Line, with plenty of rail traffic to take pics of.

Be sure to bring your Camera!



COSTUME CONTEST

Get into the spirit of the Day
Win a prize



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Come and join us for a day of fun at Hobo Day at the Painesville Railroad Museum on July 27, 2019 from 10 am to 8 pm. We will have a Hobo Stew and Hobo Beans being cooked over a open wood fire, just like how the hobos of days gone by would have done.

Hamburg's and Hot Dogs will also be available.

Enjoy the sounds of live music by the Miracle Band from 4 pm to 7 pm.

There will be Free face painting for the children.

Come in the spirit of the day and get in Costume and be part of our Costume Contest.

And don't forget a day of railfanning.

Admission: \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child (3 to 12 year old)

\$12.00 Family (max 2 adults, 3 children)

Food Donations extra.



NEXT MEETING: Saturday, July 20, 2019 , NOON

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