

January 2017

## THE LAKESHORE SPECIAL



### President's Message for January 2017

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year to all our members and my hope that the new year will be better for all of us. I have been hearing snippets from our club guys about their status since Christmas and have learned some good news and some bad, unfortunately.

Former President Mike Graham reports that he has recovered from all the ailments he has suffered in the past year. He is out of the nursing home and in his own home once again, and has a bright outlook on his and Linda's immediate future. He even still talks about starting his home layout! That is what I call optimism for sure! Go for it Mike.

Jim Niedherst reports that he has managed to liquidate most of Gene Rominski's S Gauge collection and that Jean Rominski has told him to simply clear out the remaining stock for whatever he can get for it, so you may wish to contact him about anything you may have seen at our train show. By the way he also reports that there are two beautiful six foot long train cabinets on the basement wall that are free to a good home. Since Gene made his living as a cabinet maker you can imagine how good those sets are, so contact Jim at 440 461 7947 for more information if you are interested in acquiring them.

Unfortunately, Mike Udolph reports that long time club member George Danas has passed away recently at the age of eighty. George has been an original member since the late seventies but has not had the strength to participate much in the past ten years or so. His passing will be missed a lot since he was a walking encyclopedia of A.C. Gilbert. On behalf of the club I sent a bouquet to the Funeral home in the club's name.

Bill Newhouse reports that he also has an enclosed cabinet up for a new home. I have seen pictures of it at the show. It looks to be about thirty inches wide and four feet high with an enclosed cabinet on top and several wide, flat drawers on the bottom. It has a light in it. It is finished in wood colors and probably will fit in anywhere in a train room. If you are interested in more information, call Bill at 330 928-2672.

Our biggest activity in the past month of course was our Snowdogs Train Show at the UAW Hall on January 7th. It was just our luck that we chose the coldest weekend in years to host the show! I tend to become a worry wart before the show about tables rented, weather, attendance, advertising, and a lot of other things as well. This cold snap caused one huge worry on Friday before the show started. We had sold 156 tables, a sell out for the show, but starting on Friday morning, I got a total of 24 tables that cancelled out of the show, and I was almost sick thinking of it. I was afraid that attendance would suffer as well. Then mother nature smiled on us and several people came forward and asked us if we had any extra tables for rent. We ended up at a sellout once again.

Since we as a policy never publish financial information in this newsletter, I will just say for everyone that we had over three hundred people through the door and made good profit. Greg will give us the details at the club meeting at the Stopars this Sunday, but I can say that our budget is secure for another year. Tom Pescha also reports that his toy show at Kirtland that weekend was also a success.



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That seems to be all the news for this organization for this month except for our going to the TCA Division Meet on the 28th of this month, which I will get to soon, so I will just get to the thing that I am most concerned with this month. I want to apologise to the entire membership for my lack of participation in setting up and taking down of the show last weekend. I spent the entire night before and the entire day of the show sitting somewhere instead of going around and seeing that everything was going well. I issued more orders to our members than General Patton in WWII to his troops. I am very sorry for this performance, I knew what had to be done but was totally incapable of doing it myself. For this I am sorry, and if you were insulted by the orders, please forgive me.

If you stop and think about it, Ray Diersing and I have put on three train shows in the past year, the Jan 2 2016 Snowdogs Show, the S Spree in May and now this one. Ray had the good sense to realize that he has health issues and went inactive after the Spree to recover his health. I was the stupid one and went on alone to organize our 2017 show. Most of you know that I spent over a week in Parma Hospital this September with a case of NASL, non alcoholic Cirrhosis of the liver and was told by the doc-

tors that it would take me at least a full year to recover from this ailment. I didn't believe them and gave myself three months to recover.

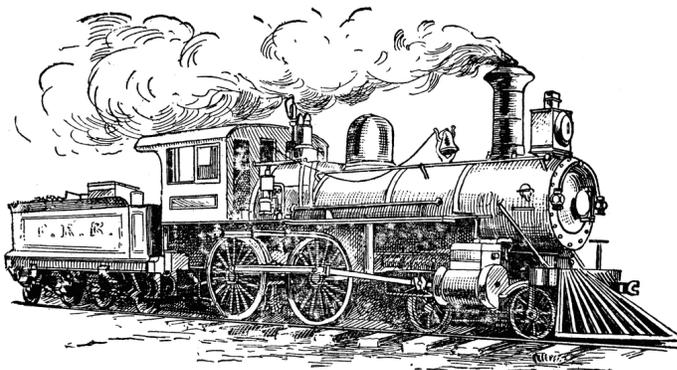
Unfortunately the doctors were right. I have not responded to treatments and still need to have excess fluid removed from my chest cavity every five weeks or so and I am literally as weak as a kitten. I am also short of breath enough to worry the professionals about heart failure. I need to step back and give my body time to recover.

I have discussed this situation with several of the senior members of this organization and they have reminded me that there is a reason why I cannot resign as President. Whether I acknowledge it or not, I know a lot of people nationwide and if I resigned, those contacts for the club would be lost.

I will run again for President once again, but under the condition that someone else step up to do the work. It should be an easy year for us with no shows until next year, but someone has to arrange for us to be at someone else's shows, arrange for crews to man the layouts etc. There are a lot of people who can do this job easily, but no one seems willing to step forward and volunteer. Folks, it is your turn! I will close this message with the message that unless someone steps forward, there simply will be no Snowdogs show next year because I cannot do it again.

See you all at Brian and Dawn's house and brand new layout this Sunday

Lee  
[macsir@aol.com](mailto:macsir@aol.com)



# MEETING MINUTES — Nov. 20, 2016

The Nov. 20th, 2016 meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley S-Gaugers was held at the Bone Yard Restaurant in Broadview Heights and was called to order by President Lee McCarty at 6:32p.m. with 16 members present. Greg Melzer gave the treasurer's report. The treasury is healthy with no outstanding debts.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The club's Christmas Party will be at Lee and Cindy McCarty's home on December 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. The members will bring a special dish, appetizers, cheese balls, meatballs, or dessert of their choice. The club will pay for the Honey Baked Ham.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Transporting the tinsplate layout to the Cleveland Public Library for the Christmas display on Nov. 26 was discussed. The loading dock is very narrow and requires a pickup truck that is small enough to get in and out. Ray Diersing, who has such a truck, is physically unable to do this. Joe Jansky will check with Enterprise Car Rental to see what they have available that will do the job. The HO layout will be going as well.

It is becoming more expensive to send the newsletter to the 95 members in the club. Suggestion was made to see who would accept having their newsletter sent via their email address only with the remainder mailed out. Those members not having a computer must have the newsletter mailed to them.

Discussion came up on whether or not we would have a convention car for our 2019 S-Spree and if we are to have one, we must start planning from now. At our last meeting, Lee McCarty asked Jim Futules to have some ideas pertaining to possible convention cars. Jim did so by bringing 17 prototypes that he thought convention car collectors would be interested in buying. Lee motioned that whatever we decide on be limited to only 100. Bill Wyatt seconded the motion and all present passed it. There will be a convention car.

Our 2019 S-Spree is booked with Holiday Inn Embassy Suites in Independence, Ohio. The sales manager is Heather Debroco. Heather is the same person who was at the Strongsville Holiday Inn a few years ago before the reorganization. She is very familiar with our needs and offered the same type of deal that she has in the past which is significantly better than the one we got at the Strongsville Holiday Inn back in May.

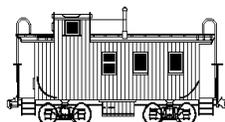
Kim Pizzino suggested that the High rail or Universal layout have lighted signals and other devices that provide motion and/or sound (a horn and whistle). The possibility of adding DCC Control to the Universal layout was discussed. There is a cost and it needs to be given some thought.

With no further items, motion for adjournment was made by Joe Jansky and seconded by Bill Wyatt, Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on January 22, 2017 at the home of Brian and Dawn Stopar.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maria Futules*, Secretary



## NEWS AND NOTES:

Thanks to Lee and Ray for the tremendous effort they put forth on the shows in the past year, and the words as noted in the President's Message are something that need to ponder, which all members should ponder.

Train Show schedule – TCA – UAW Hall January 28, 2017; Lakeland College NMRA Train Show March 18-19, 2017.

As Lee noted in the President's Message, long-time CVSGA member George Danas passed away recently. The family will be receiving friends from 4-7 PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Diamond Street home of Wappner Funeral Directors, 98 Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902. The memorial service will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 230 S. Main Street, Mansfield, Ohio at 11:30 A.M. Private burial services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church or Hospice of North Canton, Ohio. For further information visit the website [www.wappner.com](http://www.wappner.com).

I have many good memories of George, who always had an easy smile, and a nice laugh. I enjoyed chatting with him at the various train shows we visited together, and the many memories we shared at the York Train show. He will be missed by all of us "old-timers" among our club membership.

Chuck

*Coming Soon!*



## Upcoming Shows:

January 28, 2017 - TCA Train Meet, Parma UAW Hall

Feb. 5, 2017 - Medina Train Show, Medina

March 18 & 19, 2017, Railfest, Lakeland Community College

March 26, 2017 - Massillon Train show, Massillon

April 2, 2017 - Medina Train Show, Medina

April 8, 2017 - Fundraiser - Painesville Railroad Museum

May 6, 2017 - TCA Train Meet, Parma UAW Hall

May 6 & 7, 2017 - Model Train Days, Painesville Railroad Museum.

**Be sure to check [www.cleveshows.com](http://www.cleveshows.com) for the most complete list of NE Ohio Train and Toy Shows!**

The Great Lakes Division  
**TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION**

**WINTER of 2017  
 TRAIN MEET**

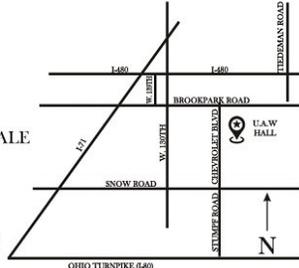
Saturday, January 28, 2017

**Note: New Date**

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



- FREE PARKING
- GROUND-LEVEL ENTRANCE
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- WIDE AISLES
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- NEW AND OLD TRAINS
- PARTS, REPAIR MANUALS, PRICE GUIDES, BOOKS, ETC.
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- MODEL BUILDING SUPPLIES AND KITS
- LIONEL, AMERICAN FLYER, MTH, WILLIAMS, WEAVER
- 175+ TABLES
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!



**LOCATION  
 DIRECTIONS**

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  
 emularz1124@aol.com  
 www.greatlakesTCA.com

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  
 422 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.



**RAILFEST 2017**

Saturday and Sunday  
 March 18 & 19, 2017

10 am to 4 pm

Located at:  
**Lakeland Community College**

7700 Clocktower Dr.  
 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)

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

- Features**
- Dealers
  - RR Flea market
  - Exhibitors
  - Operating Layouts
  - Video Tapes
  - Historical Displays
  - Train Ride Info
  - Food Service Available
  - ATM

**For Information Write:**

NMRA MCR Division 5  
 PO Box 5081  
 Mentor, Ohio 44060  
 Phone: (440) 357-8890  
 Phone: (440) 417-6745  
 Email: railfest@mcr5.org



**Free Parking**  
 Free Shuttle Bus  
 9:30am - 4:30pm



**National Model Railroad Association**

MCR - Division 5 Event

Since 1987 at Lakeland  
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Largest continuous running two day train show in OHIO!

**RAILFEST 2017 DINNER**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner on March 18, 2017

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!

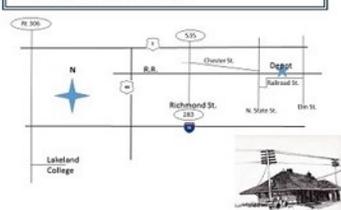
**Time:**  
 Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 18, 2017

**Price:**  
 \$20.00 per person  
**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**  
 The Euclid Railroad - by Tom Pappas

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**

March 11, 2017  
**DINNER MENU**  
 Tossed Green Salad  
 Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side  
 Chicken  
 Roast Beef  
 Corn Beef and Cabbage  
 Mixed vegetables  
 Red Skin 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.



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

Cut and Return

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Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 11, 2017.  
 (Check will be held & deposited March 20, 2017)  
 Make Checks payable to: Railfest

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and Print all Attending

**Mail to:**  
 Tom Pescha  
 3942 E. 364th St.  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094

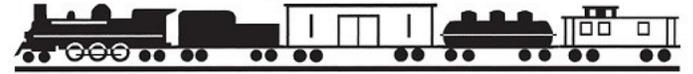
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**Return this part**

Flyer-DF-2017 Dinner 11/22/2017

Please return this part only

Jon Ulbright presents the 19<sup>th</sup>



**Massillon Train & Toy Show**

sponsored by CJ Trains LLC  
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**Featuring:**

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

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

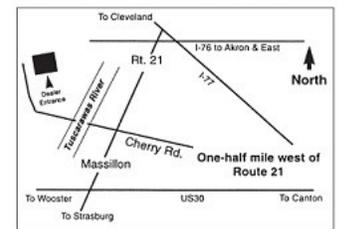
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM • Admission: Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 and under FREE

**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 10, 2017**

**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.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**All table orders must be paid for by March 1, 2017.**  
 Table orders NOT paid for by this date will be released to those dealers on the waiting list.

**Make checks payable to:**  
 CJ Trains LLC  
 Jon Ulbright  
 PO Box 446  
 Wooster, Ohio 44691  
[www.cjtrains.com](http://www.cjtrains.com)

**Call after 6:00 PM**  
 Jon Ulbright  
 (330) 262-7488  
 e-mail: [cathjion@essnet.com](mailto:cathjion@essnet.com)  
 Massillon - Spring 2017

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# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 8, 2017 3 to 5 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**

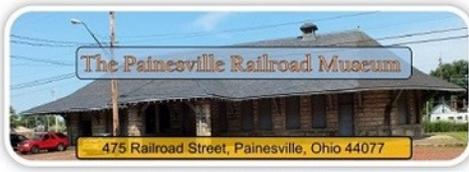
- Smothered Chicken
- Sheet Pizza
- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries

**All you can Drink** - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well  
Liquors from 3 pm to 5 pm



**Cost: \$20.00 Each**  
For Tickets, contact:  
Pre-Sale only

**Lenny Kessler**  
3257 Center Road  
Perry, Ohio 44081  
Phone (440) 417-6746  
cyberlen@roadrunner.com



**The Painesville Railroad Museum**  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.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.

The Painesville Railroad Museum is holding a Fundraiser at Harry Buffalo, 2119 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077 on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each and **include all you can eat appetizers and drink**. Drinks include domestic draft beer, house wine & well liquors, soft drinks and coffee. Appetizers include Salad, Smothered Chicken, Sheet Pizza, Boneless Wings, and Fries.

We will also have a great Chinese Raffle along with a 50/30-20 raffle. We have some outstanding Baskets for the Chinese Raffle.

For pre-sale Tickets, contact Len Kessler at (440) 417-6746 or Tom Pescha at 216-470-5780

Make checks out to 'WRRRA'

# MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at  
**THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM**

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

## MAY 6-7 2017

10 am to 5 pm

See operating Model Train Layouts in N scale, HO scale, S scale, O gauge and G gauge.  
12 Different Layouts to see!  
Model Train flea market on grounds.



Admission \$5.00 each, Family \$7.00



**Direction to Painesville Depot**  
I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44  
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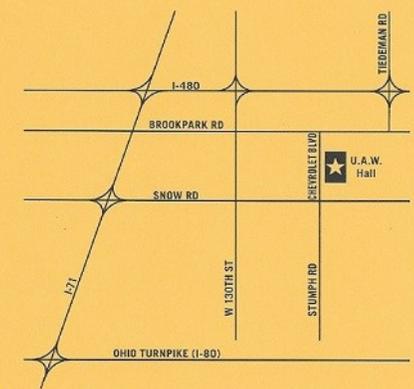
www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org  
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# TCA LAKE ERIE CHAPTER TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION THANKSGIVING TRAIN MEET

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

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



**NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: NOVEMBER 25TH, 2017**

All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

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

For More Information Contact: David Stachnik at tcalakeerie@gmail.com.

## **Our next meeting is January 22, 2017, 6 pm at:**

The next meeting will be hosted by Brian and Dawn Stopar, 3362 Royalwood Road, North Royalton Ohio 44133; Tel: 216-870-9705, email: btstopar@aol.com. From the west, take Rt. 82 (Royalton Road) to State Road. Head North on State Road to Royalwood Road, and then turn right. From the east, take Rt. 82 to Broadview Road. Head north on Broadview Road to Royalwood Road and turn left. Brian and Dawn's house is at the corner of Athena and Royalwood Road. Brian has indicated that no parking is available on Royalwood Road, so park on the side street. If you need further directions call either Lee's cellphone (440-665-0243) or Brian's cellphone noted above. Brian, Dawn and Connor will be seeking input about the expansion of their train layout, and will have a new puppy to welcome us See you there.



CVSG

Lee McCarty

8725 Broadview Road

Broadview Heights, OH 44147