



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Saturday May 12, 2018

Hope the date and bold type gets your attention. That is the date of our May Division 5 meeting. This will be a joint meeting (*the last one*) with the new Division 12, at 1 *p.m.*, in Cambridge Springs. Dick Bradley will present a slide show on Railroad Short lines and Narrow Gauge in Virginia. Pizza and beverages available. Bring 'n' Brag is Anything Goes.

The meeting location is the Cambridge Springs Trolley Station located at the intersection of Venango Avenue and Railroad Street in Cambridge Springs, PA.

Take I-90 to Exit 3 in PA—Rt 6N. Follow 6N to Rt 19 and go South on Rt 19 to Cambridge Springs

Have you partaken of the new Model Railroad Academy and also the NMRA Turntable? Or the many how-to videos that model railroad vendors

offer? There is a great deal of information available on these sites - almost too much on virtually all aspects of model railroading. Viewing all these, plus the various You Tube offerings of prototype railroad quirkiness, hardly leaves any time for actual modeling!

I'm beginning to work with the new Walthers Layout Control System - features a Tortoise-like turnout control but with easy electrical plug and pin connectors going to a distribution block and a pushbutton fascia control with route indicator LEDs. Installation of the turnout controller appears to be very easy for HO scale whether the turnout is already installed or not, but some complications with N scale. Templates are used for positioning the push button controllers appropriately on the fascia. Will let you know in due course how my "Nstallation" "turns out".

Assuming we do achieve Spring during the month of May, the Lake Shore



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

Live Steamers will have public runs on Sunday May 6 and May 20 during 1-3 p.m. at Lakepark Penitentiary Glen.

I hope to see at least a few of you at the May 12 meeting and also at the Mid Central Regional later in Cincinnati this month.

- Dave



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.

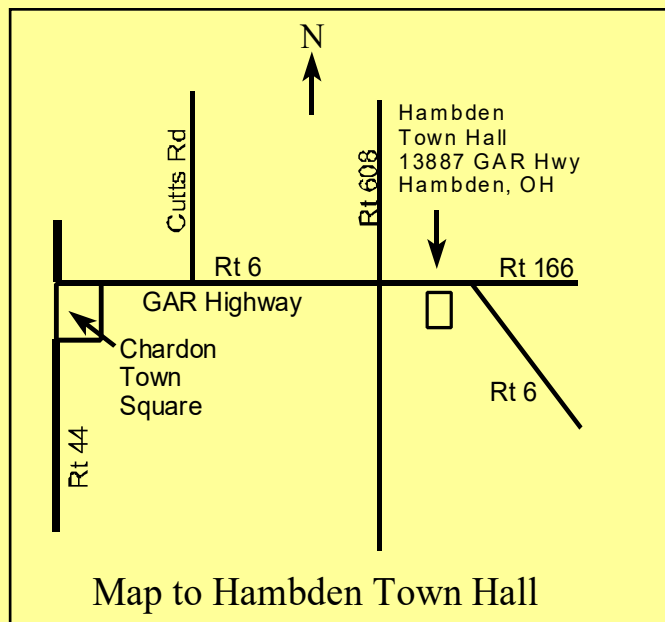
May 12th, 2018

Location: Cambridge Springs, PA
Program: A Slide show by Dick Bradley
Bring & Brag: Anything goes

June 1st, 2018

Location: Lake Farmpark
Program: TBA
Bring & Brag: Agriculture Related

July, 2018 **NO MEETING THIS MONTH**



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Model Train Days **May 5 & 6**

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 9)*
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

TCA Train show **May 5**

U. A. W. Hall
5615 Chevrolet Blvd. *(flyer on page 10)*
Cleveland, Ohio **(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)**

Division 5 BOD Meeting **June 11**

Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

Jefferson Train Swap Show **July 21**

Jefferson Community Center
11 East Jefferson St. *(flyer on page 11)*
Jefferson, Ohio 44047 **(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)**

Division 5 Picnic **July 22**

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 12)*
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(2:00 pm - 5:00 pm)**

Birthday Party (125th) **August 4**

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 13)*
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

Railroad Memorabilia Show **August 26**

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 14)*
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2018

The April 6, 2018 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Dave Neff at Hambden Township Hall. 27 members and 2 guests were present.

We received a thank you note from the **Smith Family** for the flowers, donations, and sympathy cards on the passing of Dale.

Railfest 2018 report: attendance by the public was down this year. We had about 3100 total attendees of which 400 were vendors and their helpers. We are assuming the low attendance was due to St. Patrick's Day and the nice weather. We were short some on Division help on Saturday. There were about 50 people that attended the Railfest dinner at the Painesville Depot. Planning for Railfest 2019 has started.

Division 5 Elections: Dennis Lloyd withdrew his nomination for Superintendent. Former Division 5 superintendent Mike Buehner has renewed his NMRA membership and is willing to run for the position of superintendent. For assistant superintendent, we have one nominee, our current assistant, Bryan Persing. No other nominations were made from the floor. Ballots will be mailed to all current Division 5 members in early April.

Our May Division meeting will be a joint meeting with Division 12 on **Saturday, May 12, 2018 in Cambridge Springs, PA.** Meeting will start at 1:00 PM. Program will be put on by Dick Bradley and be a slide show on the shortlines of West Virginia. Bring & Brag will be open to anything.

MCR President Bob Weinheimer discussed various regional and national activities and programs. He highlighted the NMRA members only website, partnership program, NMRA Turntable e-mails, NMRA Presidents' Letters e-mails, reward for membership retention programs, and promoted the upcoming MCR regional convention in Cincinnati, noting that many of the national NMRA leaders will be there.

Dave Neff is working on putting together a **local clinician list** for divisions 1, 4, 5, and 12.

June Division meeting will be held at **Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, Ohio.** Bill Kester will present a short program on stockyards and cattle drives. We will also view two short videos on grain operations. Bring & Brag theme will be agriculture/cattle related.

A PowerPoint presentation advertising the upcoming **MCR convention** on May 17 - 20, 2018 was viewed.

Since this was the last regular Division 5 meeting that **Superintendent Dave Neff** will be presiding over before his term ends, he thanked the Division for their support and bid farewell as Superintendent.

It was noted that member **Tom Carr** was currently in the hospital.

Question: What prototype yard is located in Columbus, Ohio near I-270 and I-70? It is believed to be the NS Buckeye yard, but not sure.

Bring & Brag:

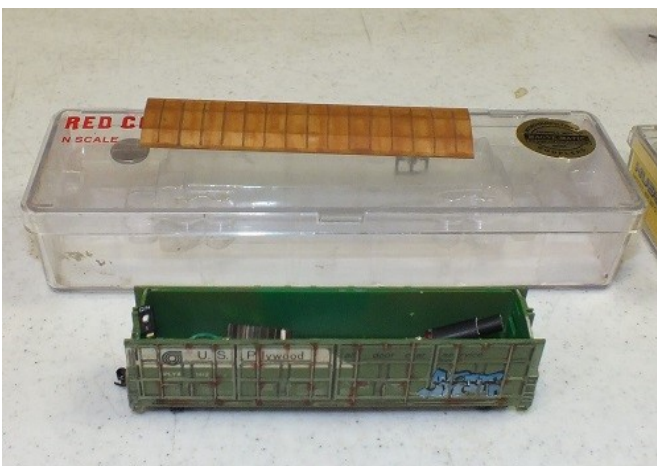
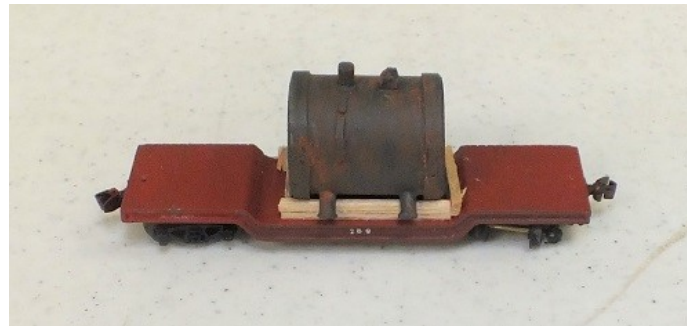
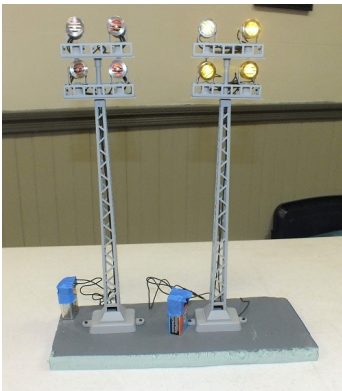
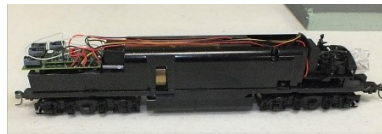
Bryan Persing	Bill Osborne	Mike Buehner
Mike Rudder	Dennis Lloyd	Bill Berger

Program: Bob Weinheimer presented a clinic on Getting Started In Operations.

Submitted by: Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the April Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Division 5 BOD Meeting

April 9, 2018

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on April 9, 2018 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, and Tom Pescha.

It was noted that Dale Smith's nephew, Paul Burger, has taken over the **Smith & Son Ballast business** and will keep it running.

Division 5 ballots were mailed on April 9, 2018.

Division 1 invited us to **their layout tours** on April 14. Division 4 will be having some layout tours soon but we have not received any information yet.

Our **May Division 5 meeting** will be a joint meeting with Division 12 on Saturday May 12 at the Cambridge Springs, PA Trolley Museum. A motion was passed to provide \$75 for meeting refreshments (*pizza and soft drinks*). Division 12 currently has about 36 members. The meeting will mainly be run by Division 12.

Discussed Division 5's **Promo Day 2018**. The 2-rail O scale train show will not be going on at the same time as Promo Day. The question was raised whether we should do the same type of cable TV advertising again? The cost last year for this was \$650. A motion was passed to proceed with doing the same type of advertising.

As a way to get people to all the rooms at **Railfest**, an idea is being looked at where the public will be given a card at the gate which they can take around to each room to get it punched at a specific spot. Once they have all the spots punched on the card, they can fill in their name, address, and phone number, and then put it in a prize box to be eligible for a \$10 prize drawing.

June Division meeting will be at **Lake Farmpark**. Program by Bill Kester on stockyards and a short video on grain operations. There will be a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop on Sunday. Division 5 will supply 30 HO railroad car kits for the workshop.

Division 5 picnic will be on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at the Painesville Depot.

The Jefferson, Ohio train show will be on Saturday, July 21. Division 5 will have an NMRA membership table at the show.

August Division 5 meeting will be moved to **August 10 and be at the home of Bill Osborne** for an outdoor movie night.

Paul Emch has a couple more PowerPoint programs like the one he recently did that he is willing to show as the program at upcoming meetings.

The next scheduled **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be **June 11, 2018 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall**.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Working on the Railroad

What to do with all those cabooses



The Caboose Motel

With the demise of the caboose from the end of freight trains, what do you do with all of the cabooses that you may have accumulated? I had no idea that I acquired more than a dozen cabooses attending numerous train shows over the years. In an operating session, it is a lot easier building, manipulating and dropping cars off without a caboose hanging out on

the end of the train. But because of nostalgia, I have retained some cabooses for special trains like my John Deere train, a maintenance train, 2 military trains and a couple of special freight trains. Many more of my remaining stock were sold off at train shows. But why not build a caboose motel? There are several such motels in Pennsylvania and other cities in the States. When I suggested the option to my *Imagineer* foreman, Al Arthur, he agreed but asked where I proposed

to build it? The only problem is that we are definitely running out of real estate! I found 2 spots that could work and we both agreed on the one where the cabooses could readily be viewed. So it was built on the outskirts of the smaller city of Allentown across the trolley tracks. A perfect spot for a unique display of an interesting concept. If you do consider building such a diorama, do it soon before you run out of available space on your layout.

- Len Kessler, Editor



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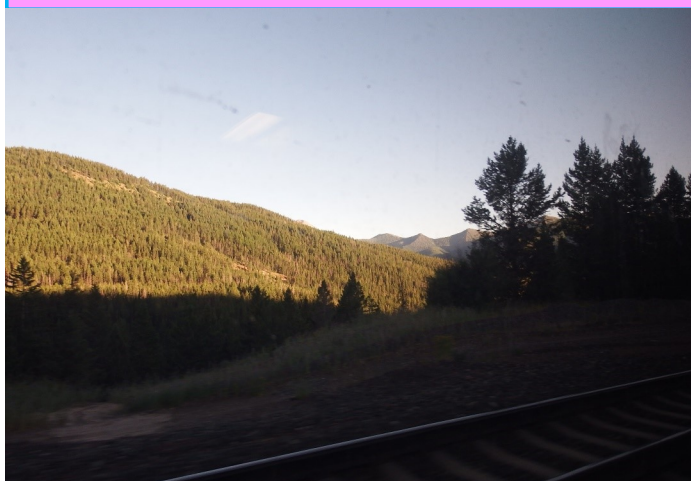
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**Somewhere in North Dakota**

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.

**Cascade Mountains in Washington**

Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 19th of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 19th will probably be published in the following issue. - The Editor

The Trainwire Newsletter

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N/S across the Cuyahoga River

May, 2018

Division 5 Membership
as of April 1st, 2018



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MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

MAY 5-6 2018

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



Direction to Painesville Depot

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.
East on Railroad Street to Depot.

Food and Drinks available.

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

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

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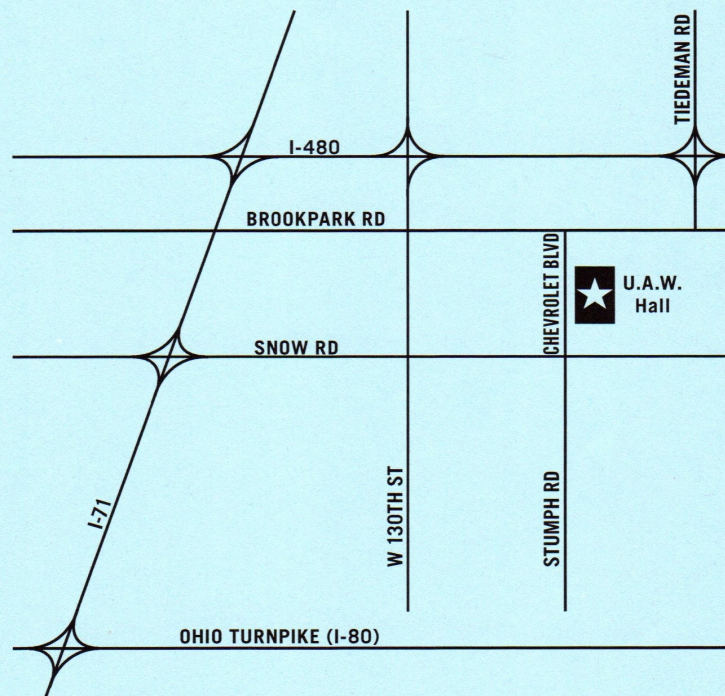
**LAKE ERIE CHAPTER
TRAIN COLLECTORS
ASSOCIATION
SPRINGTIME
TRAIN MEET**

Saturday, May 5th, 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



NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: NOVEMBER 24TH, 2018

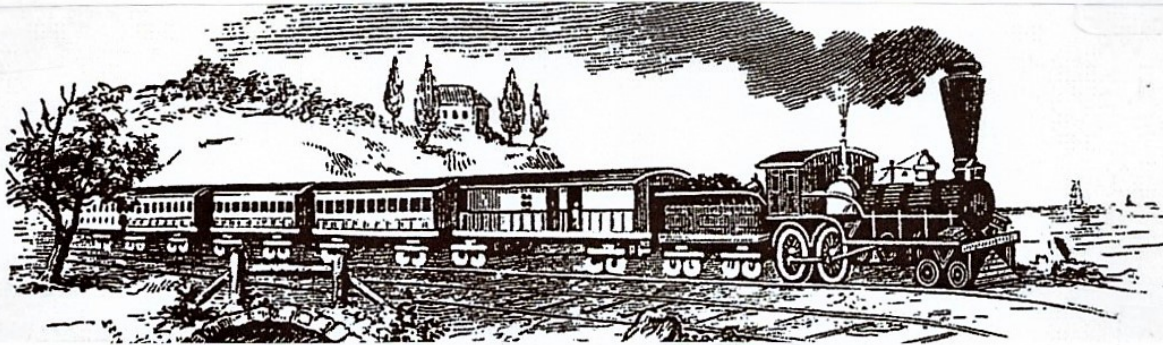
ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children Free

Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For More Information Contact: tcakeerie@gmail.com

Jefferson Historical Society

TRAIN SWAP AND SALE



Saturday, July 21, 2018

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

Train and Railroad related items only
 Operating N Scale Modular Layout
 Good Food Available at Reasonable Prices
Jefferson Community Center

11 East Jefferson St. Jefferson, OH 44047

Email jeffersonohiohistoricalsociety@centurylink.net

Website www.jeffersonohiohistoricalsociety.org

Leave a Message 1 (440) 576-5333

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

Tables (8') _____ @\$16.00 ea \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Jefferson Historical Society
 P.O. Box 574 Jefferson, Ohio
 44047

The officers and members of the Jefferson
 Historical Society are not responsible for
 any loss, damage, injury or tort during this
 event or related activities.

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



DIV. 5 PICNIC

Sunday, July 22, 2018

At

The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

2 pm to 5 pm

Driving directions

Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester,
East on Chester to N. State Street,
South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge),
East on Railroad Street to Depot



Join in on good fellowship and railfanning!



Menu:

- Breaded Chicken
- Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips
- Hobo Beans,
- Desert
- Pop & water
- If you wish - Dish to pass



Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div. 5 members and immediate family.

RSVP by August 1, 2017 to Tom at:

(216) 470-5780 or send an e-mail to Tom.Pescha@MCR5.org

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!



PAINESVILLE DEPOT

Celebrating it's

125TH BIRTHDAY

Now the Home of

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 Shoe 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
Face Painting*



*Food and Refreshments
available*

Happy Birthday



*Join us for a fun day of music, games,
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**Free Birthday Cake
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Ice Cream
One serving per person**

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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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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.painessvillerailroadmuseum.org

Please send table request by Aug. 17, 2018

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