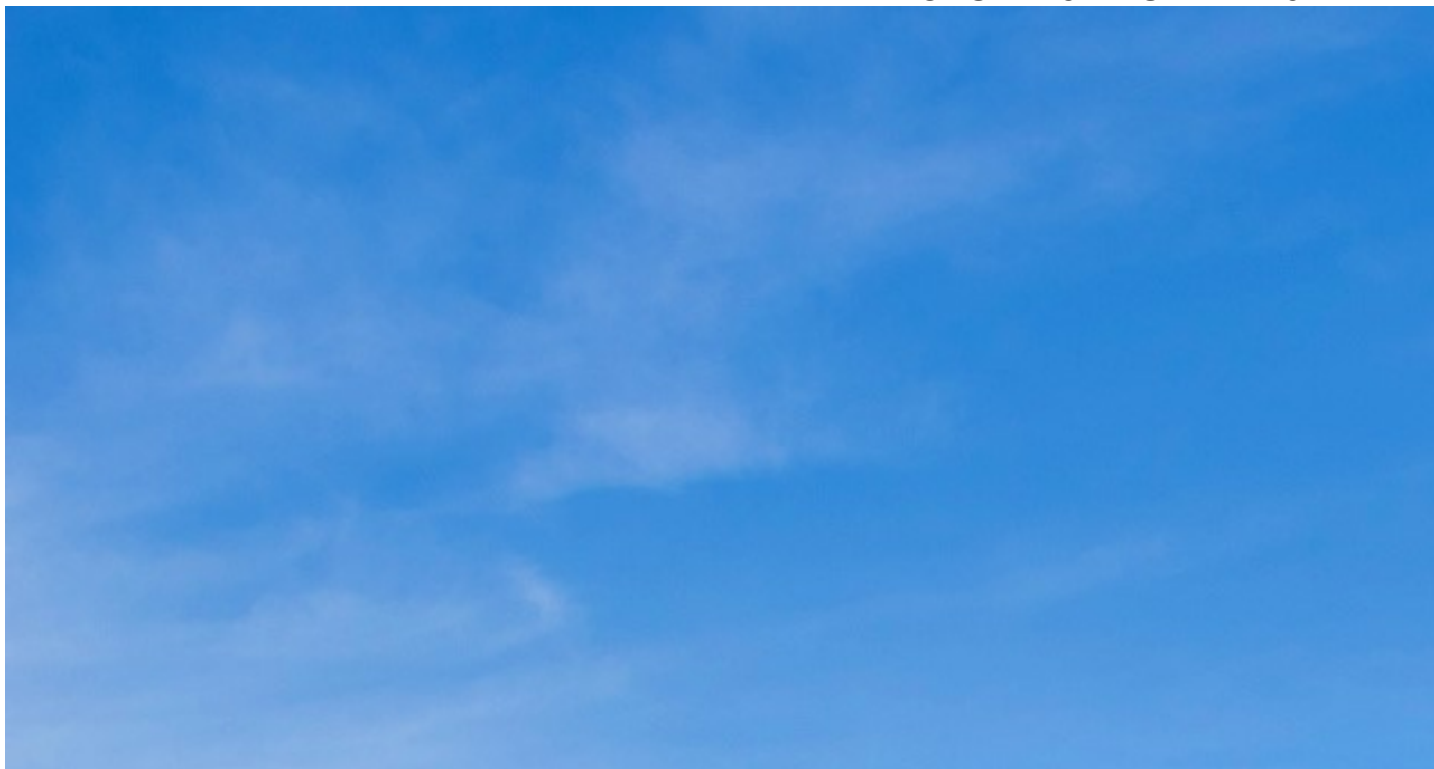




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Behind West Shore Station.

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Behind Westshore of train running by.

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B&O Mini Convention.

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

I have noticed more and more organizations holding "mini" conventions. Even the NMRA regions are now holding these weekend events in place of week long conventions. I feel that this might be the future. They are generally closer to home, easy to get to and can save the attendee a few bucks.

I have attended several of the New York Central System Historical Society and the B&O Historical Societies mini convention. These are very enjoyable, really interesting and you can learn a ton of prototype and modeling information at these events. I also learned what \$135.00 worth of donuts looked like!

Bill Cramer, Mike Lytle and Ron Spiga put on the latest B&O mini clinic Saturday, May 14, 2022 in Burton, Ohio. I have attended these mini events in Toledo, OH and Columbus, OH. I have always enjoyed these events and really recommend them!



The B&O mini was held at the Burton, OH Century Village located just off of the Burton Village "circle". There is a B&O caboose and station located in the Century buildings display.

B&O Mini Convention.



When you registered for the mini you were greeted by the B&O company store. Here Craig Close had a full line of B&O books, models and items of B&O interest for sale.

B&O Mini Convention.



Attendees were able to listen and view a wide range of clinics on B&O subjects.

B&O Mini Convention.



Here author Dan Rager talked about the B&O branch line, Lake Branch in great detail.

B&O Mini Convention.



Dan Also had some great display items including a blueprint of the West 3rd., Clark Avenue yards along with many of his books for sale.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

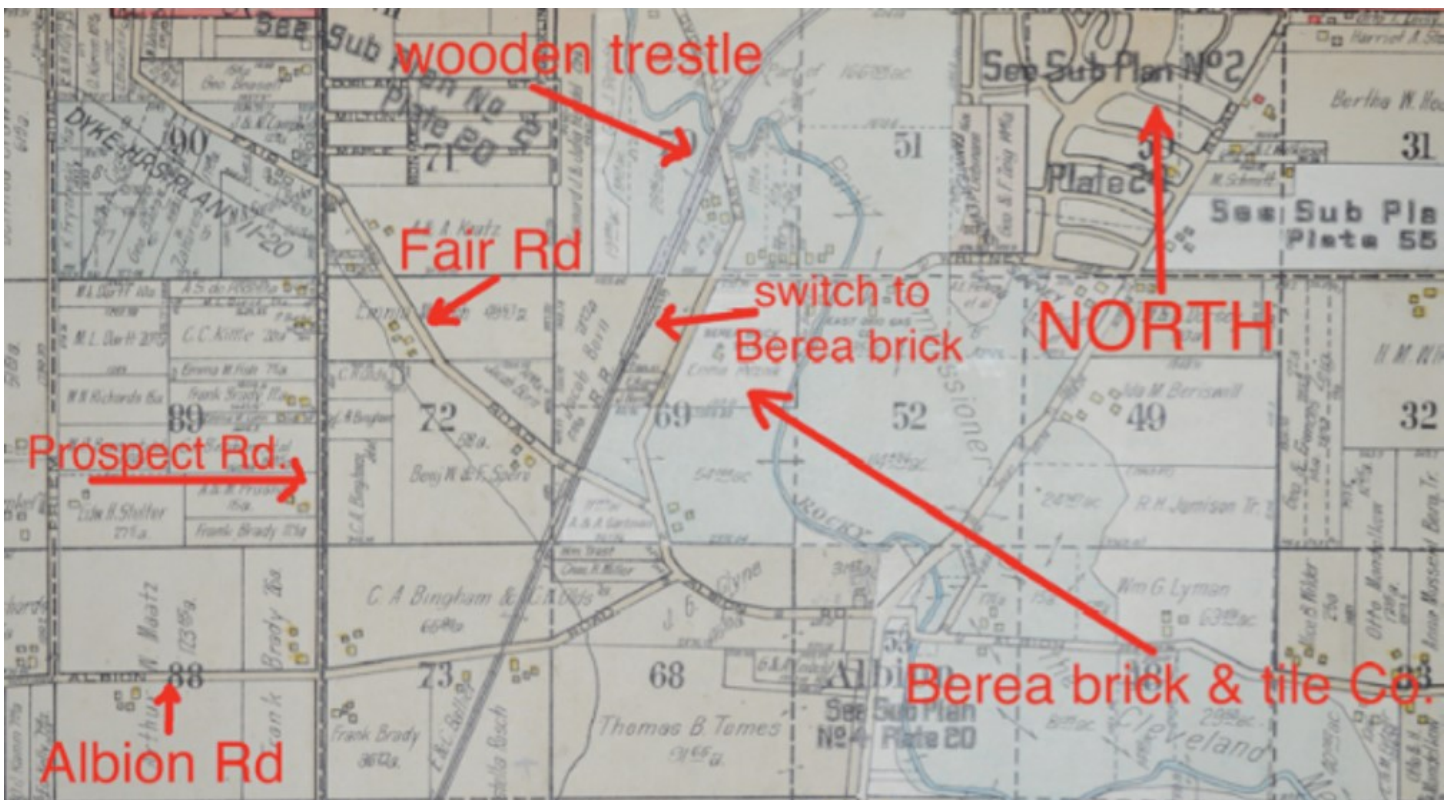
THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS.

PART 12

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

More information can be found in The Sentinel Second Quarter 2014 issue in the well-written article “The B&O in Cleveland” by Bill Cramer, Mike Lytle and Ron Spiga. All issues of the Sentinel can be purchased on 3 CDs from the B&O Historical Society Company Store. <http://borhs.org/> Look for the link Videos and other digital Media.

Part 11 ended looking at the old Berea Brick Company. This part of the article will get us to the area where the Strongsville station and surrounding buildings once stood.



Leaving Berea Brick & Tile Co. the B&O crossed Fair Rd. and then Albion Rd. The next road will be Depot St. Now Westwood Drive. Image State tool & Die

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



The B&O came to Strongsville (Vigil) in 1888-89. The B&O crossed Depot St. The village was called Vigil. This name was from 1901 to 1909. This name seemed to disappeared after the post office was gone. Many of new businesses Identify themselves with Strongsville and the name Vigil was no longer heard. Another note on the name Depot St. For awhile it had the nickname "Easy Street" as many doctors, lawyers and other well to do families lived on the street. It is now called Westwood Dr. My wife's family had a slaughter house on this street, RD Graves Co. Sometime in the 1960s the company closed. Her father was also the fire chief of Strongsville, Ohio. Image State tool & Die.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



Looking northeast, we are standing on Prospect Road looking at the B&O tracks. The signal track crossing the B&O is the Southwestern interurban track heading toward Berea, Ohio. Just beyond the boxcar at left is Westwood Dr. (Depot St.) Berea Historical Society.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



Walking past the boxcar, standing on the grade crossing for Westwood Dr. (Depot St.) looking back at the station.

Notice the platform in the center, left. That was used for milk deliveries.

Berea Historical Society.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



This undated image shows a B&O track crew in front of the station.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



Before we move on to the area of Prospect & Westwood I wanted to show The Strongsville station remake (middle image) by Clint Williams real estate.

This was based on the Strongsville station. The building is located on Columbia Road in Olmsted Falls next to the NS tracks.

Image Joe Kurilec, and Berea Historical Society.



THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



Looking across Prospect Road towards the City of Strongsville, Westwood Drive is to the left, center. This is the approximate location of the old station. The old station was torn down in 1951.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



This is all that is left of the small yard that was behind the old station. This is where the Southwestern interurban picked up coal hoppers and other supplies to be taken to the Buckeye Pipe Line, pumping station located Boston & Prospect Roads.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



To the left of the station on Prospect & Westwood was the Strongsville Lumber Company. It was not uncommon to use old barns for business use as in the 1930 image. Notice the Southwestern interurban tracks in front of the business. The last run for the Southwestern was January 31, 1931. The above buildings were torn down around 1963.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



This is the 2021 view of where the Strongsville Lumber Company once stood. It is now Kurtz Brothers-Landscape Supply Center. At one time it was the Cashway Lumber Co.



Also located in this general area was a grist mill/general store on Prospect Road. It was owned by Harry Lant and his son Charles in 1896. In 1900 it was sold to Fred & Ernest Fish, know as Fish Brothers. In 1911 the Siedel Brothers purchased the business. The Southwestern interurban ran right in front of these stores.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



The B&O station was to the left. The tracks can be seen @ the upper left corner. Hinchcliff Products was located on Westwood Drive moving from Cleveland in 1947. They made pallets and other wood products.



This 2021 view shows the Archway Marketing Services Company where Hinchcliff Products once stood.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



As we go south on Prospect Road, away from the corner of Westwood & Prospect Roads, on the east side of Prospect Road you can follow the Southwestern interurban old roadbed! Notice the line of trees that a growing on the site of the tracks. You will find this on the front yards of many properties. We are heading to the old Buckeye Pipe Line pumping station at Prospect & Boston Roads.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12



Located on Boston & Prospect Roads is the remains of the Buckeye Pipe Line pumping station. In 1886 the Buckeye pipe line was incorporated as a subsidiary of the Standard oil Company. In 1964 it became a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Railroad. During the 1930s and 1940s BPL was established to supply refineries in northwestern Ohio with crude oil gathered from local production sources. John D. Rockefeller and associates formed the Standard Oil Company in 1863. By elimination of competitors, Standard oil favored railroads because of rebates. Somewhere I read that a by-product of crude was gasoline, which was considered useless back then...enter Henry Ford and his model A. But that is another story! So ends this journey. There is so much history to read & learn about.

THE B&O WEST 3rd — PART 12

Thanks for reading. Comments are always welcome.

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10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Adm. \$25.00

Phone: 216-470-5780

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2022 - June 25-26

North East Ohio National Large Scale Train Show

Warren SCOPE (YMCA)

375 North Park Ave., Warren, Ohio 44481

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Adm. \$5.00

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2022 - July 9



Hobo Day Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)

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10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Adm. Free

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2022 - July 16

Jefferson Ohio Historical Society - Train Swap and Sale Event

Jefferson Community Center, 11 East Jefferson St.,

Jefferson, Ohio, 44047

10 am to 3 pm

Adm. \$2.00

Phone: 440-576-5333

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2022 - July 23-24

19th annual Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend Show & Swap

Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St., Van Wert, OH

Sat. 10-4 & Sun. 10-3

Adm. \$6.00

Phone: 260-760-1666

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2022 - Aug. 27

Cleveland Airline Collectable Show

Best Western Plus Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Oh. 44136

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A former C&O caboose has been painted as an advertising piece for Sheoga Hardwood Flooring in Middlefield, Ohio. The Sheoga plant is located just up the hill from the former B&O Fairport Branch, which is now a bike trail. Interestingly, only the front and ends of the caboose have been repainted, with the opposite side retaining its yellow C&O paint.

Posted by [Jeff Sell](#) on March 21, 2019