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Billy and I went on a railfanning trip out east, stopping at Willoughby, Ashtabula, and Conneaut. We had no idea there was a Conneaut Railroad Museum, and so we felt kinda lucky when we just happened to see a street sign for it.

Conneaut Railroad Museum
363 Depot St
Conneaut, OH 44030
(440) 599-7878
Hours are Noon to 5:00PM Memorial Day through Labor Day
Admission: FREE

The museum is small, in an old depot, but has LOTS of photos, tools, and etc, for such a small place. Outside is NKP Berkshire 755, a hopper, and a caboose. Right next to the Water Level Route ...

The nice lady at the Museum also gave me some flyers for "D-Day Conneaut, which is the Largest WWII [Living History] event in the US. This happens August 17-19, and so the flyers she gave me won't be useful at our next meeting in September. Website is probably the best way to get info: www.ddayohio.us.

For those who have not railfanned out that way, Ashtabula and Conneaut are both busy harbor and rail areas. In Ashtabula, we saw an old, abandoned passenger station (with doors broken down just asking us to peek inside). This is near to a huge yard, diamond, interchange, etc. We saw a few trains doing switching operations.

In Conneaut, we saw the Bessemer & Lake Erie by Conneaut Creek, which was a pretty good photo opportunity. Nearly as pretty a place as when there's steam in the Cuyahoga Valley. Plus, all the free taconite pellets you can scoop up, they drop a lot. I learned the hard way that taconite pellets are a lot like marbles when you walk on them.

Thank you and hope you're enjoying your summer.

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