

the **6:53**

**MARCH 1982**



7:27am, Saturday, January 9, 1982. The first west-bound CARDINAL encounters a few flakes of snow as it pulls into the Tri-State Station at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on a bitterly cold but very happy day. AMTRAK'S BACK!

[Photo: Daniel W. Roark]

OHIOANS WELCOME BACK  
AMTRAK'S CARDINAL  
PRESIDENT REAGAN THREATENS  
TO AXE AMTRAK BUDGET AGAIN

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**REAGAN IS SHARPENING HIS AXE**

President Reagan wants to cut Amtrak's subsidy to \$600 million in FY83 despite the fact that Congress has already authorized \$788 million for Amtrak for FY83!

\$788 million will allow Amtrak to operate its present system throughout FY83. \$600 million would reduce Amtrak to a Northeast Corridor only operation.

It is not too early to WRITE your Congressman and our two U.S. Senators, thanking them for adequately funding Amtrak in FY82 and requesting full funding of \$788 million for FY83.

Congress gave us their word; we must ask them to follow through!

**YOUR LETTERS SAVED AMTRAK IN 1982. YOUR LETTERS COUNT!!!**

OARP member CRAIG COLLEY of Stout, Ohio, organized a special weekend tour to Cincinnati via Amtrak's CARDINAL, February 6-7. Over 50 persons participated, boarding the train at Huntington, Tri-State, South Portsmouth and at Maysville. Overnight accommodations were at Stouffers in downtown Cincinnati. Arrangements were made by the AAA offices in the tri-state area.

**AMTRAK'S CARDINAL IS BACK!**

**RIDE IT!**

**TELL OTHERS ABOUT IT!**

**SHIP PACKAGE EXPRESS ON IT!**

**HELP OARP WORK TO PROMOTE THIS PASSENGER TRAIN SO WE WON'T LOSE IT AGAIN!**

**OHIO WELCOMES BACK CARDINAL!**

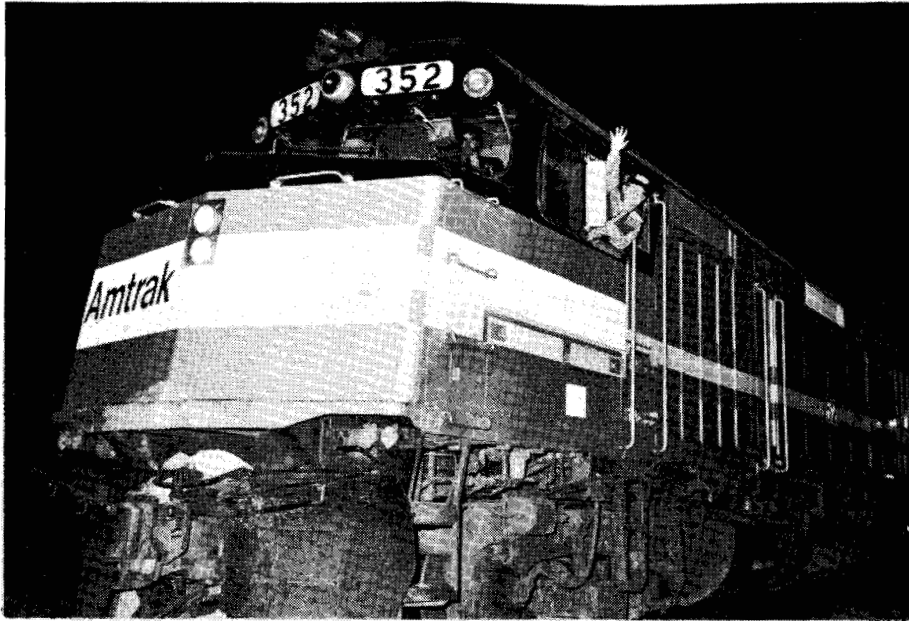
Amtrak rail passenger service returned to southwest Ohio Friday afternoon, Jan. 8th, with the reinstated CARDINAL pulling into the Hamilton station ten minutes early! Your OARP President, who rode the last train out of Cincinnati October 1st, boarded here along with OARP members Ron Garner, David B. Marshall, Joe Biancke and ORTA's Elton Hall -- and rode the first train in to Cincinnati. At River Road some of the photographers and TV camera crews were caught not fully set up as the CARDINAL pulled in five minutes early!

The first westbound CARDINAL the following morning was running a few minutes behind due to the weather and longer than normal station stops. Media coverage of the return of the CARDINAL was very good. TV crews rode both ways between Hamilton and Cincinnati and interviewed some of the passengers. Even on the first runs there were quite a few revenue passengers on board!

NARP's Ross Capon rode the first westbound train and the second eastbound run (which arrived in Washington 7 hours late on January 11th due to severe cold weather problems).

Ridership was reported weak towards the end of January, but has picked up all during February. The CARDINAL is now essentially a through train to Philadelphia and New York (no change in Washington) and this factor is attracting many through passengers. Sleeper and two of the coaches go through! A Heritage Fleet cafeteria-lounge provides food service.

"HEY, FOLKS; WE'RE BACK!"



[Above] An engine crewman on the first eastbound CARDINAL waves a greeting to passengers and onlookers as the train pulls into the station at South Portsmouth, Kentucky.

[Daniel W. Roark photo]

[Below] Your OARP President engages in animated conversation (as usual!) with Amtrak passengers and other OARP members at Cincinnati's River Road Station on January 9th.

When local Amtrak personnel were denied permission to hold a reception welcoming back the CARDINAL, OARP was given permission and cooperation. OARP provided free coffee, tea and cookies to the assembled multitude as a THANK YOU gesture for their help in BRINGING BACK THE CARDINAL!

[Photo by  
John T. McCann]



[Above] OARP's Information Services coordinator John T. McCann peers out the "dutch door" as happy passengers disembark the first eastbound CARDINAL at South Portsmouth station on Friday, January 8th. Enthusiastic passengers and impromptu welcoming committees were in evidence at every station stop for the first runs, despite frigid temperatures.

[Daniel W. Roark photo]

[Left] Chessie Conductor Roland Douglas of Peru, Ind., assists passenger aboard the first westbound CARDINAL on cold, snowy January 9th at the River Road Amtrak Station in Cincinnati, Ohio.

[John T. McCann photo]



## AMTRAK HANDS SALEM STOP A SETBACK / OARP WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

For several years OARP has been working to try to establish a station stop at Salem, Ohio, on the BROADWAY route. Salem is conveniently close to Youngstown, Warren and other populated municipalities. It also has a useable station with platform intact. Salem officials, and OARP, received this response from Wick M. Leatherwood, Mgr. State & Local Services, Amtrak: "Our Marketing Department has examined the ridership and revenue potential for such a stop and is not able to recommend serving Salem, Ohio at this time. Amtrak is committed to improving our revenue-to-cost ratio by bringing it up to 50 percent in fiscal year 1982, and any additional stop would have to support this commitment.

"As you know, Salem would be served by the Broadway Limited, a long distance train linking Chicago with New York and Washington. Stops in both direction would be between 2 and 5 a.m., which limits Salem's potential. It is unlikely that these schedules would change, since the highest revenue producing cities are now served at marketable hours.

"We estimate that only 3,150 passengers would use the Salem stop each year; this translates into four passengers per train per day, less than the minimum we require for new stops. Many of these riders may not be new ones, but would simply be diverted from our existing full service station in Canton, Ohio. In addition, stopping at Salem would add running time, which decreases ridership and revenue elsewhere on the route and adds significantly to the costs of operation.

"I am sorry that I cannot answer your request in the affirmative. Unfortunately, the small incremental ridership increase of adding a Salem stop is simply outweighed by increased costs and ridership loss between other points on the route, and is counterproductive to improving Amtrak's revenue-to-cost ratio."

OARP's Youngstown-Warren Area Regional Coordinator, Doug Hudson has been our "prime mover" in working for the stop at Salem. Doug urges a continued fight, pointing out that Amtrak's message is similar to one received by Palatka, Florida, leaders. They did not take "NO" for an answer. They believed that the marketing experts did not know the territory. Finally, Amtrak did reverse its position and, in fact, began an experimental stop. Ridership estimates, of course, exceeded estimates enough to earn permanent stop status for Palatka. Doug believes we must fight for added service, selectively of course, as a matter of principle. If we fail to speak loudly and often enough, Amtrak will surely deploy its resources elsewhere. In so doing, Ohio's communities will remain less attractive than they could otherwise be. If and when the PENNSYLVANIAN is extended to Cleveland, Salem would then have an opportunity to argue for daytime service via the PENNSYLVANIAN. It is not too early to develop a rationale for presenting this case.

OARP will continue to work to promote the idea of Amtrak service for Salem, Ohio. We have developed a good, cooperative working relationship on this case with many civic officials and community leaders in Salem and in many of the surrounding municipalities.

DEAR NARP MEMBERS: This issue of "the 6:53" is being sent to all NARP members in Ohio and Indiana who are not (yet) members of OARP, in addition to our regular distribution. This issue contains complete information about the upcoming NARP REGION VI ANNUAL MEETING. We also hope the contents of this issue will persuade you to join and support OARP, in addition to NARP. We work with NARP and NARP works with us. Additionally... OARP would like to help Indiana (and Kentucky) develop and strengthen their own state ARPs. Let's MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER!

## ARP COALITION MEETS IN CINCINNATI

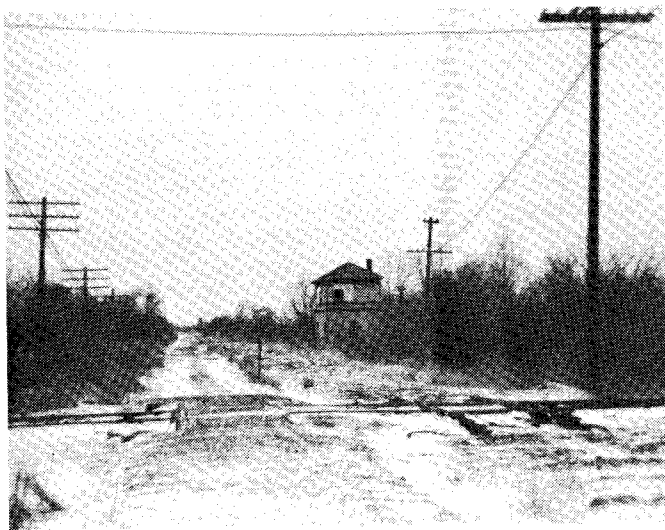
by Don Maxwell

The 6-States + rail passenger Coalition met at Cincinnati's Union Terminal on Saturday, January 9th with about 40 rail transportation advocates from Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Michigan and Washington, DC, in attendance. Special guests were NARP's Executive Director Ross Capon and John DeLora of Detroit who is chairman of NARP's newly formed advertising committee. Ross Capon gave an overview of activities in Washington and presented ideas on how to boost the CARDINAL's ridership. John DeLora announced a nationwide solicitation of NARP members for funds to start an intense CARDINAL advertising campaign to supplement local Amtrak advertising efforts. The Coalition discussed and agreed on the following points:

- \* To work for re-establishment of a 7-day/week schedule for both the CARDINAL and the EAGLE.
- \* To work for interim bus service between Cincinnati and St. Louis to provide a more direct connection for riders heading west and southwest via the EAGLE and CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.
- \* To continue working with parties involved to get Amtrak back into Cincinnati Union Terminal.
- \* Develop and distribute coalition promotional materials such as bumper stickers and a newsletter.
- \* To evaluate the potential for two separate trains on the CARDINAL route (one serving NY-Wash-Cinti; the other serving Chi-Indpls-Cinti) IF passenger loadings indicate such a route split would not jeopardize current through traffic on the CARDINAL.
- \* To continue meeting as often as necessary with the next meeting tentatively scheduled in the Spring.
- \* To work for added stops at Oxford, Ohio, and at Montgomery, W. Va., to serve colleges located there (on the CARDINAL route).

Don Maxwell, NARP Region V Director and Chairman of SAVE THE TRAIN OF KENTUCKY, was given a vote of confidence to continue as Chairman of the Coalition for 1982.

THANKS to OARP's Mike Weber for making necessary arrangements for the January 9th Coalition Meeting, held in the Cincinnati R.R. Club headquarters in the Union Terminal.



Looking east, the abandoned tower at Dunreith, Ind. monitors a trackless right of way over which Amtrak's NATIONAL LIMITED (and, in years past, the Pennsylvania Railroad's great passenger train fleet) once highballed. Ironically, the "branch line" remains in service while the "main line" is gone. N&W's New Castle-Rushville branch is seen in the foreground.

#### YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS NO MORE DAYTON-INDIANAPOLIS MAINLINE

Here is the proof that the tracks are GONE from the portion of the former NATIONAL LIMITED route between Cambridge City and Charlottesville, Indiana. Remaining portions of this intercity line in Indiana face an uncertain future. Local freight service remains between Indianapolis and Charlottesville and between Cambridge City and Richmond; but the condition of this trackage is deteriorating. In Ohio the entire line between Dayton and Richmond was listed by Conrail for abandonment, along with many other line segments, on December 1, 1981. It appears that the segment of the for-

At milepost 149 a typical PRR position-light signal sits forlornly guarding non-existent trains on a vacant right-of-way. This is downtown Dunreith, Ind. and in this view we are looking east toward the N&W crossing. What will become of this fine high-speed right-of-way across Ohio and Indiana?



The present "end of track" just west of Cambridge City, Ind. While originally a double-track line all the way from New Paris, Ohio, to Indianapolis, "diversion" of through freight traffic by Penn Central and Conrail made it possible for one main track to be permanently removed. Now even the second track is gone -- no more trains here!



mer Amtrak NATIONAL LIMITED routing between Dayton and Dodson, Ohio, may be taken over by the Chessie [B&O] System so they will have continued access to their line to Arcanum and Greenville (a line which sees significant grain traffic in season). From Dodson west to West Manchester, the final westbound NATIONAL LIMITED was the last train to run over that line segment. Conrail presently uses the West Manchester to Richmond segment to gain access to Richmond and its trackage to Cambridge City and Connersville. Richmond, once a Pennsylvania Railroad "stronghold", is now pretty much under N&W control of what remains. OARP believes the Dayton to Indianapolis "corridor" right-of-way should be preserved for

future high-speed intercity rail passenger trains.

Its wide and grade separated right-of-way is an ideal route.

A light dusting of snow on a grey January day. This is the former PRR Pittsburgh to St. Louis mainline looking west at Dublin, Indiana.

FOUR PHOTOS BY OARP MEMBER PAUL S. BUNTING.



AMTRAK BOARD APPOINTMENTS MADE recently include Samuel Hellenbrand, representing New York's MIA, Frank Jenkins, of Philadelphia's SEPTA, Republican party booster Mrs. Crete Harvey of Sterling, Ill., and retired educator Ralph Kerchum from Oakland, Calif., who is (by the way) a member of NARP and Citizens for Rail California! OARP has some inside information that Charles Luna is to be reappointed to the Amtrak Board and that Governor Orr of Indiana will also be appointed.

THE EMPIRE BUILDER IS NOW OPERATING DAILY, instead of tri-weekly. This is good news!

OARP's long-awaited final report on recommendations for INTERIM RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE for Ohio is expected to be available at the Toledo Meeting. The final draft is now being worked on.

RUMORS FLY ABOUT THE BROADWAY LIMITED and possible rerouting of this train. Because Conrail wants to downgrade the Ft. Wayne Division, especially west of Warsaw, Ind., the Amtrak service will probably be forced to detour. There are three possibilities: Alliance-Cleveland-Chicago; Bucyrus-Toledo-Chicago; and Warsaw-Goshen-Chicago. So far there is nothing definite, though we do know that Conrail plans to bring the Carrothers Branch (Bucyrus-Toledo) up to 60mph with a summerlong trackwork program. Warsaw-Goshen would be the least sensitive, politically. Alliance-Cleveland is a slow route, but would serve Cleveland, though in the wee hours of the morning. OARP will monitor developments.

OARP AD CAMPAIGN READY-TO-GO....

....BUT NEEDS FINANCIAL BOOST

OARP is ready to run a sixty second radio ad and a small newspaper display ad to promote Amtrak's CARDINAL in southwestern Ohio and in Richmond, Ind., but our OARP treasury has been a bit low recently and we'd appreciate some specific donations to our own ADVERTISING FUND. Why do WE have to do an advertising job that Amtrak should be doing? Amtrak's concept of ROUTE SPECIFIC ADVERTISING is to run national ads locally, without any local information such as train times, fares or phone numbers. OARP has designed our ads to contain useful information to help people realize that there IS an Amtrak train serving their community.

We estimate that it will cost us an average of \$24 each time the radio spot is run; and that the cost to run the newspaper display ad will be close to \$32, on an average. OARP member Paul Bunting recorded our radio spot at a Princeton, N.J., studio and did this all at no charge to us. We are grateful for his generosity. There will be a small type-setting charge for the newspaper ad, but we've tried to keep the costs as low as possible but to still have an attractive ad.

We will place our ads selectively so as to have the greatest benefit for the least cost to us.

NARP intends to assist us with a CARDINAL route advertising campaign, and your OARP President intends to see is Amtrak will "co-op" our OARP ads --- but we will still need a little financial boost from our membership to make the campaign successful.

JUST AS WE WENT TO PRESS---WE GOT WORD AMTRAK WILL MAKE STOPS AT OXFORD, OHIO, FOR MIAMI UNIVERSITY SPRING BREAK!

BAGGAGE & EXPRESS ---- ERIC DEVON CRANE, Pastry Chef Decorator at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs baked and decorated a "Welcome Back Amtrak's CARDINAL" sheet cake and brought it with him to the ARP Coalition Meeting in Cincinnati, January 9th. We hope to be able to run a photo of Eric's delicious masterwork in our next issue.

The French National Railway's new high-speed TGV trains are attracting more passengers than anticipated. Daily ridership is at 12,000 with 68% load factors, a load factor not expected until late 1983!

An initial run of British Rail's Advanced Passenger Train (APT) experienced failure of the automatic tilting mechanism which allows the train to round curves safely at higher than conventional speeds. The mechanism failed as the train rounded a curve at 130 mph and caused "a real mess" in the food service cars. Several OARP officers will be attending the NARP Region 3 Annual Meeting which is to be held this year in Pittsburgh on March 6th. The ORTA award-winning film is to be shown and the meeting will conclude with an inspection trip of Pittsburgh's Light Rail Transit system/Stage I reconstruction.

On or about March 1st, Amtrak will be making further improvements to the food service aboard full dining cars throughout the system. OARP understands the improvements will include paper tablecloths, crystal salt and pepper shakers, metal sugarbowls, bud vase with artificial (Amflowers!) flower at each table. Food changes include freshly cooked breakfasts featuring real eggs, pancakes, bacon and sausage, soup/sandwich lunches, and larger choices of popular entrees for dinner -- boneless short ribs, baked chicken breast, Seafood Americana, lasagna, and roast turkey with dressing. Spaghetti will be offered on some trains.

NARP/TexARP member Alfred E. Elm of San Antonio won the first round in a lawsuit brought against Amtrak to compel them to release certain records and information under the Freedom of Information Act. The judge ordered Amtrak to supply the requested information or show the court they could withhold it under one of nine exemptions Section 552(b) allows. Amtrak's FT. LEONARD WOOD

Special handled 90 passengers to and from Columbus over the Holidays. The special train stopped at the former Amtrak station and a Red Cross canteen was set up dispensing hot coffee. The westbound special was covered by Dave Stanton of WBNS-TV10 who interviewed OARP member Mike Leyshon who was on hand along with several other OARP members. The train operated through Ohio via Union City, Piqua, Columbus, Crestline, Canton, Pittsburgh in both directions. Consist was largely Heritage Fleet with Amfleet food service cars.

OARP is working with Miami University and Oxford travel agencies in arranging special stops for the CARDINAL at Oxford, Ohio, at "Spring Break" time, March 11-22.

OARP has received a letter from Jack McHale, Manager, Rail Express Sales/Amtrak, asking us to help promote Amtrak Express business. We are most glad to do this, but we slightly resent the "rail buff/nostalgia" tone of McHale's letter. OARP is not another NRHS chapter.

On February 7th, westbound BROADWAY LIMITED passengers got to ride over the freight-only Trenton Cutoff, due to a spectacular warehouse fire in North Philadelphia. The train arrived in Lancaster about 5 hours late. An Amtrak ad in a recent copy of Advertising Age (looking for a Chief of Promotion, Development & Communications) displayed the usual "pointless arrow" Amtrak logo and, in small print underneath, read "A Private Corporation". ???

#### KENTUCKY ARP REQUESTS MERGER WITH OARP

The President of the Kentucky ARP, Mr. Ralze Dorr of Louisville, in a recent letter to OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer, expressed active interest in pursuing the idea of a merger with OARP. Dorr also stated that the concept of a tri-state ARP (Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky) would be worth pursuing.

Your OARP President intends to meet with the officers of the Kentucky ARP sometime in March to further discuss this before any action is recommended or taken.

Additionally, OARP is finding a growing number of Hoosiers joining OARP as there is presently no local ARP organization in Indiana. As one of the larger and stronger state ARPs in the U.S., OARP has always provided advice and assistance to the smaller, newer ARPs when requested.

It is to our credit that we can provide help and encouragement in these ways, for it all helps strengthen the voices and the political clout of ARPs large or small. Your OARP President welcomes constructive input as we begin to explore new directions with our friends in Kentucky. And Indiana!

#### OARP REPRODUCES 1st CARDINAL SCHEDULES

When interest and demand was at its peak, and Amtrak couldn't supply its own special timetable folders, OARP quickly arranged and paid for the reproduction of one thousand copies of "Amtrak Schedule Changes effective January 1, 1982" which was the ONLY printed timetable containing the re-instated CARDINAL schedule. We had our reproduced folders distributed and in use days before Amtrak got any quantities of their own into Cincinnati and southwestern Ohio. Another example of your Association going into action to help promote passenger train usage by filling a demand for printed schedules. We have a few of these "collectors items" left. If you want one send a SASE business letter size envelope w/20¢ postage.

#### AMTRAK TIMETABLES:

OARP can supply the following Amtrak timetable folders upon request:

CARDINAL route card schedule effective Feb. 7th.

EAST-MIDWEST ROUTES folder effective Oct. 25th.

The above listed are in plentiful supply. Send a 20¢ SASE with request.

NATIONWIDE TRAIN SCHEDULES [Form A] is in short supply and requires a 54¢ SASE with request.

We have a few N.E. CORRIDOR [Form 3] and MIDWEST CORRIDOR [Form 12] folders and they require only a 20¢ SASE.

SASE stands for self-addressed, stamped envelope. Always send a business letter size envelope. The little ones won't do.

We're pleased to continue to be able to make Amtrak schedules available to our members and "6:53" readers.

THANKS to all who assisted with the OARP "Reception" at Cincinnati January 9th, especially to John Wilson, and to Faith Lutheran Church [Dayton] for letting us use their 90-cup coffeepot.



Happy passengers line up to board the first westbound CARDINAL on Saturday, January 9th, at Cincinnati. On this bitterly cold day many were warmed by the free coffee OARP provided for the occasion inside the waiting room.

[John McCann photo]

## OARP NEW MEMBERSHIP

Coupon

We are NOT another railfan club. We are railroad transportation advocates! OARP is the voice of concerned Ohioans working for better passenger trains and rail transit. We're over 675 strong and moving forward together for better trains in the 1980's. Won't you join with us today?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

A NEW MEMBERSHIP in OARP is still just \$5.00 for your first year. Please allow 4-6 weeks for your membership to be processed. Check here ( ) if you can be active in the ongoing work of OARP in your area.

Mail this with your remittance to:

OARP MEMBERSHIP SERVICES  
P.O. BOX 653  
XENIA, OH 45385-0653

**\$5.00**

OARP SCORES AGAIN! -- One of the first to learn of Rep. Bob Boggs' appointment to the ORTA Board was OARP Regional Coordinator BILL HUTCHISON of Ashtabula. No surprise. Bill has maintained good positive contact with his State Representative regarding the benefits of rail passenger transportation.

And... OARP/NARP member BILL OGDEN, Cincinnati attorney and member of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, has offered to co-chair and help organize a statewide prestigious Business Advisory Council to ORTA. Initial meeting was held on January 14th at O.S.U. in the Fawcett Center and was a very positive and constructive session.

THANKS! ...to Jim Stevenson, Mark Adamcik, Roger Cox and Timothy Kroog for staffing our display at the Euclid Square Mall in Euclid on Saturday, February 6th.

...and to Dave Lebold for arranging to have OARP materials displayed at the Columbus AAA Travel Show on February 21st at the Holiday Inn on Lane Avenue.

...and to Doug Hudson and Scott Cameron for staffing our display booth at Southern Park Mall in Boardman (Youngstown) on February 27.

...and to ALL our members who help keep their local Amtrak station supplied with our OARP brochures.

...and to Donna Shreiner who displays OARP brochures and Amtrak schedules in her store in Berlin, Ohio.

YOU, TOO, CAN FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES SET BY SOME OF OUR OARP MEMBERS. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS OUR CAUSE.

Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh has formally signed the legislation creating a nine-member High-Speed Intercity Rail Passenger Commission. House Bill 305 was sponsored by Rep. Richard A. Geist (R-Blair) who is current Chairman of the 5-state (OH-PA-IN-IL-MI) High-Speed Rail Advisory Council.

Your OARP President is working cooperatively with district and regional Amtrak Sales personnel on a plan which will not only benefit OARP, but will also benefit all authorized Amtrak travel agencies in Ohio and make our RAIL TRAVEL GUIDE publication much more useful to all concerned. Scope of the RTG will be expanded and it will be more widely distributed, including automatic mailing to each OARP member when it is published. A key to the whole plan is to make it easier for people to ride Amtrak trains and easier to find out how and where they can get their train tickets and reservations. More on this in the next issue and at the Toledo Meeting.

Our contacts tell OARP that the last through Conrail freight ran over the "Panhandle" (Pittsburgh - Columbus) route December 15th. The Panhandle was temporarily reopened to through traffic January 9th because of a massive CR derailment at Loudonville (on the Pittsburgh-Chicago main) which also forced both BROADWAYS to detour via Cleveland, bypassing the Canton stop. The Panhandle now sees one local freight each way daily.

OARP's ADDRESSING MACHINE IS FOR SALE..... AGAIN!

We thought we had a buyer for our Model 99 Master Addresser [spirit transfer process] addressing machine, but the deal fell through when the buyer determined that our machine was not going to meet the needs of his small business. Anyway,

there are no hard feelings involved and the potential buyer did make a generous donation to our OARP treasury in lieu of purchasing the machine.

SO... it's FOR SALE once more!

The machine is in good condition and it gave OARP quite a few years of good service. It was taken "out of service" when we converted all our mailing label requirements to data processing a few years ago.

Your OARP President, via this announcement, wishes to make the Model 99 Master Addresser available FIRST to interested OARP members and readers of "the 6:53".

After a reasonable time, if no offers from within OARP are forthcoming, he will try to get the best price possible from a dealer in used office equipment. Please contact Tom Pulsifer directly if YOU are interested in acquiring this useful addressing machine for your church, club, civic group or small business. The machine is presently in storage in your OARP President's home and may be seen by arrangement.

AMTRAK'S BACK / RIDE THE CARDINAL bumper stickers are available now from Mercer Printing Company, 10981 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241. The stickers are red on white and measure 4" by 1 1/2" and Mercer Printing will send you three stickers for \$2.20 (CHECKS ONLY!). These particular bumper stickers are NOT OARP sponsored so please send your requests directly to Mercer Printing and not to OARP.

MARCH 10 IS "OARP NIGHT" ON TV!!!

Twelve OARP members from greater Dayton will be participating in the Channels 14/16 fund-raising Telethon the evening of March 10. Our people will staff the telephones for that evening and in return OARP will receive free publicity and short interviews throughout the evening. Channels 14/16 [WPTD-Dayton and WPTO-Oxford] are the Public Broadcasting Stations in west central Ohio. OARP member John McCann is handling arrangements. Our members will be working for two good causes -- public broadcasting and OARP! We'll list our participants in the next issue.

OARP CALENDARS ADORN RES OFFICES!

On a recent visit to Amtrak's central reservations office in Chicago- OARP members John McCann and John Edminson were "surprised" to see a photocopy of our 1982 OARP Calendar posted at each computer terminal. There are 100 or so "stations" in that office! Honored that the Amtrak personnel selected OUR calendar, your OARP President has arranged with Amtrak's Central Region Public Affairs chief Pam Dickson to present 125 REAL OARP Calendars to the Chicago Amtrak reservations office at no charge to Amtrak.

You never know when you might see one of our OARP Calendars!



# NARP

SATURDAY  
MARCH 20th  
TOLEDO, OHIO  
HILLCREST HOTEL

# OARP

MIDWINTER MEETING  
OARP

ANNUAL MEETING  
NARP REGION 6

## A G E N D A

- 9:30am - Registration Parlors A & B  
 10:00am - MIDWINTER OARP MEETING Parlor A  
 MARCH Michigan ARP MEETING Parlor B  
 12:00nn - Break  
 12:30pm - LUNCHEON BUFFET Lower Terrace  
 (There will be 3 main entrees to choose from)  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS/DOOR PRIZES AWARDED  
 1:45pm - ANNUAL MEETING, NARP REGION 6 Parlors A & B  
 GUEST SPEAKERS: ROSS CAPON & ANDREW SELDEN  
 ROSS CAPON is the Executive Director of the  
 National Association of Railroad Passengers,  
 Washington, DC.  
 ANDREW SELDEN, Minneapolis attorney, is the  
 author of numerous papers on Amtrak accounting  
 methods and route decisions.
- 3:15pm - Break  
 3:30pm - REGION 6 BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTION Parlors A & B  
 OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
 ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED  
 5:00pm - Adjourn  
 5:30pm - (optional) Dinner (on your own) in the Hillcrest  
 Dining Room for those waiting for #48  
 9:00pm - Shuttle bus leaves for the Amtrak Station

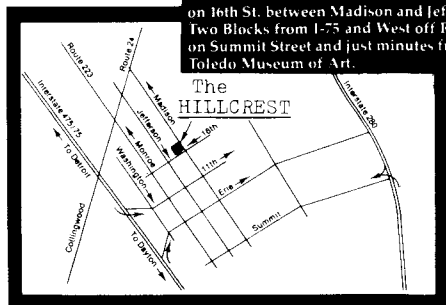


REGISTRATION \$12.00 per person - includes your luncheon, tax and gratuity, and will help to defray expenses of meeting room rental, travel and accommodations for our two guests.

PARKING IS AVAILABLE at the HILLCREST HOTEL at the corner of Madison & 16th, downtown TOLEDO.

As always, OARP OFFICERS and REGIONAL COORDINATORS will assist in arranging CARPOOLING & RIDESHARING.

JIM STEVENSON, our greater CLEVELAND COORDINATOR, is coordinating the group R.T. on AMTRAK's LAKE SHORE LIMITED from CLEVELAND.



The Hillcrest Hotel is located downtown, on 16th St. between Madison and Jefferson. Two blocks from I-75 and West off Rt. 280 on Summit Street and just minutes from the Toledo Museum of Art.

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### PLEASE NOTE / IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- Advance reservations are necessary and must be received by MARCH 17th. Requests for refunds will NOT be honored after March 17th.
- Shuttle bus service WILL BE PROVIDED to and from the Amtrak Station for all attendees arriving by train.
- Optional evening meal is ON YOUR OWN and is NOT INCLUDED in the \$12.00 registration charge.
- If you need a registration receipt, enclose a SASE with your registration and check; otherwise receipts will be available March 20th at the meeting. Ask for one.
- Staying overnight? HILLCREST HOTEL uses a toll-free reservations bureau. CALL 1-800-327-9157 between 9am-5pm. A single room for one is \$32.00.
- Our coordinator WILLARD EDSON can be reached, if necessary, by calling 419-536-0643.
- SEE YOU IN TOLEDO, SATURDAY, MARCH 20th!

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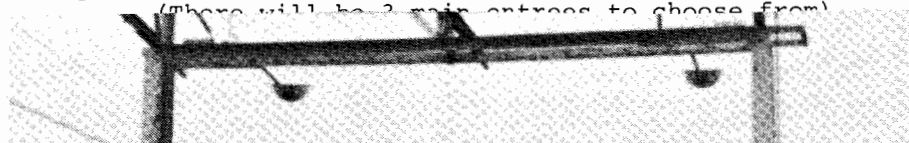
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ANNUAL MEETING  
NARP REGION 6

## AGENDA

9:30am - Registration	Parlors A & B
10:00am - MIDWINTER OARP MEETING	Parlor A
MARCH Michigan ARP MEETING	Parlor B
12:00nn - Break	
12:30pm - LUNCHEON BUFFET	Lower Terrace

(where will be 2 min. entrees to choose from)



ORTA's BILLBOARD [provided at no cost to the State of Ohio]  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE ROUTE 315 EXPRESSWAY AND LANE AVE.  
IN COLUMBUS, NEAR OSU. [photo courtesy of Bob Chizmar, ORTA]

### BOGGS NAMED TO ORTA BOARD

Rep. Robert Boggs (D-Jefferson) has been named to replace Rep. Art Wilkowski on the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority Board. The appointment of Boggs was made by House Speaker Vern Riffe early in January. Wilkowski resigned from the ORTA Board in mid December but still chairs the joint House-Senate Rail Oversight Committee in the Ohio Legislature.

On February 9th the State Controlling Board approved a plan enabling ORTA to negotiate with Conrail for 11 high-priority freight lines slated for abandonment. Without rail service, 14 industries employing 2,029 people would be forced to relocate; while 42 industries employing 3,557 would have to lay off workers.

### SENATE COMMITTEE OK'S HI-SPEED

Ohio Senate's Ways & Means Committee recently approved the \$5.7 billion ORTA high-speed passenger train network when its supporters agreed to remove a provision that would have provided for state subsidies after the system was built. The resolution [HJR 1] was sent to the Rules Committee to await assignment for a full Senate vote. If passed, the resolution would place on the November ballot a proposed constitutional amendment allowing construction of the high-speed passenger train network. Monies to build the system would come from a 1% increase in the Ohio state sales tax; a tax only recently increased by 1% to help bail out the State's financial situation.

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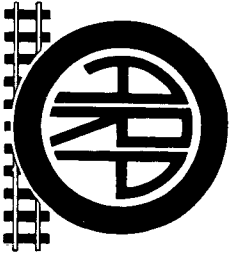
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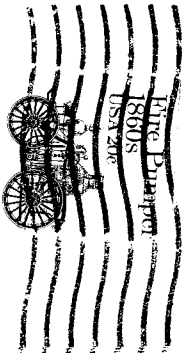
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