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**OHIO HI-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM**  
**"ISSUE 2"**  
**WILL BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

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*French Railways' Joseph Blumstein Addresses OARP Meeting*

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HIGH SPEED RAIL ISSUE SET FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION .....

The referendum for a 1% sales tax increase to finance construction of the proposed 550-mile high-speed passenger rail system for the State of Ohio will appear as State Issue #2 on the November ballot. By a two-thirds majority vote the Ohio Senate agreed to place the proposal on the November ballot. Ohio House members concurred by a 3-to-1 margin. There is a great job-creating potential of the system if the voters approve the tax hike. Unemployment in Ohio presently stands at 12.3% which is the highest in the past 42 years. Proponents have stated that the prospects of 46,000 man-years of construction employment and 2,750 permanent jobs to operate the finished system make the tax hike worthwhile. The sales tax increase is expected to raise about \$400 million per year toward the multi-billion dollar railroad project. Last November, Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes asked for and received a 1% sales tax increase to help bail Ohio out of its then-pending one-half billion dollar deficit. Despite the additional tax revenues, Ohio's treasury remains in red ink. Now there is a projected two-year deficit of one billion dollars.

OARP has learned that the State Issue #2 Campaign Committee has just been organized. The acronym for the Committee is "JOBS" which stands for Join Ohio's Best Solution. Chairman of the Committee is State Representative Robert J. Boggs [315 Kathleen Drive, Jefferson, OH 44047]. Campaign Director is Dennis Wojtanowski (What-now-ski) [P.O. Box 258, Newbury, OH 44065] who is a former Ohio legislator and more recently legislative aide to Congressman Dennis Eckart of Cleveland. Campaign Treasurer is Mrs. Nancy Hickman [275 E. Whittier St., Columbus, OH 43206] who is legislative aide to Ohio Rep. Arthur Wilkowski. The mailing address from the JOBS Campaign Committee is P.O. BOX 15957, COLUMBUS, OH 43215. The Campaign Committee will appreciate donations of time, talents and money. Interested OARP members should contact the Campaign Committee if you can help the cause in any way. Unfortunately, at press time, we do not have a phone number for the Committee's headquarters which is located at 81 South Fourth Street in Columbus.

To kick off the JOBS Campaign, State Rep. Arthur Wilkowski sponsored a \$100-a-ticket fund-raising Cocktail Party on June 29th at the Sheraton Columbus/Downtown.

At OARP's Annual Meeting on May 22nd we voted to table a motion to support Issue Two until we had more information at hand. OARP will consider this question once again at our upcoming Mid-Summer Meeting in Cleveland on July 24th. JOBS Campaign Chairman Robert J. Boggs and ORTA's Director Bob Casey are expected to be present at our Meeting to discuss Issue Two and answer questions about it, and about the Campaign.

## ALAN BOYD RESIGNS, W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR NAMED NEW AMTRAK HEAD

On May 5th, Alan S. Boyd announced his resignation as the Chairman and President of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) effective June 30, 1982. Boyd will continue as Chairman of the newly created American High Speed Rail Corporation and additionally has accepted an appointment with a French-based multi-national corporation.

On June 10th, W. Graham Claytor, Jr., was unanimously elected to succeed Boyd as Chairman and President of Amtrak. Claytor is a former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Railway. A lawyer with the Washington law firm of Covington and Burling, Claytor has held a number of high government posts, among them Secretary of the Navy, Deputy Secretary of Defense and, for a brief period, acting Secretary of Transportation.

At a news conference, Claytor stated, "I believe deeply in the need for a national rail passenger system and I believe the time is ripe to further strengthen and enhance Amtrak. It will be a challenge to match the incredible progress that the company has made under the stewardship of Alan Boyd, but with the continued dedication of the company's employees and the help of the Congress and Department of Transportation, it can be done."

Claytor said that he favors maintaining a national system and added that he didn't have any plans for altering the present system. A passenger train devotee, Claytor turned the SOUTHERN CRESCENT, Southern Railway's New York to New Orleans passenger train, into the showpiece of the system.

Claytor assumes his new role at Amtrak on July first.

Your OARP President has written a letter of welcome to Mr. Claytor and promising continued cooperation with Amtrak in working for better rail passenger services for Ohio.

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Amtrak and six rail labor unions signed new, precedent-setting 39-month contracts designed to hold down rising labor costs, improve the efficiency of rail passenger service and increase the role that labor unions play in the future of Amtrak's national passenger train system. The pacts were signed on May 27th and encompass almost three-fourths of Amtrak's contract employees.

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The Bank of Tokyo has been chosen to head a Japanese investor group seeking \$500 million to finance the construction of a high-speed passenger train between Los Angeles and San Diego. And... the American High Speed Rail Corporation is slated to start a joint, \$1 million study with Japanese National Railways to determine the feasibility of a "bullet train" system linking Orlando, Tampa and Miami, Florida.

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TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? INCLUDE THE TRAIN IN YOUR TRAVEL PLANS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!

## INTERSTATE COMPACT MEETING HELD ON HIGH-SPEED VIA RAIL LRC

The most recent meeting of the Interstate Compact [OH-PA-MI-IN-IL] was held June 11th in a reserved car on a regular VIA Rail LRC train enroute from Toronto to Montreal! Your OARP President, Tom Pulsifer, who is also a Board Member of ORTA and one of the two official Ohio delegates to the Interstate Compact attended and was elected Vice-Chairman of the high-speed rail compact for the coming year. About 70, delegates, state officials and others, attended the two-day Compact meeting. The cooperation of Bombardier, VIA Rail, the Canadian Federal Government, and the governments of Quebec and the City of Montreal assured a very high level of hospitality and cordiality to the Compact members and other American visitors at the meeting.

Highlights of the Compact Meeting were: the opening luncheon at Toronto's Royal York Hotel with VIA Rail's President J. Frank Roberts as the main speaker; the excellent trip on the Bombardier LRC train from Toronto to Montreal; the banquet, hosted by Quebec's Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism at the top of Montreal's Chateau Champlain Hotel overlooking the city at night; the breakfast June 12th hosted by the acting Mayor of Montreal; the tour of the Montreal Metro and visit to the central control center; and the visit to Bombardier Mass Transit Division's car assembly plant in Barre, Vermont.

New Chairman of the Compact is James Kellogg of the Michigan DOT. New Secretary is Illinois State Rep. Benedict "Sparky" Garmisa. The Compact is planning its next meeting in Washington, DC, in an effort to improve communications and a working relationship with both Amtrak and the new American High Speed Rail Corporation.

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If OARP had a "Regional Coordinator of the Year" Award, it should probably go to Willard Edson of Toledo. Tom Pulsifer decided he'd get to the Interstate Compact meeting by train, from Windsor, Ontario, and OARP's John McCann arranged to drive him there. After leaving Xenia at midnight, John's car suffered a breakdown near Perrysburg, Ohio. Willard Edson was roused out of bed at four in the morning and agreed to drive Tom on to the VIA Rail depot at Windsor. He did and Tom made his train to Toronto and the Compact Meeting with a little time left to spare. And John's car got back on the road by late morning. This was one time when we really appreciated the willingness of one OARP member helping out another in a time of need.

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SMALL WORLD: Your OARP President recently bought some railroad ties (pulled from the PRR Little Miami line) from the A&K Rail Materials lot in Xenia. In talking with the man in charge, Tom found out that he was the foreman of the crew that ripped up the infamous 23 miles of the former Amtrak NATIONAL LIMITED route in east central Indiana! The foreman hastened to add that he wondered too, at that time, why Conrail wanted to get rid of that line as a through rail route. The man was sympathetic to OARP's concerns.

OARP ANNUAL MEETING WELL-ATTENDED, FRENCH RAIL OFFICIALS  
GIVE EXCELLENT PRESENTATION ON NEW TGV HIGH SPEED TRAIN

- see our four page Annual Meeting photo section elsewhere

Many attendees commented that our May 22nd Annual Meeting in Dayton was one of our best to date. If you missed it, you did miss a good one! We had sixty-five there; we got very good press coverage with TV, radio and newspapers; and the weather cooperated for our planned walking tour to Dayton Union Station and the restored, historic Dayton Arcade.

High point of our day was the excellent presentation on the French Railway's new high speed TGV (tres grande vitesse/very high speed) passenger trains. Our guests were Joseph Blumstein, General Manager of the French National Railways for North America, and his Deputy Manager, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux. Your OARP President delighted our guest speakers by introducing them in French! We viewed a spectacular new film on the TGV train. Mr. Blumstein then spoke about the TGV trains and his talk was accompanied by illustrative slides. There were few questions at the end because the presentation was so detailed and complete!

Your present OARP officers were re-elected, unopposed, for another year. In other business we voted to provide an assist to the Indiana ARP in their efforts to get a state-wide organization formed and under way, by reimbursing postage charges not to exceed \$20.00 incurred by Charles Short of Lafayette who will submit a receipt to OARP for reimbursement. This vote was unanimous. We also voted,

not unanimously — but the motion easily carried, to table action on OARP's stand on the November high-speed rail ballot issue until the July 24th meeting, by which time we expect to have more information on the specific ballot language.

Our guest speakers arrived in Dayton late Friday afternoon and left on Sunday afternoon. We offered them a full schedule of sightseeing and dinner meetings with area transportation officials and activists. OARP extends our sincere thanks to member Manfred Orlow for making arrangements for our guests, including all transportation arrangements for their visit. We also offer our grateful thanks to Regional Coordinator Al Wolf for his assistance with many of our meeting arrangements and handling registrations and other details.

Our meeting began with a brief press conference featuring our guests. One TV station went on and videotaped a 20 minute interview with Mr. Blumstein and Mr. Loubinoux for a future program on high-speed trains!

OARP TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance 9-22-81 ..... \$ 958.97  
Deposits ..... 7,440.24  
Disbursements ..... 7,341.31  
Balance 5-22-82 ..... 1,057.90

OARP FALL 1982 MEETING WILL BE HELD IN LIMA (date not yet set)

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THESE FEATURES AND MORE in the current issues of RAIL, a newsletter for all concerned with the future of American Railroads. RAIL is edited and published by OARP member Bob Boyce.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NARP! May 18th was NARP's 15th Birthday!

Many members of OARP are also members of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS, which is our voice in Washington, DC. For 15 years, this non-partisan, non-profit citizens group has been relying primarily upon its over 11,000 dues-paying volunteers (plus a paid staff of three) to help achieve a balanced transportation system in the U.S., one which requires modern rail--as well as air and highway--transportation.

Anyone may join NARP by sending \$15.00 (\$7.50 if under 21 or over 65 years of age) to NARP, 417 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20003. Members receive NARP NEWS, the only Washington newsletter devoted to passenger rail matters, each month except November, and GETTING THERE, a quarterly magazine with useful information for those traveling without an automobile (carfree, carefree travel).

NARP 202-546-1550 NEWS HOTLINE (evenings/weekends) 202-546-1551

KENTUCKY ARP REORGANIZES The Kentucky ARP met May 15th in Lexington and elected Don Maxwell [PO Box 1252, Ashland, KY 41101] as its new President and Executive Director. Maxwell succeeds Ralze Dorr of Louisville who served as KyARP head for four years. David Hodson of Louisville is Vice-President and Bayard Wright of Louisville is Secretary-Treasurer. Among several objectives established at the Lexington meeting, KyARP will work for re-establishment of Chicago-Florida service through Kentucky and work to have Kentucky included in the High-Speed Rail Compact that now includes Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

STATE ISSUE TWO / BALLOT LANGUAGE

We had expected to have this information in hand for this issue, however, at press time, it had not been available to OARP. We DO hope to have it in time for the July 24th OARP Midsummer Meeting and, as soon as we do receive it, all OARP officers and regional coordinators will get copies so the information can get out to you as quickly as possible. Contact OARP or your Reg. Coordinator.

BAGGAGE and EXPRESS □□□ Two new train

riders! Congrats to OARP member BILL SIEVERS and his wife JANET on the recent birth of twins! Bill and Janet are presently living in Portland, Oregon. Ohio Railway Museum ran two Columbus-Cincinnati diesel-powered special passenger trains on June 12 and 13. OARP understands both trips were sold out.

OARP member PETER ZEGA of Newtown, PA, was the first to spy a MISTAKE in OARP's 1982 Calendar. If you didn't spot it yet, take a close look at the last week in April. We've already given our proofreader a one way ticket to Mingo Junction!

Amtrak wants the states involved to pay the cost of running an inspection trip over the proposed PENNSYLVANIAN extension route between Pittsburgh-Youngstown-Cleveland and, due to Ohio's financial crunch, there is no funding available. One of the producers of PBS-TV's "Nova" program has talked with your OARP President in preparation for an upcoming feature, later this year, on high-speed trains.

OARP has learned that Amtrak's MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE train is to continue running, but will operate only between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Ridership from Jackson and Chelsea was very light. John Kirkwood is NARP's new Vice-President, succeeding Sam Stokes. Kirkwood resides in San Francisco.

On May 26th, Amtrak President Boyd told the Amtrak Board that Fiscal Year-to-date revenues were 4% under budget, costs 3% under budget, and that Amtrak's "on track" for 50% revenue/cost ratio. April revenues were 18.9% above April of 1981 and 3.7% below budget.

NARP is working on compiling a list of key NARP/OARP activists, one for each Congressional District in Ohio (as well as all states). Your OARP President will cooperate with our Region VI NARP Directors on this matter. It will do much to facilitate improved communication, and action, when action is needed.

Despite budget cuts and staff reductions, Bruce Heard, Amtrak's Director of Special Projects in Corporate Communications, is establishing a series of mailings to NARP and state/regional ARP officials to keep them better informed of Amtrak news and reports. In return, OARP continues to send copies of our "6:53" gratis to quite a few Amtrak officials and to all the Amtrak ticket offices in our area.

Note your OARP President's new work number: (513) 461-0464

RAILWAY TOURS ON PRIVATE CARS!

Our good friends at the RAILWAY EXPOSITION CO., INC. [1100 Fifth & Race Tower, Cincinnati, OH 45202, 513-241-5347] have announced their 1982 series of "RAILCRUISES" using their private cars STUART KNOTT and PASS-A-GRILLE BEACH. Several officers of Railway Expo are also good members of your OARP. Write or call for details and fares:

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- JULY 31-AUG 2 / WASHINGTON, D.C.
- AUG 7-10 / WESTERN U.S.A. TOUR #2

Several OARP members have been on these trips in the past and have come back with good reports!

OARP CONCERNS ON CARDINAL

Following dismal ridership in May, passenger counts on Amtrak's CARDINAL are now picking up. On June 21st a 12-car CARDINAL pulled into Cincinnati and 100 reportedly got off and about 60 got on. Sleeper space (they have been running two cars) is generally sold out quite a ways in advance. OARP is working closely with NARP on food service problems on the CARDINAL. Leaving Washington, the cafeteria/lounge car doesn't open up for business until the train is well past Alexandria,

and getting on ten o'clock at night. And then, full tray meals (which ARE available) are not posted on the menu. You CAN get a full tray meal IF you know about them and ASK about them... and even INSIST that you want one! The cafe/lounge is NOT suitable for a long-distance train, we feel.

Then, we are concerned with recent on-time problems. The westbound CARDINAL sometimes comes into Cincinnati on time, but, more often than not, it has been running anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours late. The eastbound CARDINAL is often up to an hour late into Washington, we understand. Trackwork on the C&O east of Cincinnati is apparently the culprit. We hope that delays can be reduced to a minimum, especially so that the western connection (which IS guaranteed by Amtrak) with the SAN FRANCISCO ZEPHYR can be protected.

U.S. Congressman Adam Benjamin from Indiana is attempting to get \$37 million written into the Amtrak law to purchase the Cincinnati-Indianapolis "Big Four" line via Shelbyville. If this route comes about, Amtrak would prefer to stay at River Road Station in Cincinnati. OARP believes that, even with a "Big Four" routing, using the Cincinnati Union Terminal (with a necessary back-up move) is still justified because of the increase in patronage it will promote. Restoration of the old "southwest approach" at C.U.T. will expedite the back-up move. CARDINAL users and CINCINNATI area OARP members might write WILLIAM GALLAGHER, Sr. Dir., Route & Service Planning, Amtrak, 400 N. Capitol St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001, and help voice our concern that Cincinnati Union Terminal IS a better location for Cincinnati's Amtrak station for now and for the future. This may do something to help get the C.U.T. debate off dead center. In the meantime, OARP advises that you grit your teeth and make the best of River Road; and get there EARLY and hope you do get a parking space!

STATE ISSUE TWO / A SUMMARY: Issue 2 proposes to amend the Ohio Constitution to provide for a high-speed intercity rail passenger system in Ohio and to levy 1% sales and use taxes to pay for the construction (but not the operation) of the system. The system is to include, but is not limited to railroad service. ORTA can provide other transportation services from anywhere within the state to locations within the three specified "corridors" of the high-speed intercity system [CLEVELAND-COLUMBUS-CINCINNATI, YOUNGSTOWN-CLEVELAND-TOLEDO, and TOLEDO-COLUMBUS]. These "other services" can include any form of water, air or ground transportation. The final system plan is to be completed by June 1984. The Ohio Senate passed the ballot issue (Am. Sub. H.J.R. 1) on April 28th. Your OARP President was present in the Senate Gallery during debate and the vote. Sen. Mike DeWine (R-Cedarville) offered a floor amendment (prompted by your OARP President) to earmark a small percentage of the tax monies to finance "403-b" service in Ohio. The amendment was defeated but NOT unanimously. Final Senate vote was 20-10. Voting NO were DeWine, Gaeth, Kasich, Pfeifer, Ress, Skall, Speck, Suhadolnik, Walsh and Gilmor. Not present were Bowen, Matia and VanMeter. Later, the House concurred with the Senate amendments (no monies can be spent for operation or maintenance of the system) by a 73-25 vote.

OUR APOLOGIES! Thanks to a communications snafu, we mistakenly "red signalled" several OARP members on the back cover of our May issue whose dues were, in fact, current. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused. As a result of our "red signalling", however, we have significantly improved the efficiency of several of our mailing/distribution lists and therefore we'll be able to save quite a bit on postage costs (one of our biggest expenses).

OUR THANKS! to OARP member AL WOLF, who works at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, for helping keep the Civilian Travel Office stocked with Amtrak schedules. Amtrak Sales Manager Fred Frayer donated a poster which is now prominently displayed in the office. Al also helped arrange for an Amtrak ad to be published in the Base newspaper, the "Skywrighter". YOU, too, can help do things which, in turn, will help put more and more people onto the passenger trains! AND... thanks to OARP member MIKE KAPLAN who recently donated several rare Cincinnati & Lake Erie "paper" items to OARP's archives along with some current New Jersey Transit materials for reference purposes. We will always accept donations of items which are passenger rail oriented, current or historical, for OARP's growing archives. Early in June, your OARP President met with Ms. Jeanne Ontko, archivist with the Ohio Historical Society, seeking professional advice on properly dealing with OARP's growing collection of passenger rail related materials.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR A "BROADWAY LIMITED" COLOR SLIDE SUITABLE FOR OUR 1983 OARP CALENDAR. Contact Tom Pulsifer.

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CAN YOU HELP ?? OARP's founder and first president, DAVE MARSHALL of Dayton has offered to donate \$100.00 to OARP's treasury provided that an OARP member can provide information leading to the successful acquisition of a railroad baggage wagon with wooden-spoked wheels. The wagon will become a permanent fixture in a restaurant Dave is planning in downtown Dayton. If you can help Dave find a baggage wagon please write him c/o Ziebart Rustproofing, 329 South Jefferson Street, Dayton, OH 45402; or call 513-222-1215. Or, you may contact your OARP president.

JULY 24th, 1982 --- OARP's MIDSUMMER MEETING, including a FIELD TRIP over the Cleveland RTA rail lines using one of RTA's new Breda light-rail cars. See details elsewhere...



[LEFT] "WELCOME TO DAYTON, OHIO"

OARP's Dayton Area Regional Coordinator and Political Affairs Coordinator, Al Wolf welcomes OARP members and guests to our 1982 Annual Meeting at the Dayton Sheraton / Downtown.

The weather cooperated, the food was very good, and a great day was had by all (65) who attended.

## OARP'S ANNUAL MEETING MAY 22, 1982 A PHOTO SECTION

[RIGHT] The Sheraton marquee, facing busy Jefferson Street, gave prominence to our Annual Meeting by displaying, "Welcome OARP Members". The sign was not changed until well into the day on May 24th!

ALL PHOTOS IN THIS SECTION WERE TAKEN BY JOHN T. McCANN.





[ABOVE] Our guests from the French National Railways take great interest in a typical American freight train passing through Dayton Union Station on May 22nd. OARP's Dave Lebold is calling attention to something coming along in the Conrail train enroute to Cincinnati.

[BELOW] WKEF-TV's Howard Epstein interviews our guests, Jean Pierre Loubinoux and Joseph Blumstein in the setting of a small park in downtown Dayton close to our meeting headquarters at the Sheraton.



[ABOVE] OARP members toured Dayton Union Station including three cars parked on Track 3 by the Railway Exposition Company for the Miami Valley Hospital Benefit the following day. This is a former Southern Railway business car. The others were a Milwaukee Road full-length dome coach and a former Pennsylvania Railroad Railway Post Office car.

[BELOW] WHIO-TV Newscenter 7's Martha Dunsky interviews Joseph Blumstein for the Six O'Clock News. All three Dayton TV stations gave our OARP Annual Meeting some excellent coverage. The Dayton newspapers and two local radio stations also covered our meeting and our guest speakers.







[ABOVE] Amtrak Regional Sales Manager, Fred Frayer assists OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer in awarding door prizes at our Annual Meeting. Items for this meeting were donated by Fred Frayer, Tom Pulsifer and by John Edminson.



[LEFT] A ghost from the past returns to Dayton Union Station. Each track gate announcement board in the depot was adorned with an actual sign or replica representing many of the more famous passenger trains that once served Dayton, Ohio. Many hours of very hard work by a lot of volunteers transformed a dingy Dayton Union Station into a brighter and cleaner facility for the Miami Valley Hospital's Benefit fund-raiser held in the afternoon of May 23rd. OARP assisted in several ways with this event and, in return, we were granted permission to tour the Station on the afternoon of our Annual Meeting on May 22nd.

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## INFORMAL OARP REGIONAL MEETINGS SLATED

**AKRON/CANTON AREA:** OARP members are invited to an informal meeting with State legislators from the area, Tuesday, July 6th, 7:30pm, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Fairlawn on S.R. 18 opposite Summit Mall. Contact Howard Harding, who has organized this meeting, at 867-5507.

**COLUMBUS AREA:** OARP Coordinator Dave Lebold is organizing an informal meeting for OARP members in the central Ohio area. At press time a date has not been finalized, but will probably be the morning of either Saturday July 10th or 17th. Contact Dave at 261-1549 [late evenings] for details.

## RAIL TRAVEL GUIDES ARE REPRINTED . . .

OARP's handy HOW-TO-FIND-THE-AMTRAK-STATION map folders have finally been updated and reprinted. Members of OARP will automatically receive one copy of our RAIL TRAVEL GUIDE in the mail very soon. Others may write in and request a copy.

A new feature of our GUIDE is a "Directory" section listing Amtrak authorized travel agencies which are members of OARP through our new "TRavel Agency Membership", or TRAM, program discussed in our last issue of "the 6:53".

TRAM agencies will each receive a supply of the GUIDES and Amtrak Regional Sales Managers, Fred Frayer and Gary Stupka will also receive supplies of the GUIDES. We're placing more emphasis now on our GUIDES and the TRAM program because this is a good way to help put more people onto the passenger trains that serve Ohio.

## BLUMSTEIN SPEECH IS AVAILABLE

Copies of the presentation by Mr. Joseph Blumstein at OARP's recent Annual Meeting in Dayton are available to persons who did not get to the meeting.

IF YOU'D LIKE A COPY, PLEASE SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED BUSINESS-LETTER SIZE ENVELOPE WITH 37¢ IN POSTAGE AFFIXED.

Blumstein's remarks included a lot of technical data on the new TGV passenger train operations.

**DETOUR:** On June 23rd, Amtrak ran the eastbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED from Chicago to Toledo via Kalamazoo and Detroit due to a Conrail derailment near Elkhart, Indiana.

HELP KEEP OARP STRONG & HEALTHY BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN ALWAYS USE . . . and that's postage stamps!

OARP must send out mail almost daily. Sometimes a little and sometimes quite a bit. We always need stamps! Next time you write in to OARP, tuck in a few extra stamps as a donation to the cause. That's but one way you can help us!

RESTORED PULLMANS RUN TO PROMOTE AMTRAK'S CARDINAL .....

Two very special railroad cars will ride the rails behind the modern stainless steel coaches of Amtrak's CARDINAL on Independence Day weekend. Sponsored by the National Association of Railroad Passengers, an 11,500 member Washington based consumer group, and Lehigh Black Diamond Limited, the "Clover Colony" and "LV 353" will carry NARP members and other concerned citizens who have journeyed from as far away as Seattle to ride this train from New York to Chicago. The train will depart New York Friday July 2nd and arrive in Chicago the evening of the 3rd. The atmosphere of polished brass, varnished hardwood, and lead crystal inside these cars speak from another era, but the message that their riders will carry is meant for today. The CARDINAL, discontinued by Amtrak on October 1, 1981, and reinstated January 8th, 1982, is now back to stay and NARP had undertaken a wide-ranging promotional effort to let the public know just that. NARP's marketing committee has already devoted over \$12,000 to newspaper and spot radio advertising in cities along the CARDINAL's route. These ads, designed to complement Amtrak's efforts, have had a noticeable effect in putting the CARDINAL back on the map. Ridership on the train surpassed all expectations during the first four months of its restored operation. This weekend excursion will provide extra revenue to Amtrak for carrying the extra cars, and to NARP for its CARDINAL promotional campaign. People riding the special tour will pay a premium fare for their historic accommodations. The "LV 353", built in 1916, is currently the oldest private railroad car left operating in the U.S. For years it was the official business car of the president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Heads of state, celebrities, and railroad magnates all rode the car in its official capacity. In 1976, the car was sold to a group of railroad entrepreneurs who run it several times each year on what always turn out to be special trips. The "Clover Colony" is a standard sleeping car of the type that ran in regularly scheduled U.S. passenger service in the 1930's. Coupled together, these two cars will form a world unto themselves. Complete dining and beverage service will be provided from "LV 353's" well-stocked kitchen. Passengers will relax in the observation lounge at the rear of the train before retiring to their sleeping accommodations in "Clover Colony". The two cars will return from Chicago to New York via the BROADWAY LIMITED departing Chicago on July 4th.

AMTRAK NATIONWIDE TIMETABLES ☐☐☐ We can provide copies of the current issue.

Please send us a self-addressed business-letter size envelope with 54¢ [20+17+17] in postage affixed and we'll send a timetable to you by return first-class mail. Right now we still have a fairly good supply of these schedules.

# OARP MIDSUMMER MEETING

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# CLEVELAND RTA FIELD TRIP

SATURDAY, JULY 24th, 1982

11:00am - 4:30pm

- OARP MIDSUMMER MEETING, INCLUDING LUNCHEON, at HIGBEE'S on CLEVELAND'S PUBLIC SQUARE
- FIELD TRIP OVER RTA'S LIGHT-RAIL LINES USING ONE OF THE NEW BRED A LIGHT-RAIL TRANSIT CARS ☐☐☐ PHOTO STOPS
- (tentative at press time) TOUR OF NEW RTA CAR SHOPS
- COST: \$11.00 per person includes trip and luncheon

IMPORTANT NOTE: Our chartered Breda car will accommodate a maximum of 84 persons; therefore, we will process reservations in the order received by Jim Stevenson [reservations forms elsewhere in this issue] and if we find we have more than 84 persons OARP will consider a repeat of the RTA FIELD TRIP late in September 1982. We are limited to the first 84 who register for the July 24th Meeting & Field Trip. Be sure to REGISTER NOW!

AMTRAK CONNECTIONS ☐ Persons making connections to or from Amtrak's LAKE SHORE LIMITED at Cleveland may make advance contact with OARP's Jim Stevenson at 216-234-5885 for transfer arrangements. Persons making connections to or from Amtrak's BROADWAY LIMITED at Canton may make advance contact with OARP's Bill Glasser at 216-478-1003 for transfer arrangements. We will work out arrangements provided we know your needs in advance.

OARP OFFICERS & REGIONAL COORDINATORS will act as carpool coordinators. Call them if you need a ride or can share a ride to or from Cleveland on July 24th.

FIELD TRIP REMINDER • Our FIELD TRIP will be "guided" by an RTA official who will tell us about the new Breda cars and the many other improvements to the RTA transit operations. SAFETY FIRST! FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AT ALL TIMES! This is for your own safety and everyone's benefit. OARP considers this a working, educational field trip. Please act accordingly. Thank you!

10:45-11:00am ASSEMBLE on East Platform at RTA's GREEN ROAD station and BOARD CHARTERED BREDa CAR.

- PICK UP YOUR IDENTIFICATION BADGE from Jim Stevenson. Everyone must wear I.D. badge. Be sure you get yours. Wear it!

11:00am PROMPTLY Leave GREEN ROAD enroute to UNION TERMINAL.

12:00nn LUNCHEON & OARP MEETING at HIGBEE's on Public Square. Menu [subject to possible change] will include: Braised Beef Stronganoff with Buttered Noodles, Apple Ring garnish, Jellied Fruit Salad, Muffin, Coffee-Tea-Milk, Ice Cream

MEETING AGENDA: The only item of business will be the item tabled at our May 22nd

OARP Annual Meeting; SHALL OARP SUPPORT STATE ISSUE 2? Also; if the vote is favorable, HOW SHALL OARP SUPPORT THE ISSUE 2 CAMPAIGN?

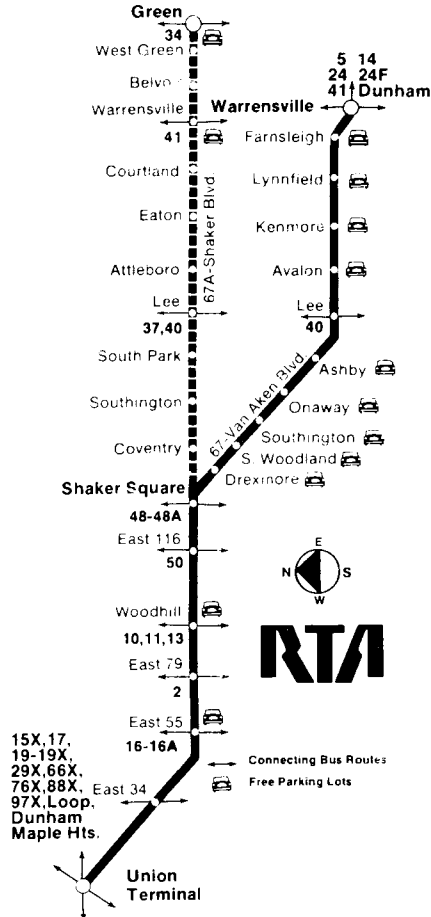
We have invited State Rep. ROBERT BOGGS, Chairman of the Campaign Committee, and ROBERT CASEY, Executive Director of ORTA, to be our guests at this meeting. They will discuss ISSUE 2 and be prepared for questions we may have on it.

Immediately following our OARP Meeting we will have a short tour of CLEVELAND UNION TERMINAL and then reboard our chartered Breda car for a continued tour of RTA's light-rail lines, ending by 4:30pm at the Green Road Station.

Our charter trip MAY include a visit to the new RTA shops [wear comfortable walking shoes please]. This is being negotiated at press time.

Our FIELD TRIP WILL include a few PHOTO STOPS (as time and traffic conditions permit) and we'll try to include one photo RUN-BY.

PLEASE JOIN US ON JULY 24th!

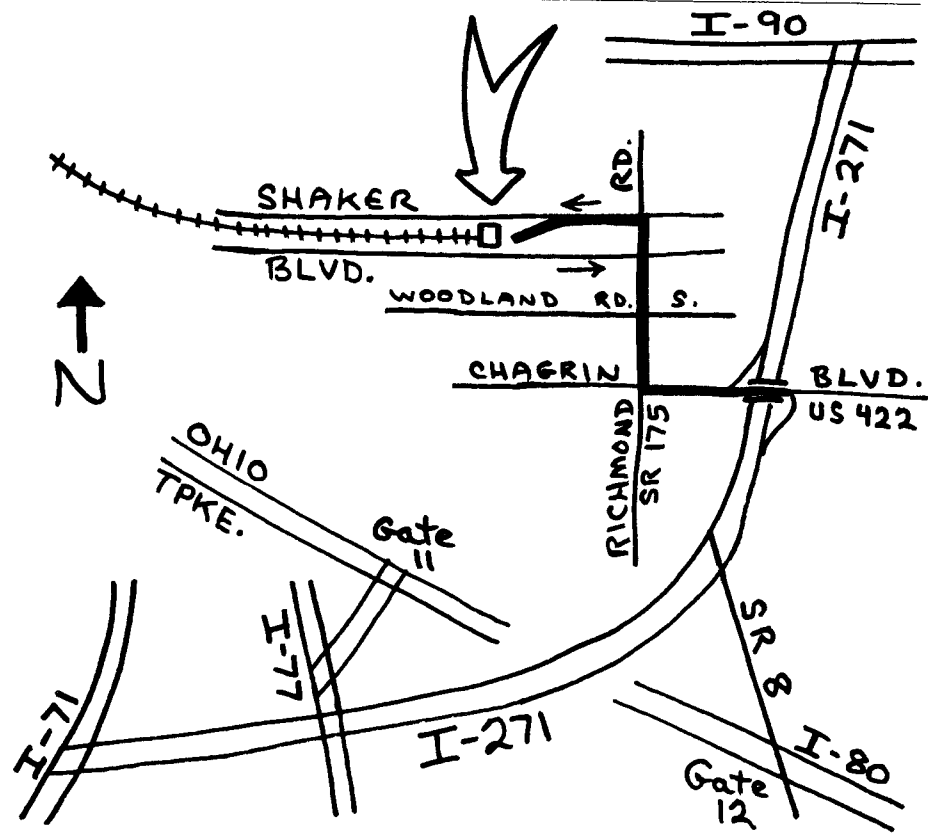


DIRECTIONS :

OARP's MIDSUMMER MEETING & RTA FIELD TRIP will begin PROMPTLY AT 11:00am from the East Platform of the RTA's GREEN ROAD STATION on Shaker Boulevard at Richmond Road (S.R. 175). There is a large "Park-n-Ride" lot here and parking is FREE. We will be returned to this location at the end of the day.

People from out-of-town should get onto I-271 which bypasses Cleveland to the south and east. I-271 provides relatively easy access to Green Road. Exit I-271 at Chagrin Boulevard (Beachwood) U.S. 422. Turn to the west on Chagrin Boulevard. At the second light on Chagrin (just past the Cadillac dealer and cemetery on the left, and the Chrysler dealer and Sohio station on the right, turn right (north) on Richmond Road which is S.R. 175. Two lights north on Richmond Road is Shaker Boulevard. Turn left, or west, on Shaker Boulevard. The entrance to the Green Road parking lot is the ramp to the left into the center right-of-way.

REMEMBER: WE LEAVE GREEN ROAD STATION PROMPTLY AT 11:00am!



CASE HISTORY:  
**GREATER CLEVELAND RTA MAINTENANCE FACILITY**



*Innovative structures and life-cycle efficiency, combined with aesthetic insight, make the Greater Cleveland RTA Rail Maintenance Facility a model for future designs. Each of the facility's 3 buildings serves a different function—rail operations headquarters, system-wide maintenance, and major vehicle repair—but the entire, 215,000-sq.-ft. complex is unified by its streamlined profile and distinctly linear features. Resembling the trains it serves, the structure displays a rhythmic flow of steel and glass to passengers commuting on the adjacent transit lines.*

*But it is functional as well as attractive, using an efficient "earth-storage" heating system and a cost-effective combination of natural and artificial light. In addition, the layout of the buildings and yards makes maximum use of a limited site to streamline maintenance functions, save time, and cut operating costs. Thus, what was once a narrow wasteland of abandoned track has been transformed into a gleaming \$37 million facility that symbolizes the new spirit of the Regional Transit Authority and the community it serves.*

*Energy-conscious heating and lighting systems save money and provide a pleasant working environment. Heat gathered from relatively inexpensive, off-peak electricity is stored in a giant earth reservoir under each building. The stored heat constantly radiates from beneath the floor, providing the greatest warmth where it is most needed and reducing heat loss to ceiling areas. In addition, this "earth-storage" system virtually eliminates maintenance, improves fire safety, and lowers insurance costs. The attractive skylights are another energy-saving idea. Bringing in the sun's natural light, they work in conjunction with the electrical lighting, which is monitored by a solid-state control system. As sunlight grows brighter, the electrical lighting dims. This combination yields an annual return-on-investment of 21% and savings of \$40,000 a year.*

- from a release prepared by DALTON•DALTON•NEWPORT, Cleveland, Ohio.

**NOTES on the upcoming OARP MIDSUMMER MEETING & FIELD TRIP:**

If you need a registration receipt, please see OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer sometime during the day on the 24th of July.

Your \$11.00 per person cost for this day includes the field trip on the RTA and your luncheon, plus taxes and gratuity. We have carefully set the cost per person to cover known and anticipated expenses for the day based on the number of persons we expect will attend.

The OARP Meeting at Higbee's will be "bare bones", with no display tables, supplies of publications, nor door prizes. For those who need supplies of brochures, publications, Amtrak timetables, bumper stickers, stationery and what-not; "OARP #1" [your president's trusty Volare] will be open at the Green Road parking area immediately following the trip.

Our charter trip will leave Green Road promptly at 11:00am. That means you should be aboard our special car by 11:00am. OARP will not be responsible if you miss the car and have to pay your 75¢ fare on a regular service car to catch up with our group. It is YOUR responsibility to stay with the group and not wander off and get left behind.

PERSONS NOT PRE-REGISTERED (by mail or by phone call to Jim Stevenson) WILL BE CHARGED \$12.00 AT THE CAR DOOR ON THE 24th PROVIDED WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR YOU. WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 84 PERSONS FOR THIS MEETING AND FIELD TRIP!

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OARP/CLEVELAND MEETING & FIELD TRIP                      JULY 24, 1982

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$11.00 per person, making check payable to "O.A.R.P." and mail to: JAMES STEVENSON  
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PLEASE NOTE / IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

\* ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 22nd. REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS WILL NOT BE HONORED AFTER JULY 22nd. "LAST MINUTE" RESERVATIONS MAY BE TELEPHONED DIRECTLY TO JIM STEVENSON AT 216-234-5885. THE JULY 22nd DEADLINE FOR REFUND REQUESTS APPLIES TO TELEPHONED RESERVATIONS AS WELL AS MAILED ONES. IF YOU MAKE A "LAST MINUTE" RESERVATION BY PHONE AND DON'T SHOW UP YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO PAY YOUR \$11.00.

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