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A FIRST FOR OARP! OARP's chartered Breda car #827 pauses at historic Lynnfield Station during our July 24th field trip over the Greater Cleveland RTA's light rail lines.

photo: JOHN T. McCANN

**OARP VOTES TO SUPPORT
STATE ISSUE TWO -- OHIO'S HIGH-SPEED
PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM**

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September 1, 1982

OARP VOTES TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF ISSUE TWO -- MEMBERS URGED TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE PURPOSES FOR WHICH OARP EXISTS

Following considerable discussion, the membership of OARP at our Midsummer Meeting on July 24th voted unanimously to endorse passage of State Issue 2 (The High-Speed Rail Passenger System Proposal) which will appear on the statewide ballot this November. The resolution we adopted also included two other very important provisions:

- * OARP MEMBERS ARE URGED TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY THIS PUBLIC ISSUE TO PROMOTE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH OARP EXISTS.
- * OARP SHALL BE PREPARED, FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 1982 ELECTION, TO WORK WITH THE OHIO RAIL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF A VIABLE, ECONOMICAL INTERCITY RAIL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL MEET BOTH THE SHORT AND LONG TERM NEEDS OF OHIOANS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS FOR MODERN TRANSPORTATION.

Prior to taking a vote on the resolution [full text of which appears on the next page] our guests participated actively in the discussion and in answering a lot of questions on the issue and on the campaign. Ms. Jolene Ritchlin, Deputy Director of ORTA, came in place of Executive Director Bob Casey who had a prior speaking commitment. State Representative Robert Boggs [who is also an OARP member!] serves as the Chairman of the J.O.B.S. [Join Ohio's Best Solution] Committee and spoke some about the campaign but spent most of the discussion time answering questions from our members.

It is hoped that every OHIO member of OARP will spend some time, perhaps a little -- perhaps a lot, actively promoting OARP's stated purposes. Every member should be doing some "outreach" activities anyway. Perhaps this would be a good time to order a supply of OARP's brochure for use in your community. We must all do what we can to promote travel by train and helping the cause for more and better trains. And we need to get others to do likewise.

Regardless of the outcome of Issue 2 in November, OARP will be ready to cooperate with ORTA and with members of the Ohio General Assembly in urging prompt action for short term "interim" rail passenger service to serve Ohio and our neighboring states, until such time as the High-Speed System is in operation.

There will be very significant national interest in the outcome of Issue 2. Many eyes will be upon Ohio. By taking the action we did July 24th in Cleveland, we of OARP have positioned ourselves in a positive and advantageous stance regardless of the Issue's outcome. And, of course, success of Issue 2 will herald the dawn of a new day for rail passenger transportation in Ohio and in America!

HERE IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AT OARP'S MIDSUMMER MEETING ON JULY 24, 1982:

WHEREAS the Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers (OARP) exists to promote travel by train and to work for improved and expanded rail passenger services in and through Ohio, and

WHEREAS OARP endorsed the creation of the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority (Ohio Rail) and has maintained a close working relationship with Ohio Rail, and

WHEREAS OARP has previously adopted a policy resolution calling upon Ohio to develop a statewide system of rail passenger services, and

WHEREAS the Ohio General Assembly has placed before Ohio voters State Issue 2, a Constitutional amendment which provides funding and general guidelines for implementation of a statewide system of rail passenger services, and

WHEREAS the General Assembly's proposal provides Ohio Rail with broad authority and flexibility in designing the service system to be implemented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers hereby endorses passage of State Issue 2, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that all OARP members are urged to use the opportunity provided by this public issue to promote the purposes for which OARP exists, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that OARP shall be prepared, following the November 1982 election, to work with Ohio Rail and the Ohio General Assembly to ensure prompt implementation of a viable, economical intercity rail passenger transportation system which will meet both the short and long term needs of Ohioans and their neighbors for modern transportation.

Our thanks to HOWARD HARDING for drafting this resolution upon consulting with your OARP President and others.

WATCH FOR SPECIAL MAILINGS regarding ISSUE 2 which may be sent to our OHIO membership during the course of the campaign. We're not turning our mailing list over to the J.O.B.S. Committee; however, we will take care of addressing materials they may prepare to send out to our OHIO members of OARP. For the time being, your OARP President will serve as OARP's "chief liaison" with the J.O.B.S. Committee in Columbus.



"STRAPHANGERS" OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer and Kentucky ARP Pres. Don Maxwell discuss the upcoming Rail Coalition Meeting with OARP member Paul Woodring on our July 24th RTA charter trip. photo: John T. McCann

A VERY IMPORTANT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ALL OARP MEMBERS:

I was both gratified and surprised at the unanimous OARP vote July 24th to endorse passage of State Issue 2. I was sure the vote would be favorable, but not unanimous. I know some of you have strong feelings about Issue 2. I respect your feelings. Your vote November 2nd is up to you. I would ask, however, that you give Issue 2 a chance of success.

I am aware of much dealing with Issue 2, with the future of ORTA, and with legislative feelings on the future of rail passenger services in Ohio that would take too many pages to detail here. I do know that if OARP is to have any future credibility with the Ohio Legislature to get the State of Ohio moving on passenger trains, OARP's support of Issue 2 is necessary!

Issue 2 is far from perfect. We must continue and increase our work to help make an imperfect situation better, before and after November 2nd. To this end I ask that we all continue to work together, constructively.

Thank you!

August 30, 1982

President, OARP

CARDINAL ROUTE CONCERNS

At presstime OARP understands there will be no move this year to axe the CARDINAL, but that the train will remain tri-weekly for the foreseeable future. A new station stop is slated for Montgomery, WV, effective in October; and the train will benefit by serving the new Amtrak depot at Hammond, Indiana. OARP is working with the Amtrak travel agents in Oxford, Ohio, to assure better usage of the CARDINAL by the Miami University students this academic year. Ridership on the Cardinal is way up this Summer, after exceedingly dismal ridership in late April and May when the special Ten Dollar Round Trip promotion expired. To illustrate, here are some figures for Train #51 (westbound) of August 20th: Left New York with 98 passengers. 151 got on at Washington with a count of 357 on board. 382 were on the train upon arrival at Culpeper. At South Portsmouth 84 got on (one of Craig Colley's tour groups helped the count!) with 349 on board. 229 got off at Cincinnati, 35 got on, making the on-board count then 155. Arrived Chicago with 153. On this particular trip a total of 604 persons got on the CARDINAL at some point!

OARP understands that the on-time performance has improved recently, partially thanks to completion of a lot of trackwork east of Cincinnati along the C&O mainline.

Food service continues to generate the most negative comments. The limited cafeteria-lounge just cannot meet the needs of the passengers when there are 350-400 passengers on board! They frequently run out of food! And, out of Washington, the food service car doesn't open up until the train is well out of Alexandria. This discourages many passengers.

NARP's CARDINAL Advertising Campaign (nearly \$13,000 was raised, OARP is told) was concentrated at mid-route points with most of the money being spent in West Virginia at the direction of John DeLora who was in charge of the Campaign. Very little was allocated to Virginia or to Indiana. Ohio's share for the Cincinnati area (we haven't spent it yet) is either \$300 or \$1,300, depending on who one talks to. OARP's Mike Weber is working with your OARP President on some advertising promotions for the Cincinnati area which will help fill the train after Labor Day. We felt that it would be better to spend the limited funds then; as during the Summer the train was running nearly full or sold out on most trips.

OARP will support a current proposal to move the South Portsmouth "Amshack" to a better site one and one-half miles to the east in the community of South Shore, KY. The present station is being vandalized regularly and they cannot keep a pay phone intact there. The station is hard to get to and parking is limited. Plus it is NOT advisable to leave a car there unattended. The proposed site is near a main highway, and a restaurant! OARP understands that Amtrak officials have already looked over the proposed site, but that no decision has yet been reached or announced. We will continue

efforts to get Amtrak into Cincinnati Union Terminal. Even an interim massive improvement of River Road is needed to expand the parking lot and the waiting room for present usage.

AMTRAK'S NEW "ANYWHERE FARE" OFFERS DRAMATIC R.T. SAVINGS!

Best bargain of the year! That's what travelers are now saying about Amtrak's new \$225 "Anywhere Fare", designed to offer train travelers dramatic savings on ticket costs for long-distance trips anywhere along its 24,000-mile route system. The special fare went into effect August 1st and will be offered through October 30th. It will also be available in combination with first-class sleeping accommodations beginning August 30th. Children's half-fare prices of \$112.50 will be the only allowable discount to the fare.

Under the "Anywhere Fare" discount plan, only stopovers for changing trains are allowed enroute to and from the ticketed destination. Passengers may, however, take a different routing on the return trip. For example, a passenger traveling round-trip from New York to Los Angeles could return via San Francisco. The \$225 fare would save the passenger \$221, when compared to the normal round-trip excursion fare of \$446!

Reservations must be made for all-reserved trains to be used on the journey prior to the issuance of tickets. All tickets for the entire journey must be obtained before departure, either from an Amtrak ticket office, by telephone to Amtrak's toll-free reservations number [1-800-621-0317 from OHIO], or from an authorized ticket agency. Passengers whose station of origin is closed at departure time may purchase a one-way ticket on board and present the receipt at the destination ticket office for adjustment.

Amtrak's "Anywhere Fare" will NOT be valid on Metroliner Service, or on the connecting trains or buses of other carriers for which Amtrak sells tickets. An exception will be the VIA Rail Canada portion of the New York - Toronto MAPLE LEAF.

Again this year, New Yorkers can visit the New York State Fair, west of Syracuse, by Amtrak. From August 28th through September 6th, Amtrak will stop six Empire Corridor trains adjacent to the New York State Fair grounds. Free shuttle transportation will be provided to and from the main Fair gate. A similar potential exists right here in Ohio! The 3-C Corridor main line of Conrail and the north-south main line of the Norfolk Southern (N&W) form the western boundary of the Ohio State Fair grounds. What convenience! What potential! If New York can do it... why can't Ohio? Let's help get Ohio moving on passenger trains.

CALL AMTRAK "NEWSBREAK" - TOLL-FREE DIRECT NEWS LINE

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While intended mainly for Amtrak employees, OARP has been authorized to release this number to our members. Dial it at no charge for the latest recorded Amtrak news and information. It is updated daily, with a weekly news summary presented over the weekend. It's in service 24-hours daily.



OARP members and guests assemble on Cleveland RTA's new Breda Car #808 awaiting departure from the Green Road "Park-n-Ride" Station on the occasion of OARP's Midsummer 1982 Meeting and first charter rail trip.

Photo: MARK J. ADAMCİK

OARP'S MIDSUMMER MEETING FEATURES RAIL TRANSIT FIELD TRIP !

Weatherwise, we couldn't have asked for better on Saturday, July 24th. Attendance-wise, it was one of our best attended midsummer meetings to date. Fifty OARP members and several guests came to Cleveland for our Midsummer Meeting and OARP's first-ever charter rail transit field trip over the Greater Cleveland RTA's light-rail lines, including an inspection of the new Shops under construction near E. 55th St.

We assembled late in the morning at the Green Road Station and boarded Breda Car #808, appropriately placarded with OARP's logo in the front window, for the first leg of our charter trip in to Terminal Tower and our Luncheon/Meeting at Higbee's on Public Square. Enroute a stop was made at the Warrensville Station to inspect the renovated facility.

Following Luncheon, held in the 10th floor Vista Room with a sparkling view of Lake Erie, we went right into our formal Meeting which listed only one agenda item -- "Issue 2". Our guests were State Rep. Robert Boggs (D-Jefferson) who is Chairman of the J.O.B.S. Campaign Committee; and ORTA's Deputy Director, Ms. Jolene Ritchlin. Both guests made brief remarks and then proceeded to answer a multitude of questions regarding ORTA, Issue 2, and the J.O.B.S. Campaign. We then did vote unanimously to support Issue 2. This action and complete text of the resolution is reported in greater detail elsewhere in this issue of "the 6:53". Before adjourning back to our charter trip all gave a rousing round of applause to Rodg Sillars and Jim Stevenson for handling our days arrangements.

OARP'S MIDSUMMER MEETING...

Because of a malfunctioning air-conditioner on #808, the RTA assigned Breda Car #827 to us for the remainder of our rail field trip. Again, our OARP logo was positioned at both ends of the articulated, 84-passenger transit car. Our group was divided into two groups for the afternoon so as to better handle the tours of the nearly completed Shops adjacent to the East 55th Street RTA Station. Rodg Sillars escorted both Shops tours and your OARP President escorted both "Blue Line" tours which included inspection stops at Warrensville/Van Aken and at the Lynnfield Station.

The American Public Transit Association (APTA) held its annual meeting in Cleveland in late June and was the first group to tour the new RTA Shops facilities. Our OARP group was the second group to tour the facilities! The RTA most graciously provided us with informative handout materials about the new Breda cars and the RTA rail transit services in general. Many of our people expressed a strong interest in repeating the RTA tour and touring the Shops next year when they are in service.

After both groups had toured both the Shops and the "Blue Line", we returned to Terminal Tower to drop off some of our passengers, then returned everyone else to the Green Road Station where we began the days activities. A group photo was made here and it appears elsewhere in this issue.

It should be noted that our Meeting guests also enjoyed the rail tour and the Shops tour! We wish to thank all those who had a part in making our day enjoyable and successful, especially to Jim Stevenson for handling all the reservation details and to Rodg Sillars for the arrangements with the RTA and for working out a "tight" itinerary that came off very well. Your OARP President has already communicated our thanks to the RTA for their friendly cooperation, especially from "Ed", the motorman assigned to our charter.

MassARP President and NARP Regional Director from Pittsfield, MA, Kevin Gregoire, attended our Cleveland Meeting along with Walt Gehring and Bill Ensign of Massachusetts. All three journeyed out to Cleveland and back via Amtrak's LAKE SHORE LIMITED. Following our OARP Meeting the trio inspected various rail facilities in the Cleveland area with Mark J. Adamcik. Gregoire spoke briefly at our noon Luncheon and introduced his rail advocate friends from the Bay State.

ATTENTION: OARP members who could not attend the recent Cleveland Meeting and RTA Field Trip and who would be interested in a repeat of the Field Trip next year should communicate with OARP Pres. Pulsifer so that we can do some planning ahead. Remember, OARP does not sponsor FAN trips. Our field trips are educationally-oriented!



ANSWERING QUESTIONS. State Rep. Robert Boggs (above) answers a question about H.J.R. 1, the legislation which put "Issue 2" on the November ballot. OARP Vice-President Rodg Sillars (below) pauses during the tour of the new RTA car shops under construction to answer a question about the new facility.

photos: JOHN T. McCANN



ABOVE: OARP's Vice President, Rodg Sillars, who is employed by the RTA, was our host and tourguide.

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RIGHT: Kevin Gregoire addresses our meeting at Higbee's on Public Square. Kevin is President of the Massachusetts ARP and is a NARP Regional Director.



BELOW: OARP members and guests board Car 808 at the Green Road RTA Station just prior to departure of OARP's special charter over RTA's Light-Rail lines.

All photos on this page: MARK J. ADAMCIK





THIRTY-ONE of the fifty who attended our July 24th OARP Meeting and RTA Charter Trip posed for this group shot at the conclusion of the day's activities at the Green Road Station with Breda car #827.

photo: JOHN McCANN

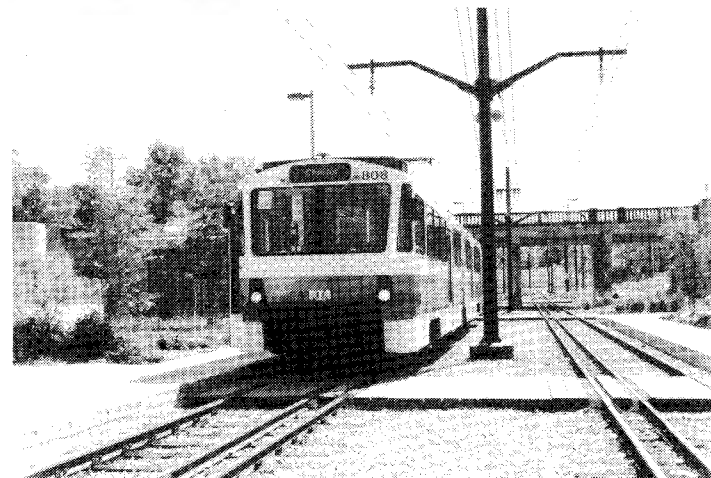
Generally, OARP can arrange for 3x5, 5x7 or 8x10 prints to be made of any of the photos which appear in "the 6:53". You would be responsible for the actual costs involved. Please contact your OARP President if interested.

[Lower Left] The front end of Breda car #827 makes it clear who's on board!

photo: JOHN McCANN

[Below] The first charter consist of the day, Breda Car #808 (with the malfunctioning air-conditioner in the front end) poses ready to receive its special passengers at the Green Road RTA Station. The "third" rail is actually a safety rail, not narrow gauge!

photo: MARK J. ADAMCIK



RTA

EXTENSION OF EXISTING AMTRAK SERVICES hold the most immediate promise for any chance of expanding rail passenger services in Ohio. Of prime concern to OARP would be extending the PENNSYLVANIAN from Pittsburgh to Cleveland and establishing a section of the LAKE SHORE between Cleveland and Cincinnati. Other possibilities are extending an EMPIRE CORRIDOR service train from Buffalo to Cleveland and the LAKE CITIES from Toledo to Columbus. And perhaps a MICHIGAN CORRIDOR run on from Detroit to Toledo and Cleveland to complement the LAKE SHORE/LAKE CITIES service. Any extended services may require Ohio funding. Therefore, we of OARP must be ready to work on our State Legislators. Some already support the concept of "interim" service, as ORTA puts it. Whatever the outcome of the High-Speed Issue, OARP must continue efforts to get Ohio moving on passenger trains.

JOIN OARP TODAY

Let's help get Ohio moving on passenger trains!

\$5.00

We are NOT another railfan club. We are rail transportation advocates! OARP is the voice of concerned Ohioans working for better passenger trains and rail transit.

We're over 700 strong and moving forward together for better trains in the 1980's. Won't you join 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

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LET'S HELP GET OHIO MOVING ON PASSENGER TRAINS!

Shortly after Labor Day, your OARP President will "sound out" with Amtrak contacts an idea which would get at least one daily Amtrak train running in Ohio's 3-C (Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati) Corridor as a section of the LAKE SHORE LIMITED. Making such a train part of an already existing, and relatively successful, long-distance route means that it will encourage long-distance as well as local travel. Stations at Cleveland and Cincinnati are already in service. Stations at Dayton and Columbus could be reopened without much difficulty. A new platform at Crestline and some renovation work at Middletown along with a new platform at Springfield would round out a minimal adequacy for enroute stops. If the climate appears favorable for this proposal, we'll rally our membership to help spur things along and help get Ohio moving on passenger trains!

Good news (maybe) on the proposal to extend the PENNSYLVANIAN from Pittsburgh on to Youngstown and Cleveland! At last report, Amtrak wanted the State of Ohio and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to jointly fund operation of the required inspection train over the proposed route. According to PennDOT's Don Bryan, it appears that Pennsylvania is willing to pay the entire cost for the inspection train which might run later this Fall. Pennsylvania, which subsidizes the PENNSYLVANIAN, looks on the Cleveland extension as a very important and positive move to help boost ridership on the whole route, thereby possibly reducing the overall subsidy required. Again, OARP can work locally to help get Ohio moving on passenger trains. It is still a question, however, as to WHY Amtrak asks inspection train reimbursement in some cases and not in others. Several years ago a Hoboken-Scranton inspection train was run at no charge to New Jersey or to Pennsylvania; yet shortly afterwards an Altoona-Pittsburgh "Fort Pitt" service inspection run was billed the Commonwealth. More recently, several New Orleans-Baton Rouge inspection trips were run at no charge to Louisiana, yet Amtrak wants payment for Pittsburgh-Cleveland. WHY the inconsistencies?

OARP member Paul S. Bunting of Fairless Hills, PA, is the Libertarian candidate for State Representative in Pennsylvania's 140th District which comprises Lower Bucks County. Good luck, Paul!

OARP has learned that Conrail's President L. STANLEY CRANE spent some time in Ohio the week of August 8th inspecting, among other places, the Honda plant facility near Marysville, the Columbus to Galion main line rehabilitation, and the former E-L Cleveland-Youngstown line. Meanwhile... Conrail has begun making noises about abandoning the former Amtrak NATIONAL LIMITED (ex-PRR mainline) between London and Dayton via Xenia. This is the last segment of the Pittsburgh to Indianapolis PRR mainline that has not yet been abandoned or downgraded to local freight status only. How the once mighty lines have fallen!

LOCAL OARP EFFORTS PAY OFF IN WARREN - TRUMBULL COUNTY AREA

On July 22nd the Board of County Commissioners of Trumbull County, Ohio, passed a resolution in support of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service for Trumbull County. Thanks to OARP member Scott Cameron and OARP Regional Coordinator Doug Hudson, both of Warren, Trumbull County residents are now more aware of the benefits of rail passenger service.

Scott Cameron manned a booth every Friday in July and August at Warren's "Noon In The Park" program. By August 6th over 1,300 signatures were collected on a petition to bring Amtrak service on from Pittsburgh to Youngstown, Warren and Cleveland. Cameron was assisted by Greg Griffith, Frank Kolacz, Ann Graora and Nancy Oliver. The OARP booth was featured in the July 4th Warren Tribune; then on August 3rd a second feature article spotlighted the OARP efforts for Amtrak service through Warren-Youngstown.

Cameron has also been successful in getting area merchants interested in the Amtrak potential. OARP calendars and materials have been distributed to several stores throughout Eastwood Mall. Cameron is slated to appear on WRRO radio regarding OARP and Amtrak. We really appreciate the fine continuing efforts by Scott Cameron, Doug Hudson and the others to help bring about improved and expanded Amtrak services to the Pittsburgh - Cleveland Corridor.

The Board of Trumbull County Commissioners also has supported passage of Issue 2.

We have VERY FEW of the CARDINAL BUMPERSTICKERS left! See last issue of "the 6:53" for ordering instructions. We're working on producing a new set of OARP promotional bumperstickers this Fall.

Early in July ORTA was forced to lay off seven of its 34 employees in order to balance its budget, cut back as a result of Ohio's financial woes. Board member Tom Pulsifer opposed the layoffs in a special July 7th Board Meeting.

The informal OARP Regional Meetings held in AKRON (July 6th) and COLUMBUS (July 10th) proved excellent forums for open discussion on State Issue Two. Eight attended the Akron Meeting, hosted by Howard Harding. Ten were at the Columbus Meeting, organized by Dave Lebold. State legislators Vern Cook and Pete Crossland attended the Akron Meeting. Your OARP President attended the Columbus Meeting.

Much of the opposition thus far to State Issue Two can be traced to one individual, Dr. Thomas H. Dudgeon, Ph.D. of Columbus. He publishes the Ohio News Service, a weekly political-government newsletter for Ohio business, industry and politicians. Dudgeon is known to have close ties with the Ohio Petroleum Marketers Association. He is also a member of Governor Rhodes' "kitchen" cabinet and a strong promoter of highway issues. Dudgeon has organized an opposition committee known as CART (Citizens Against Railroad Taxes) but it appears not to have much support outside of the circle of highway and petroleum promoters. A debate between Dudgeon and Rep. Arthur Wilkowski on Issue 2 is slated for late September in Columbus.

OHIO FIRM SELECTED •••• The Sherman R. Smoot Company, 907 23rd Street, Columbus, Ohio, has been awarded the contract to build Amtrak's share of a new intermodal rail passenger station on the Northeast Corridor at New Carrollton, Maryland. The new station will eventually replace the present stop at Capitol Beltway. The Smoot Company is one of the largest minority business firms in the United States. The New Carrollton Station is slated for completion in February of 1984.

The ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD EDITORS will hold its annual meeting this year in Williamsburg, VA, from October 5th thru the 8th. Your OARP President is a member of ARE, however, he will be unable to attend this year's Conference which is ARE's 60th annual meet.

OARP'S MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN SUBMITS LETTER OF RESIGNATION

OARP member John L. Kempton of Sandusky has asked to be relieved of his duties as OARP's Membership Chairman, effective with the date of OARP's Fall Meeting. In a letter to OARP President Tom Pulsifer, Kempton wrote: "I now have an additional part time job year round, along with the full time and the Summer Customs job. Therefore my time is more limited than when I took over membership chairman in the fall of 1979. I wish to tender my resignation as membership chairman of OARP effective with the fall meeting date. Although I'm resigning membership chairman, I wish to continue as Sandusky Regional Coordinator. Although unsung, I think my free painting, floor scrubbing, lightbulb changing and timetable stocking have made the Sandusky station a better place for railroad passengers than the paid personnel have provided. Letters to the editor and group rail trips have also helped local public awareness about Amtrak. I only wish we had more new local members."

In a letter to John Kempton, your OARP President has reluctantly accepted his resignation as Membership Chairman and, at the same time, praised him for the several procedural improvements he contributed to our membership handling system, especially for the alphabetical quarter system for renewals with its resulting predictability of revenues for OARP.

Our OARP Treasurer, Francine Planner, has indicated a willingness to take over the membership records duties along with the financial record-keeping. Fran has a background in both secretarial and accounting practices. This move will also mean a significant reduction in the time it takes to completely process new memberships and membership renewals. The appointment of Fran Planner as OARP's new Membership Chairwoman will be ratified by membership vote at our OARP Fall Meeting.

INCLUDE THE TRAIN IN YOUR UPCOMING TRAVEL PLANS
AND BE SURE TO URGE OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE

WE'D RATHER GO THE RAIL WAY!

OARP FALL MEETING / SEPT. 25

OARP RANK AMTRAK STATIONS USED
BY OHIOANS ACCORDING TO FY 1982
TOTAL RIDERSHIP THROUGH SECOND
QUARTER

TOLEDO	26,800
CLEVELAND	17,858
Indianapolis	17,308
Fort Wayne	11,209
Erie	5,849
CINCINNATI	5,803
LIMA	4,898
CANTON	3,647
ELYRIA	2,872
BRYAN	2,573
CRESTLINE	2,484
Huntington	1,823
SANDUSKY	1,471
Muncie	842
Tri-State Station (KY)	807
South Portsmouth	620
Richmond (IN) C&O	613
HAMILTON	596
Marion (IN)	538
Peru	422
Maysville	235
COLUMBUS (Ft. Leonard Wood Spl.)	148

Data: Amtrak/Marketing Dept.

According to our Lima Area Regional Coordinator, effective July 1, 1982, Conrail diverted all thru traffic off the Fort Wayne Division, through Lima, except for the following:

Amtrak #40 and #41

- 1 Piggyback train each way daily
- 1 thru freight each way daily
- 1 weekday local assigned Lima to Crestline one day, Crestline to Lima next day

Meanwhile, it is reported that Conrail is running freight trains "like streetcars" on its Lake Shore route west of Toledo. That's just fine until one train breaks down or derails and blocks the line for a day or two.

Word has belatedly been received of the death of long-time OARP member WILLIS NEUWIRTH of Lakewood, Ohio. Our sympathies to the family.

In an effort to help increase Amtrak ridership to and from the weakest station stop on the CARDINAL route, a local "rally" was held in Maysville, KY, at 7:30pm on August 20th. The event, held at Caproni's Restaurant adjacent to the Amtrak/C&O Depot, was organized and led by KyARP President Donald Maxwell and OARP member Craig Colley.

Your OARP President attended the organizational meeting of the newly formed INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS (to be known henceforth as IndARP) at Indianapolis on August 7th. The committee met at the suburban home of Philip McGeath and is planning a formal IndARP Meeting for late September.

Charles E. Short, P.O. Box 1666, Lafayette, IN 47902, is the chairman and prime organizer of IndARP. Membership dues are \$10/year with extra contributions most welcome to help defray expenses at this time of getting organized.

Amtrak's westbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED was detoured from Cleveland to Crestline to Chicago on Sunday, August 1st because of a Conrail freight train derailment at Amherst, Ohio, west of Elyria. #49 passed through Lima shortly after noon. The line thru Amherst was reopened in time for passage of the eastbound LAKE SHORE that evening. Local passengers were bussed between Cleveland-Chicago.

CLEVELAND-CHICAGO EXCURSION ANNOUNCED

VIP Travel Services, Inc. will run a 7th Anniversary Amtrak trip from Cleveland to Chicago October 30, 1982 and return on October 31st via the LAKE SHORE LIMITED. 150 spaces have been reserved. Price is not firm at press time, but will be slightly under \$100.00 per person, double occupancy. The trip includes: rail fare, Radisson Hotel in Chicago - 1 night, taxes, portorage for one bag, transfer of luggage only, escort services and the Sears Tower. Contact OARP member Al "Amtrak Al" Mladineo at VIP Travel Services, Two Terminal Tower, Cleveland 44113 or call 216-696-1755.

CAN YOU HELP ????????

Our POLITICAL AFFAIRS COORDINATOR, AL WOLF needs assistance in compiling information on the State and Congressional candidates for the November Election; i.e., where they stand on Amtrak, on State Issue Two, etc.

We'll put the information in a SPECIAL MAILING to reach you prior to the first of November.

BAGGAGE & EXPRESS

Your OARP President spoke before Dayton's Luncheon Optimist Club on August 9th

and showed the film on the new French TGV trains. His remarks prompted an interview with WAVI/WDAO radio and WDTN-TV2. OARP member Don Laird arranged for Pulsifer to speak to the organization.

In late June CBS' "60 Minutes" aired an excellent segment on high-speed passenger trains. On September 22nd, a special 90-minute episode of "Real People" (NBC) will be shown. It was filmed aboard Amtrak's SUNSET LIMITED and the EAGLE from Los Angeles to Chicago via San Antonio.

Through Toronto - Chicago Amtrak service (replacing the BLUE WATER) is supposed to start up at the end of October. A daytime run in each direction is planned.

A group of rail transportation advocates from all over the U.S. met in Las Cruces, NM, the weekend of August 21-22 for a RAIL PASSENGER CONFERENCE held in connection with the official release of Prof. Ronald Sheck's new study, "Amtrak 90: A Route to Success". A nice pro-Amtrak letter from OARP member Mrs. Henry Dodge of Bowling Green, OH, was printed in the June 24th Toledo BLADE.

Amtrak has signed a \$9 million contract with Breda to assemble 295 subway cars for the Washington Metro over the next three years. The cars will be assembled at Amtrak's Beech Grove facility in Indiana. Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes officially opened his "last" State Fair of his administration bedecked in a twill engineer's cap and red bandanna, drawing much attention to the gigantic model railroad display in the ODOT "Masheter" Building for the benefit of the press. At least he got people "thinking trains"!

NARP plans a display at the upcoming New Orleans Directors' Meeting in October featuring OARP's RAIL TRAVEL GUIDES and also photos of "OARP Night" at the Public Broadcasting "Festival" in Dayton last March to illustrate for members can get involved in local projects that bring publicity to the ARPs. Nancy Ross is coordinating the display. PennDOT recently got wind of OARP's RAIL TRAVEL GUIDES and, impressed with them, requested several copies. We know they are useful references!

NARP REGIONS 5 & 6 WILL HOLD JOINT MEETING

NARP Directors from Regions 5 & 6 have agreed to schedule their annual meetings jointly, next Spring, in Cincinnati. Of prime concern to both Regions is a re-establishment of Chicago to Florida / Gulf Coast Amtrak service. The Region 6 meeting was to have been held in Detroit.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR OARP MEMBERSHIP PROMPTLY. Save OARP the expense of preparing and mailing a 2nd reminder!

BAGGAGE & EXPRESS

OARP has learned that U.S. DOT Secretary DREW LEWIS

and his family journeyed from Chicago to Seattle via Amtrak's EMPIRE BUILDER on August 8th requesting treatment as "regular passengers".

It appears that the recently released Congressional Budget Office report critical of Amtrak subsidies will have little effect upon FY83 appropriations and will probably be forgotten by the time '84 comes around. It is significant that this report was released without any Congressional sponsorship. Government observers feel that this is unusual and shows the lack of support within Congress for the anti-Amtrak positions taken in the study. Want a copy? Write directly to: Congressional Budget Office, House Annex #2, Washington, DC 20515. Full title is FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE: AN ASSESSMENT OF AMTRAK.

The Eastern Rail Passenger Coalition met August 7th in Charleston, WV with 14 present. Most of the discussion centered on Amtrak's CARDINAL. Don Maxwell, President of KyARP, is also Chairman of the Coalition.

One-way Amtrak fare from Toledo to Detroit is now \$10.80 with NO round trip excursion discount. There are usually a lot of empty seats on the LAKE CITIES between Toledo and Detroit. Why doesn't Amtrak's Marketing staff "WAKE UP" and offer a special Toledo-Detroit round-trip fare to ENCOURAGE more people, families especially, to ride the train? You can make a nice day trip to Detroit and back on the present schedule.

Amtrak issued NEW SCHEDULES for the Northeast Corridor on August 1st. OARP can provide a copy if you send us a self-addressed business letter size envelope with 37¢ in stamps affixed. Amtrak's new Hammond, Indiana station is expected to open in late October. Hammond will be served by the Michigan Corridor trains, the LAKE SHORE, the BROADWAY/CAPITOL, the Valpo locals, and (after a special labor agreement is signed) the CARDINAL. Hammond station will serve a SMSA population of 643,000!

During the recent second U.S.-Japan Rail Congress in Tokyo, Sen. David Durenberger (R-Minn) and Rep. Adam Benjamin (D-Ind) secured commitments from the Japanese to fund studies of routes radiating from Chicago to Minneapolis-St. Paul and to Cincinnati. Routes to St. Louis and to Cleveland may also be studied. The Chicago studies are expected to get under way in about one year, according to a spokesman for the American High Speed Rail Corporation.

ALERT/ADVISORY: We've unfortunately received reports of autos being tampered with (batteries stolen) while parked at the River Road Amtrak Station in Cincinnati. And, OARP member Dave Shreiner had his 79 Olds stolen while parked for a weekend at Cleveland's Lakefront Amtrak Station. His car was later recovered minus many parts.

**OARP FALL MEETING
LIMA, OHIO**

at the Allen County Museum Auditorium

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 1982

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COST: \$10.00 per person includes luncheon, tax, gratuity, shuttle bus transportation, "coffee breaks", and will help defray miscellaneous expenses.

AGENDA/TIMETABLE:

- 10:00am - Registration, Displays, "Coffee Break" -- in Auditorium main floor, ALLEN COUNTY MUSEUM
Time to browse thru R.R. exhibits in Museum
- 11:00am - OARP MEETING/Part One
Welcome - Reports - OARP Business Meeting
- 11:40am - NARP CONCERNS
Input for upcoming NARP Directors Meeting
Discussion on Region 5 - Region 6 joint Spring meeting in Cincinnati
- 12:15pm - Board shuttle bus
- 12:30pm - LUNCHEON at the historic ARGONNE HOTEL in Lima
Menu: Roast Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Bread/Rolls, Beverage and Dessert.
- 1:30pm - Board shuttle bus, return to the Museum with a stop at the AMTRAK STATION enroute.
- 2:15pm - OARP MEETING/Part Two
STATE ISSUE TWO CAMPAIGN UPDATE - We expect to have a Campaign representative present at our Meeting to answer questions you may have.
"Coffee Break"
Discussion on various OARP Concerns
Award Door Prizes (donated items)
- 4:30pm - Adjourn.
- 4:30pm - (optional) GROUP TOUR to Lincoln Park Railroad Exhibit conducted by John H. Keller. Details will be announced at the Meeting. Visit the Lincoln Park depot (ex-DT&I Uniopolis, O.), cab of last NKP "Berkshire" built at Lima, interior of NKP Business Car and NKP Caboose. Guided tour.

BY PRE-ARRANGEMENT we will meet those coming in on #41-441 and get you back to the Amtrak Station in time for #40-440. Notify John Keller or Tom Pulsifer if you come on Amtrak.

DIRECTIONS: The ALLEN COUNTY MUSEUM is in the 6th block west of Lima's Public Square, on W. Market St. just west of Metcalf. Enter off Market St. and park in the large lot north of the main building. Use west entrance to the building and auditorium. Once you get to Lima from the south and east, take SR 309 / SR 117 into downtown. After passing to the south of Public Square (you'll be on Spring St.) watch for Metcalf and turn right, one block to W. Market and the Museum. Once you get to Lima from the north, take SR 81 into downtown. After you pass to the north of Public Square (you'll be on North St.) watch for Metcalf and turn left, two blocks to W. Market and the Museum. These are not the "short cut" directions, but they will let you follow numbered routes to within two blocks of the Allen County Museum, our OARP Meeting site.

ARRIVING IN LIMA BY GREYHOUND? -- Again, by pre-arrangement we will pick you up at the Bus Station. Contact John Keller or Tom Pulsifer in advance, please.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS, OFFICERS will coordinate car-pools on September 25th. Contact your nearest O or RC if you are in need of transportation or can take others with you.

AS WE GO TO PRESS... The J.O.B.S. (Issue 2) Campaign is in reorganization. Campaign Director Dennis Wojtanowski has resigned. The Los Angeles-based political consulting firm of Warn, Claussen & Glaub has been hired to raise funds, issue press releases, and produce and buy TV spots in support of Issue 2. The J.O.B.S. Office is at 81 S. Fourth St., P.O. Box 15957, Columbus, OH 43215. The phone number is 614-463-1414 and the office is staffed by volunteers at present.

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OARP has learned that the First Boston Corporation has been selected to arrange financing for the American High Speed Rail Corporation's Los Angeles - San Diego corridor system.

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We're not having a major guest speaker for our upcoming Lima Fall Meeting so that we will have more time to discuss OARP concerns and directions for OARP. This will give more of you an opportunity to participate. Plan NOW to attend and take an active role in your Association. And.... Your OARP Regional Coordinator does not owe you a free ride to and from an OARP Meeting! First; nothing is free. Second; your OARP Regional Coordinator is only asked to help coordinate ridesharing, not run a free taxi service. Be considerate of your fellow OARP members and cooperate so that things run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

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PLEASE NOTE / IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Advance reservations are necessary and MUST be received by SEPTEMBER 23rd. Requests for refunds will not be honored after SEPTEMBER 23rd. "Last minute" reservations may be phoned directly to John Keller at 419-224-9936. IF YOU MAKE A RESERVATION AND DON'T SHOW UP, AND YOU DIDN'T CANCEL OUT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 24th, YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO PAY YOUR \$10.00. THOSE WHO ATTEND WITHOUT MAKING ANY ADVANCE RESERVATION BY MAIL OR PHONE MUST PAY \$1.00 ADDITIONAL, OR A TOTAL OF \$11.00 AT THE DOOR. Your cooperation will help us run a smooth, successful meeting!

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