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Amtrak's CARDINAL lifts a dusting of snow from the roadbed as it whisks westbound near Maysville, Kentucky. The CARDINAL operates on a tri-weekly schedule and links Hamilton and Cincinnati, Ohio, with Chicago to the west and Washington-Philadelphia-New York City to the east.

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"Social mobility will be a key to the economic revitalization of Ohio and improved intercity transportation will certainly play a key role. Modern passenger train service, carefully integrated with other modes, can help meet our mobility needs. Let our proposal serve as an impetus for action on improved intercity transportation in our Buckeye State! Let's get Ohio moving on passenger trains!"

-- OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer speaking at our press conference in Columbus, January 21, 1983, officially releasing OARP Passenger Rail Transportation Plan for Ohio to the public and submitting it to Governor Celeste.

## OARP's FIRST MAJOR PRESS CONFERENCE TERMED THOROUGH SUCCESS

Thanks to considerable, careful advance planning and lessons learned from prior experiences in dealing with the media, OARP's first really major press conference came off smoothly and professionally. Although we originally had planned to release our OARP Passenger Rail Transportation Plan for Ohio at a mid-December press conference; last minute improvements to our Plan, delays in getting it printed, and consideration for the "Political Climate" led us to hold off until mid-January.

We held our press conference at 10:30am, January 21, 1983, at the Press Club of Ohio, 16th floor, 50 West Broad Street in Columbus. We held our conference there because OARP Pres. Pulsifer is a member of the Press Club of Ohio. We sent out 28 press releases which included a reprint from the November 6:53 concerning our Plan. For the conference we prepared 30 press kits, using our own OARP presentation folders, including information about OARP and, of course, a copy of the full Plan. Dave Lebold assisted with media contacts.

About 20 were present for our conference. Representatives were present from various radio stations, TV stations and newspapers, including Columbus bureaus of out-of-town papers plus the wire services. OARP President Pulsifer made a short introduction and welcome; then turned the conference over to Bill Hutchison and Howard Harding who gave a fine, concise presentation on the technical aspects of our Plan. Howard and Bill prepared an excellent summary chart and a large map with overlays which were referred to frequently during their presentation. Following the presentation, questions from the press were answered by the three participants. As expected, most questions dealt in some way with financing of our proposed system. Our conference lasted just a little over one-half hour. A handful of interested OARP members also attended, being notified by our regional coordinators who were kept informed about the upcoming event.

Following the conference, a complete copy of our Plan, with a cover letter, was personally delivered to the office of Governor Celeste. Copies were also delivered to the new director of the Ohio D.O.T. and to the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority Board (also meeting the same day).

Our thanks to ALL who helped make this event a success!

OARP's PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OHIO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION. A COPY WILL BE SENT TO YOU, POSTPAID, IN RETURN FOR A TWO DOLLAR (\$2.00) DONATION TO OARP WHICH WILL HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION. PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REQUEST DIRECTLY TO OARP, P.O. Box 653, XENIA, OH 45385.

We sincerely regret that we've had to raise the amount of the donation requested for our Plan. We decided to do this when we learned that one dollar would not even cover the per copy printing cost, let alone the postage charge. We do feel that the contents of our Plan makes it easily worth the \$2.00. We ask your understanding on this matter.

**QUESTIONS? COMMENTS!** Any person with specific comments or questions concerning OARP's Passenger Rail Transportation Plan for Ohio should get in touch with the two gentlemen who labored long and hard to write and coordinate the preparation of our proposal:

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5851 South Ridge West  
Ashtabula, OH 44004  
(216) 969-1634

J. Howard Harding  
489 Overwood Road  
Akron, OH 44313  
(216) 867-5507

**AND, AGAIN, OUR THANKS!** Not just to Bill and Howard, but to ALL who had a hand in our OARP Proposal and with the press conference on January 21st in Columbus, and this includes: Don Holloway, John Pawson, Mark Adamcik, Dave Lebold, Tom Pulsifer, Jim Stevenson, Greg Thorson, Paul Woodring, Nancy Popeko and Patty Harding ... and the varied input contributed by numerous OARP members at meetings and by mail. WE THANK YOU ALL!

OARP continues to make AMTRAK timetables available to our members who cannot otherwise obtain copies. For a copy of Amtrak's NATIONWIDE TIMETABLE (form A) please send us a self-addressed stamped business letter size envelope with 54¢ (20+17+17) in postage affixed. For a copy of Amtrak's EAST-MIDWEST folder (form 7) showing all trains serving Ohio, please send a SASE with a 20¢ stamp affixed. We also have a quantity of Northeast Corridor METROLINER wallet card schedules available and will include a copy with one of the other timetables if you ask for one. Our present supply of Amtrak form A schedules is limited. We regret that, at this time, we cannot supply these to anyone in any quantity. We hope to be able to get additional quantities in the near future.

Address your timetable requests to OARP, P.O. Box 653, Xenia, OH 45385.

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**WILKOWSKI LEGISLATES DEATH OF ORTA . . . . . AGAIN !!**

As OARP expected, the new 115th General Assembly had hardly taken their seats when Rep. Arthur Wilkowski (D-Toledo) introduced House Bill 6 to abolish the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority. H.B. 6 is very similar to H.B. 1051 which Wilkowski introduced in mid-November (in the lame duck session of the 114th G.A.) and which died in the Ohio Senate.

A hearing was held on H.B. 6 in Rep. Healy's Economic Affairs & Federal Relations Committee on January 19th. Once again, your OARP President testified in opposition to the bill. The next hearing is slated for January 26th, as this issue of the 6:53 is going to press.

OARP opposes H.B. 6 and you should contact your State Representative and State Senator and urge them to oppose it. Governor Celeste has not yet had adequate time to establish administrative policy on rail transportation. To do away with ORTA at this time would erase seven long hard years of built up expertise and resources. Because Ohio was one of the first states with a separate rail transportation agency, the loss of ORTA would certainly prove an embarrassment to Ohio. It is not the right time to do away with ORTA when so many other states are moving forward in rail passenger service planning. It is time to retain ORTA and, hopefully, let our new Governor set the future course on rail transportation development in Ohio.

OARP OFFICERS & REGIONAL COORDINATORS WILL BE KEPT INFORMED BY YOUR OARP PRESIDENT ON H.B. 6 DEVELOPMENTS ---- PLEASE UTILIZE THESE CHANNELS OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Amtrak's Board of Directors has authorized the Corporation to proceed with plans to commence auto-ferry service between the Washington, D.C. area and Florida late in calendar year 1983. Analyses conducted by Amtrak management demonstrate the feasibility and potential profitability of such service, and the positive impact on connecting parts of the Amtrak system. Amtrak estimates that a combination of daily service during peak periods and tri-weekly service during off-peak periods would result in significant profit and a reduction in the Corporation's operating deficit. The auto-ferry service would serve an estimated 140,000 passengers annually.

Amtrak's Board of Directors has approved an agreement with the American High Speed Rail Corporation, a firm which plans to build a 160mph passenger train system between Los Angeles and San Diego. The agreement, which has already been ratified by AHSRC gives AHSRC license to operate passenger train service between the two cities. By law, Amtrak holds exclusive rights to intercity rail passenger service in the United States and is, therefore, necessarily involved in any high speed intercity rail operation. AHSRC's projected Los Angeles-San Diego service is the only such proposal that has progressed to a point where an Amtrak licensing arrangement is needed in order to enable the project to move forward.

TRAVEL THE RAIL WAY AND RELAX !!

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## ORTA's BOB CASEY NAMED HEAD OF PENNSYLVANIA RAIL COMMISSION

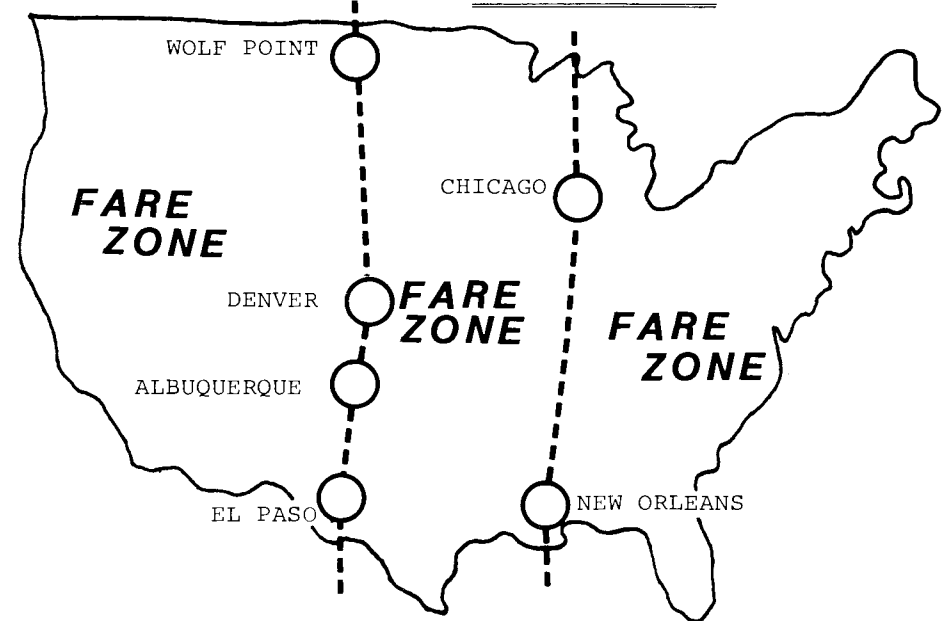
Ohio's loss is Pennsylvania's gain. Robert J. Casey, who has served as Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority since 1980 was named January 12th as the Executive Director of the new Pennsylvania High-Speed Intercity Rail Passenger Commission. Casey will be in charge of studies on the financial and technical aspects of proposals to build an all-passenger 150 mph railroad between Philadelphia - Harrisburg - Pittsburgh using technology similar to the high-speed trains now operating in Japan and in France. Bob Casey will assume his new post on February 14th and will receive \$40,000 annually. The Commission was created by the Pennsylvania legislature only six months ago. A successor to Casey at ORTA has not yet been selected. Ms. Jolene M. Ritchlin is ORTA's Deputy Director.

According to Pennsylvania state Rep. Richard A. Geist (R) of Altoona, Casey was among 34 applicants for the job. Five finalists were interviewed before the panel narrowed the field to Casey and Maryland's state railroad administrator, Charles H. Smith. Geist remarked, "I'm more than pleased with the selection of Casey. He can come right on board and literally be right up to speed with his experience on the federal level, in Ohio, and with the (High Speed Rail) Compact states." Casey presently serves as Executive Secretary of the five-state High-Speed Rail Compact (OH-PA-MI-IN-IL) which promotes the high-speed rail passenger system concept and fosters interstate rail links in eventual construction.

Bob Casey served from 1973 to 1975 as Executive Director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers and worked for Amtrak in public relations from 1975 until 1980 when he came to ORTA. Casey holds a bachelor's degree from Kent State University and received his law degree from Youngstown State University. OARP takes this opportunity to wish Bob Casey our "good luck and best wishes" in his new post in Pennsylvania!

A special ORTA Board Meeting will be held in Columbus on February 11th at which time a successor to Bob Casey is expected to be announced. The regular February ORTA Meeting will be the 25th.

## SAVE \$\$\$\$ WITH AMTRAK'S NEW ALL ABOARD FARES NOW IN EFFECT

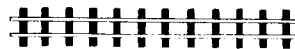


Amtrak's brand new "ALL ABOARD FARES" took effect February 1, 1983, and will be in effect through April 30, 1983. If you buy your "ALL ABOARD FARE" ticket on April 30th, you can still use it for up to 30 days after that so you can extend your travel savings into May! "ALL ABOARD FARES" allow a maximum stay of 30 days and allow two stopovers in addition to the final destination. Connections between trains do not count as stopovers.

America has been divided into three zones (see OARP's sketch map above). Within one zone, maximum round trip fare on the "ALL ABOARD FARE" will be \$125.00 (child \$62.50). For travel within TWO zones, the adult maximum RT fare will be \$225.00 (child \$112.50). For cross-country travel, within THREE zones, maximum RT fare for adults is \$299.00 (child \$149.50). These fares apply to COACH travel only.

ADDITIONALLY... if you buy three round-trip "ALL ABOARD FARES" to FLORIDA, you can get a rental car for one week FREE. If you buy two round-trips to FLORIDA there is an option of either three days free rental, or a \$25.00 charge for rental for the entire week. If you have six round-trips to FLORIDA, you get a station wagon free as the rental car. Please consult your Amtrak ticket agent or authorized Amtrak travel agent for full details on the "ALL ABOARD FARES" and the special rental car deal in Florida.

AMTRAK PUT NEW PACKAGE EXPRESS RATES INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 1 INCLUDING PICK UP & DELIVERY SERVICE AT 58 CITIES NATION-WIDE INCLUDING CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO IN OHIO. CHECK WITH YOUR AMTRAK AGENT FOR FULL DETAILS.



## 1983 TRAIN CALENDAR

Convenient 9 x 12 size features full-color photo of Amtrak's BROADWAY LIMITED at Lima; whole year at a glance.

**SEND \$1.00  
DONATION to  
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OF RAILROAD  
PASSENGERS  
P.O. BOX 653  
XENIA, OHIO 45385**



FORMER "NATIONAL LIMITED" ROUTE  
CONTINUES TO DISAPPEAR

Three major segments of Amtrak's former NATIONAL LIMITED route between Dayton and Indianapolis are expected to be ripped up in the next few months. A 24 mile segment between Cambridge City and Charlottesville, Indiana, is already gone.

Next to go are abandoned segments between Dodson, Ohio, and Glen (Richmond), Indiana, 24 miles; also between Newman (Richmond) and Cambridge City, Indiana, 17 miles. A segment within the city of Dayton, from Miami City Jct. to Stillwater, a distance of 4 miles, is expected to be abandoned and pulled up sometime after the Chessie (B&O) rebuilds its line between Stillwater and South Dayton. Chessie operates over the Conrail line between Dayton and Dodson in order to reach its own line to Arcanum and Greenville, Ohio.

The three line segments were once part of the Pennsylvania Railroad's fast passenger mainline between Pittsburgh and St. Louis. There is nothing that can be done to prevent these segments from being pulled up unless they can be purchased. And the State of Ohio has no available money for railbanking such properties.

OARP members have seen company gondola cars moved recently to West Manchester, Ohio, in readiness for loading ties and rail. Conrail's recently upgraded then abandoned "Cincinnati Northern" line will also be ripped up between Germantown and Meekers, Ohio, a distance of 46 miles.

We've been unable to get out for a field inspection of these line segments recently, but hope to do so soon. We'll try to have some photos for an upcoming 6:53.

More rail lines lost forever.

Your OARP President met with NARP Executive Director Ross Capon on December 2nd in Washington and discussed, among other things, the new NARP brochure (see Nov. 82 6:53). Ross agreed to some of Pulsifer's suggestions for improving the brochure and reported that revisions would be made later in 1983 when the brochure is reprinted.

It appears that more and more smaller Ohio cities and towns are losing public transportation links. OARP member David Shreiner of Millersburg reports the Greyhound service through his home town, to Columbus or Canton, has disappeared. "You can't get there from here by public transportation" is sadly a true statement in more and more localities.

ORTA MOVED ? ? ? ? ?

Not yet. OARP's 1983 CALENDAR lists ORTA's new address at 51 North High St., but the move (expected in December) has been put on "hold". The move to smaller quarters would reduce annual rent by about \$30,000, according to ORTA's Director Bob Casey. ORTA is, at this writing, still in the State Office Tower at 30 E. Broad Street, Suite 3414. Their telephone number is 614-466-5816.

HOW IS AMTRAK LISTED IN YOUR PHONE BOOK? Your OARP President recently took a look through twenty-one West Central Ohio area telephone directories to see if and how Amtrak was listed. He turned up some surprises in just ONE-THIRD of the books he checked.

Amrine Ronald 148 N Main..... 834-2827  
**AMSTUTZ & HEDGES ELECTRIC**  
 6431 State Rte 203..... **494-2279**  
 Amtrak  
 Intercity Rail Passenger Service Passenger Station  
 Union Station  
 Columbus..... 224-0440  
 Amvets Post 104 377 London Rd..... 369-7912  
 Amway Home Products  
 7800 Brigner Rd Mechanicsburg..... 828-1235

The DELAWARE-PLAIN CITY book has Amtrak still listed at old Union Station in Columbus. Amtrak ended service in Columbus in 1979 and old Union Station bit the dust two years earlier.

The current COLUMBUS white pages has absolutely NO LISTING for Amtrak; not even the "800" number!

In the COVINGTON-PLEASANT HILL area, Amtrak pays extra for a bold listing for Dayton Union Station. Again, Amtrak service at Dayton, along with the ticket office, ended in 1979.

Amick Garnet 320 N Pearl St..... 473-2707  
**AMOCO OIL FARM & HOME SERVICE**  
 Office & Plant Front & Markwith  
 Greenville O..... **548-1816**  
**AMTRAK**  
 Passenger Station 130 W Sixth St  
 Dayton O..... **228-3070**  
 Amvets Post 66 W US St Rt 185..... 473-3197  
 Amway Products 439 E Broadway..... 473-2129

RICHMOND, Indiana, has Amtrak service (the CARDINAL); but, you guessed it, there is NO MENTION AT ALL of Amtrak in the current RICHMOND white pages!

**AMOCO TRUCK PLAZA**  
 6901 US Rt 40..... **437-2861**

Amstutz Neal & Nancy  
 3154 Eaton-Gettysburg Rd..... 456-3572  
 Amtrak  
 Information & Reservations..... 800 621-0317  
 Passenger Station 130 W 6th Dayton..... 228-3070  
 Anders James D 640 McGuire Rd..... 452-1508

In nearby EATON, Ohio, Amtrak IS listed in the current book; but along with the "800" number the ghost of the NATIONAL LIMITED is once again in evidence. How many people will be misled with erroneous listings such as this?

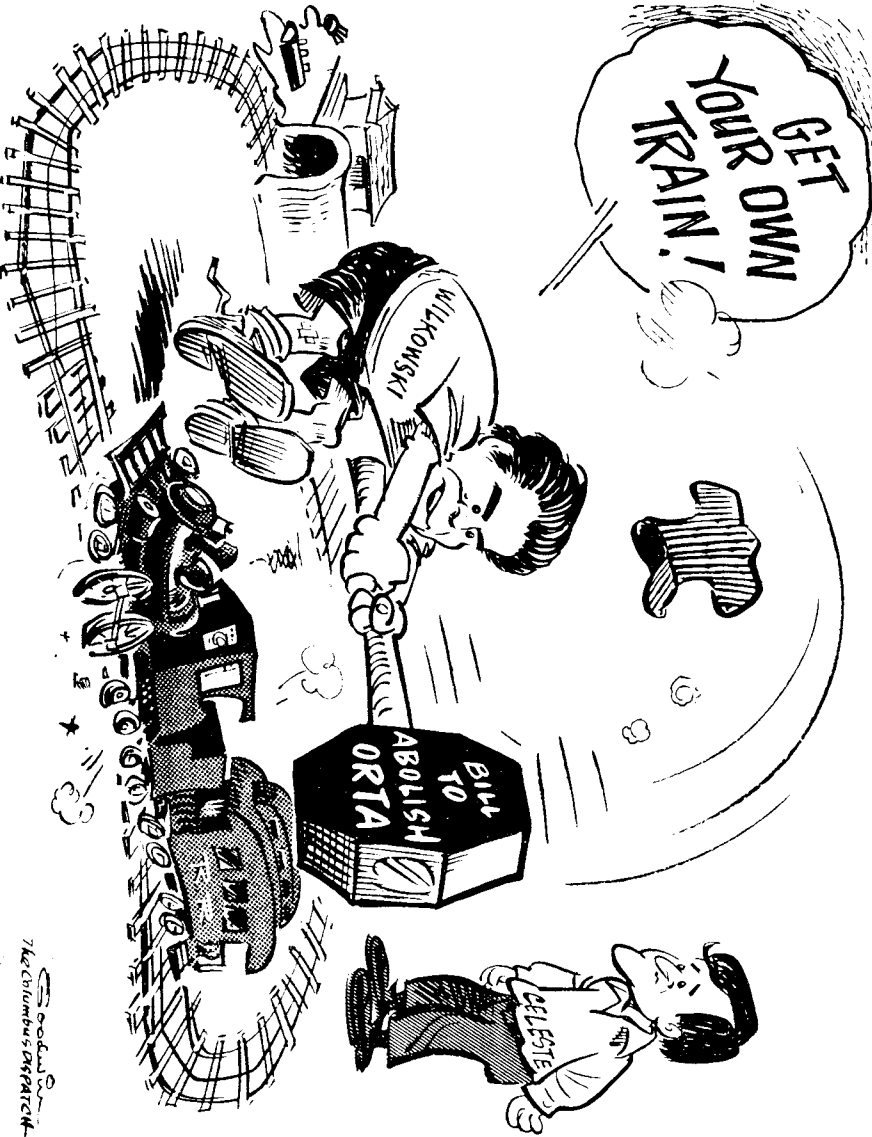
The TROY-TIPP CITY book also shows the "800" number and leads people to believe that Amtrak still serves Dayton.

Amstutz Robert Lee 2400 Ross Rd..... 667-2996  
 Amstutz Kenneth D 2265 Seneca Dr..... 335-4658  
 Amtrak  
 Information & Reservations  
 Toll Free-Dial '1' & Then..... 800 621-0317  
 Passenger Station 130 W 6th Dayton..... 228-3070  
 Amway Distributors 5215 Studebaker Rd..... 667-8244  
 Analog & Digital Peripherals Inc 815 Diana Dr..... 339-2241

Your OARP President has prepared a letter and more complete documentation of what he has discovered and has sent this to Amtrak's M. L. Clark Tyler and William Norman. If seven out of twenty-one phone books selected at random have erroneous listings, and Amtrak does pay for all these listings, think of this rate of error applied all across America! We do feel Amtrak should not only have accurate listings, but it should also be getting its moneys-worth from whoever places all their listings. On the plus side, it IS good these days to see many telephone books in "off-line" cities carry the toll-free "800" number so at least you CAN reach Amtrak very easily. This is especially good for people who have never before traveled on Amtrak.

OARP President Tom Pulsifer will propose two adjustments to OARP's Regional Coordinator system be approved at the MARCH 19th OARP Meeting in Cincinnati. He wishes to appoint CRAIG COLLEY as Ohio Valley R.C. and shift RON GARNER over to work with MIKE WEBER as Cincinnati R.C.'s. Craig lives near Portsmouth and is a very active train travel promoter.

courtesy of THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH, Columbus, Ohio, January 10, 1983.



"LET'S GET OHIO MOVING ON PASSENGER TRAINS" bumper stickers clearly state a prime goal of OARP. We'll send you one, postpaid, for \$1.00 and if you want more, after the first one, they're 50¢ each. Make your check payable to O.A.R.P. and mail to OARP, P.O. Box 653, Xenia, OH 45385. Our bumper stickers feature white lettering on durable dark blue vinyl. Order yours TODAY!

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS REPORT -- BY AL WOLF The Ohio General Assembly reconvened during the first week of January. I would appreciate any information as to how your legislators voted on rail and transportation-related issues. I'd also appreciate hearing how members of the Ohio delegation are voting in the U.S. House of Representatives. Some of you are represented by brand new representatives and others have changed because of redistricting. Please send me any newspaper clippings, copies of letters, etc., or just a note. Thank you for your past help!

TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT ----- BY AL WOLF Plans are proceeding for OARP's 10th Anniversary which will be held at the CHRISTOPHER INN, 300 E. Broad St., Columbus, July 15-16, 1983. We are tentatively planning a social hour and dinner on Friday evening which will kick off our celebration. The majority of the events will take place on Saturday the 16th. PASSENGER RAIL ADVOCATE AND FORMER AMTRAK PRESIDENT PAUL H. REISTRUP WILL BE OUR FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER!

We are also arranging a "mini-workshop" on the ins and outs of working with your elected legislators and will have a professional lobbyist as our guest leader. OARP will handle reservations for Saturday's activities, but room reservations will be the responsibility of the individual. Room rates at the Christopher per night are \$35 for one person and \$39 for two with one double bed. Rates for King-size beds are \$39 for one or two persons. State and local taxes totalling 9.5% will be added to the room rates. The Christopher is holding a block of rooms for OARP members and we do suggest you make your reservations early. Room reservations may be made by phone by calling (toll-free) 1-800-282-9349. Members wishing to write may send their request to: The Christopher Inn, 300 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Be sure to mention that room reservations are in conjunction with OARP's 10th Anniversary Meeting. We recently received word that Amtrak will donate up to \$100.00 worth of door prizes for this 10th Anniversary! More details concerning our 10th Anniversary will be announced in the next 6:53. I am attempting to schedule another meeting of the Anniversary Committee for either February 12th or 19th, to be held in the Xenia or Springfield area if possible. Contact me ASAP if you wish to help on this committee.

UPCOMING OARP MEETINGS	SPRING	MARCH 19	CINCINNATI
	ANNUAL	MAY	WARREN
SUMMER/OARP 10TH ANNIVERSARY	JULY 15-16		COLUMBUS
	FALL	?	?

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# 1983 OARP COLOR TRAIN CALENDAR

OARP's 1983 CALENDARS are GOING FAST! Our 1983 CALENDAR features a full-color photo of Amtrak's westbound BROADWAY LIMITED/CAPITOL LIMITED at Lima, Ohio, during a daybreak thundershower. The black-and-white version reprinted at the right does not do it justice. Our photographer is Willie Davis of Lynchburg, Ohio. Our OARP 1983 CALENDAR is printed on heavy white stock and measures 9" by 12", with a hole drilled at the top for easy hanging. In addition to the whole-year-at-a-glance, and of course the attractive color photo, our CALENDAR features handy information including; Amtrak local station phone numbers, Amtrak regional sales and marketing office phone numbers, Amtrak reservations and information hotlines, the Ohio legislative information hotline, and ORTA's address and phone number. Our OARP CALENDARS have become increasingly popular with each year that we have produced them. We know that you will be pleased with them. ORDER YOURS TODAY!



1983 OARP CALENDARS: 1/\$1.00 2/\$2.00 3/\$3.00 4/\$4.00  
 5/\$5.00 10/\$6.00 15/\$7.00  
 20/\$8.00 25/\$9.00 30/\$10.00 40/\$11.00 50/\$12.00  
 60/\$13.00 75/\$14.00 100/\$15.00

We've structured the CALENDAR prices to cover our costs and also make it easier for OARP members to order quantities to distribute to family, friends, associates and agencies.

We will ship your CALENDAR(S) postpaid in an envelope by first-class mail for best service to you. Please order your CALENDARS in the quantities and at the prices shown in the above table. If you want more than 100, please contact your OARP President directly for a specific quote.

Our ads in Ohio Magazine, Passenger Train Journal, Lima Enterprise and in Rail Travel News really pulled a lot of orders this year. We are very pleased with the response. We also received quite a few orders from mention of our CALENDAR in other ARP newsletters including NARP NEWS. Best of all, several persons who ordered our CALENDAR responded to our brochure (sent along with each order) and joined OARP!

We had 4000 calendars printed this year and we estimate we have only about 800 remaining! GET YOUR CALENDAR(S) TODAY!

OARP 1983 CALENDAR ORDER FORM		(Jan 6:53)
name _____		
address _____		
city/state/zip _____		
quantity _____	amount enclosed _____	
Make checks/money orders payable to: O.A.R.P.		
We do not advise sending cash through the mail.		
Please allow 2 weeks for processing and shipping your CALENDAR order. Thank you!		
MAIL TO: OARP CALENDARS		You may duplicate this form on a copier if you do not wish to tear up your "6:53".
P.O. BOX 653		
XENIA, OH 45385		
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**LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY TO BE SENT TO EVERY OHIO OARP MEMBER**

Your OARP President firmly believes that a prime priority for OARP in 1983 is to improve our contacts with our own Ohio General Assembly. It is very evident that some of our state legislators are woefully ill-informed about existing Amtrak service in Ohio and of the benefits of IMPROVED rail passenger transportation services.

To this end, OARP has ordered 2000 copies of the excellent LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY published by Lawhead Press of Columbus. Lawhead publishes and personalizes these excellent reference tools for many Ohio organizations. The DIRECTORY also includes Ohio's Congressional Delegation. The DIRECTORIES cost us about 9¢ each. The front panel will be personalized with OARP's name and address. We expect the DIRECTORIES to be ready at the end of February at which time we will mail copies to all OHIO OARP members, the rest being available for distribution at meetings, etc. and to any other persons by request.

**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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**Given to Celeste**

**Rail passenger plan proposed**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Plans for quickly upgrading rail passenger service in Ohio at a fraction of the cost of an ill-fated Nov. 2 ballot issue were delivered to Gov. Richard Celeste by a private group Friday.

The proposal, drafted by the Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers, would expand three existing Amtrak routes to eventually serve all cities of at least 30,000 population.

It would be built in a series of phases using current technology, with new routes added depending upon ridership and available funding.

Thomas Pulsifer, association president, said it could eventually lead to creation of an electrically powered network of high-speed trains. But the \$2.4 billion price tag would be far below the \$11.5 billion plan voters rejected last year.

Limited passenger service is now provided by Amtrak on three routes that cross parts of Ohio. The first phase of the association plan would expand those routes, with service beginning in less than a year.

Routes would include:  
— Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-

Cincinnati, three daily round trips;

— Detroit-Toledo-Cleveland-Youngstown-Pittsburgh, three daily round trips;

— Detroit-Toledo-Columbus, one daily round trip;

— Extension of a section of Amtrak's "Maple Leaf" to Cleveland from Buffalo.

— An additional round trip between Cleveland-Columbus and Columbus-Cincinnati.

Additional routes would be added in phases depending in part on the demand for service.

Eventually, the three existing Amtrak routes would grow to nine lines interconnecting most Ohio cities with each other and with cities in surrounding states.

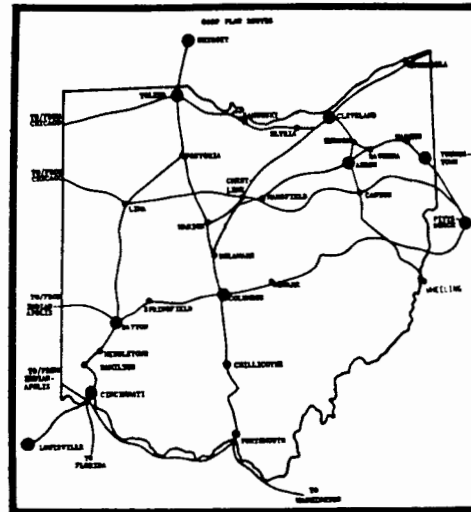
"Each of these nine routes would provide a minimum of three daily round trips in addition to existing services," the group said in its proposal.

Cities linked by the complete route structure would include:

Toledo, Fostoria, Marion, Delaware, Columbus, Chillicothe, Portsmouth, Lima, Dayton, Springfield, Middletown, Hamilton, Cincinnati, Newark, Crestline, Mansfield, Sandusky, Elyria, Cleveland, Ashtabula, Hudson, Akron, Ravenna, Canton, Warren and Youngstown.

The group said funds for the project could come from the federal government, Ohio and other states involved, and from local communities.

Although the price tag of the total system would be \$2.4 billion, the group said costs of the first phase alone could range from \$26 million to \$32 million, depending on the level of federal participation.



**PROPOSED RAIL SERVICE** — The Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers delivered its plan to Gov. Richard Celeste Friday to upgrade Ohio railroads. The proposal, shown above, would expand existing AMTRAK routes to eventually all cities of at least 30,000 population. (AP)

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Ashtabula, Ohio  
January 22, 1983*

HERE IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE GOOD NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF OARP'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN COLUMBUS ON JANUARY 21, 1983 ON THE RELEASE OF OUR RAIL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

**ELIZABETH DOLE SUPPORTS AMTRAK!**

OARP has just learned that Elizabeth Dole, recently nominated to be

the new Secretary of Transportation, appeared January 26th before the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee, chaired by Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.). During the two hours of questioning by the Committee Mrs. Dole did give support to Amtrak and the need for "a solid (rail) passenger service" in America. She also supports deregulation of transportation industries, including trucks and airlines. She is expected to succeed Drew Lewis Feb. 1st.



OARP's ( MBUS REGIONAL COORDINATOR  
SPEAKS AT AMTRAK NIGHT PROGRAM

OARP's Dave Lebold spoke about OARP and what we do at a recent AMTRAK NIGHT program in Columbus. The program was sponsored by Allways Travel of Upper Arlington (3360 Tremont Rd.) and was held at the University Hilton on January 19th at 7:30pm. Pamela L. Allen is the manager of Allways Travel, Inc. Featured on the program was Amtrak regional sales manager Fred Frayer of Cincinnati. He spoke about Amtrak and showed an Amtrak film. About 65 attended the AMTRAK NIGHT program. Dave also contacted several of our Columbus area OARP members about the event and we had 13 members in attendance. Dave also arranged a small display of OARP brochures and newsletters, Rail Travel Guides and 1983 calendars. Dave also reported that Allways Travel is strongly interested in our "TRAM" (TRavel Agency Member) program and in making our handy Rail Travel Guide available to their Amtrak customers.

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YOU can also get involved, not just in OARP's behalf, but also to help advance the cause of improved social mobility by modern passenger rail transportation. YOU can get to know your area travel agents. Many of the agencies hold "open house" and perhaps they will let you prepare a small display of OARP materials.

It will greatly help OARP help YOU if you do not wait until the last minute to request help and materials. Those who carefully plan ahead will generally always achieve the best results. Don't always let opportunities come looking for you. Take the initiative and go looking for them. You and OARP will be better for it.

WATCH FOR OUR MARCH 6:53 TO REACH  
YOUR MAILBOX BETWEEN MARCH 1 - 4.

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WATCH FOR AMTRAK ADS....

As part of Amtrak's new \$20 million ad campaign watch for "spread ads" in the following publications:

BLACK ENTERPRISE  
EBONY  
ESSENCE  
JET  
LIFE  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
NEWSWEEK  
PEOPLE  
SOUTHERN LIVING  
SUNSET  
TIME  
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT  
USA TODAY

....and watch for the Amtrak TV "spot" during the "Final Episode of M\*A\*S\*H" which appears on Monday, February 28th from 8:00-10:30pm on the CBS network.

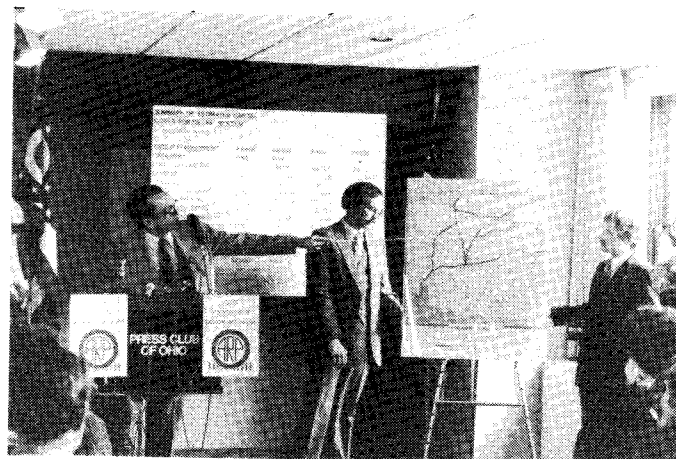
PBS-TV aired the "NOVA" program on High-Speed Rail Passenger Systems on December 14, 1982 in most areas of the country. Although your OARP President had talked by phone last year with "NOVA" Producer Ted Bogosian in Boston, and ORTA's Bob Casey was flown up to Boston to film a ten-minute segment of the "NOVA" program, the program did not even mention Ohio's involvement in planning for high-speed trains.

PAUL H. REISTRUP

will be the guest speaker at OARP's TENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, JULY 16th, at the Christopher Inn in COLUMBUS, O.

OARP RELEASES ITS PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OHIO AT THE PRESS CLUB IN COLUMBUS ON JANUARY 21, 1983!!

----- photos by OARP member John T. McCann



Howard Harding (L.) and Bill Hutchison (M.) present a summary of our PLAN to the press. OARP member Paul Woodring (R.) assists Bill with the large map overlays outlining the proposed rail passenger service routes in the five development phases of our PLAN.



TV cameras from two Columbus stations record footage as OARP President Tom Pulsifer opens the Press Conference at The Press Club of Ohio in downtown Columbus.

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## ELIZABETH DOLE NOMINATED BY REAGAN TO HEAD USDOT

President Reagan has nominated Elizabeth Dole to succeed USDOT Secretary Drew Lewis who resigned to become chairman and CEO of Warner Amex Cable Communications, Inc. Mrs. Dole, 46, is wife of Sen. Robert Dole (R-KS) and is a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Law School. She has most recently served as a top White House aide and is regarded as a staunch supporter of Reagan's policies. OARP understands Mrs. Dole has no background to speak of in transportation. One of our Washington sources indicates to us she will probably maintain the administration's present attitude on Amtrak. Her husband knows what happens when passenger train services are taken away. He received tons of mail two summers ago when Amtrak discontinued the "Lone Star" through part of Kansas.

We have recently received word of the death of longtime OARP member CHARLES BAUER of Cincinnati. Our sincere sympathies are extended to the family.

Your OARP President wishes to take this opportunity to thank all who sent Holiday-time cards and greetings.

WE NEED GLOSSY B&W PHOTOS (we can use slides too) TO USE IN UPCOMING 6:53's. WE CANNOT PAY BUT WILL GIVE YOU CREDIT. CAN YOU HELP?

Amtrak has reported increased revenues and chalked up a 79.1% on-time record in fiscal year 1982, the best in its 11-year history. Ridership fell by 7.6% during the year, however, Amtrak officials noted that total corporate revenue increased from the previous year by about \$51.5 million.

Amtrak officials have predicted that rail passenger traffic in FY83 should increase 10% or more and that corporate revenue should increase by about 22%.

Amtrak has also requested that the Federally mandated 110mph top speed on parts of the NEC be increased to a 120mph top speed in 1983.

Amtrak has also begun a new marketing campaign on the conviction that Amtrak is a major first-class transportation system which can be compared favorably with all alternative transport modes. A new slogan, ALL ABOARD AMTRAK, replaces the now retired "America's Getting Into Training". The new slogan is positive, single-minded and memorable. Amtrak conducted a research study to examine traveler's preferences and perceptions about all modes of transportation, including Amtrak. The results indicated six major characteristics people want from a carrier: an extensive national network, modern equipment, solid on-time performance, strong on-board amenities, fast and convenient reservation and ticketing systems, and a stable and reliable organization. The "new look" in advertising and sales promotion will position Amtrak strongly as a major competitor and convince the traveling public that Amtrak provides those things that make passenger train travel the better alternative.

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JOIN & SUPPORT YOUR OARP TODAY!

"As we consider proposals to modernize our transportation infrastructure, we must not overlook the tremendous potential for the development of high speed rail systems. Such systems could act as a catalyst for reindustrialization, increased employment and economic growth. Clearly, Congress should consider innovative technology transfer and financing mechanisms to stimulate private and public involvement in high speed rail technology."

-- Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kansas) quoted in LABOR, January 12, 1983.

Several of OARP's "activist" members have requested that we continue to make available individual Washington office addresses and telephone numbers of our Ohio delegation to Congress. This is especially handy to use if you are in Washington and have time to call on several of our representatives.

The DIRECTORY which Lawhead Press is printing for us lists the Congressional delegates' DISTRICT offices.

We will make available as soon as we can a separate Washington directory of our Ohio delegation. Watch the 6:53 for details.

TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE SOCIAL MOBILITY  
BENEFITS OF MODERN PASSENGER TRAINS!!

ATTENTION! OARP is asking interested members for input on IMPROVEMENTS TO URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN OHIO, to tie in directly with our emphasis on INTERMODALISM in our recently released PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OHIO. Bill Hutchison and Howard Harding feel strongly that this is of sufficient importance at this time that it can either be added to the planned appendix to our PLAN or issued as a supplemental report.

Please channel your input to either Bill (5851 South Ridge West, Ashtabula, OH 44004) or to Howard (489 Overwood Road, Akron, OH 44313). Those who contribute constructively will get due credit when the appendix or supplement is published. People who have been to European cities KNOW WELL that intermodalism DOES WORK. It CAN also work in Ohio and in America. OARP can help push for better intermodal transport... with YOUR assist!

OARP members are encouraged to use OARP's own RAIL TRIP REPORT FORMS to advise us of both the good and the not so good aspects of your train travels. We use these reports to keep tabs on needs for service improvements as well as to pay compliments when service is "above and beyond".

We'll send you 4 RAIL TRIP REPORT FORMS if you'll send OARP a self-addressed business letter size envelope with a 20c postage stamp affixed.

Several of our members who travel quite a bit are very faithful in filling out these reports and sending them in to us.

We thank you for helping OARP in this way!

OARP POSTCARDS

#1 - Amtrak's CARDINAL, westbound, crosses Okeana Trestle in Butler County, Ohio, on a bright midwinter day. (Photo by OARP member W. Mike Weber)

#2 - Amtrak's LAKE SHORE LIMITED and LAKE CITIES prepare to depart Toledo, Ohio, on a hot midsummer morning. (Photo by OARP member John T. McCann)

We're asking a 10¢ donation for each full-color postcard in any quantity. Send your request directly to OARP, P.O. Box 653, Xenia, OH 45385. Indicate how many you want of each postcard. Order them for your collection or for correspondence.

OUR THANKS to David B. Marshall, John McCann, Carl & Fran Planner, Manfred Orlow and Tom Pulsifer who staffed our OARP display on Thanksgiving Weekend at the Dayton R.R. Show. Over 3500 attended the two-day event. We sold our calendars, bumper stickers and postcards and signed up a couple of new members. Our new table-top display piece proved quite effective, with HO models of two typical Amtrak trains on the two display tracks. We also attracted people with our continuous slide presentation on OARP activities and Amtrak trains.

The Toledo-based "T.R.A.I.N." organization (Tell Reagan Amtrak Is Needed), formed in 1981 to help save the Amtrak system from the Reagan Administration's budget axe-wielders, has been dissolved and the remainder of their treasury (\$58.01) has been donated to OARP. OARP member Bill Herndon was their chairman and OARP member Willard Edson was treasurer. "T.R.A.I.N." was perhaps best known for its prominent information display in the waiting room of Toledo's Union Terminal which was staffed daily by volunteers at Amtrak train times.

YOU CAN HELP KEEP YOUR OARP STRONG & HEALTHY!

RENEW YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP PROMPTLY!

BRING IN NEW MEMBERS!

"APRIL IN TORONTO" RAIL TRIP SET!

Our good friends BILL & RUTH FUEHRING (14026 E.C.R. 34, Bellevue, OH 44811, phone 419-483-6235) will conduct a three-day (April 22-24) tour to Toronto utilizing VIA RAIL (Windsor-Toronto-Windsor). Trip is sponsored by the Mad River & NKP R.R. Society of Bellevue. Cost for adults is just \$90 based on double occupancy, single is \$115. Act now. Space is limited.

FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION, INC. has recently been organized to preserve, protect and foster a better understanding of one of America's last great train stations. An attractive informational brochure is available, including membership information. Please write to FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION, INC., 2405 West Vernor, Detroit, MI 48216.

A NEW AMTRAK STATION AT ANN ARBOR, Michigan (on Depot Street immediately west of the old depot), is to be dedicated on January 29th. The new station was funded jointly by Amtrak and by Michigan DOT. The Michigan ARP provided assistance throughout the development effort of the project. A "Community Open House" is planned at the new facility throughout the weekend of January 29-30. The station is served by seven daily Amtrak passenger trains.

BAGGAGE & EXPRESS

Word received from along Amtrak's LAKE SHORE LIMITED route is that the famous twin-unit dining cars formerly assigned to the BROADWAY LIMITED are being refurbished and will be permanently assigned to the LAKE SHORE. The four twin-unit diners are undergoing head-end power (HEP) conversion at Beech Grove, Indiana, along with twenty 10-6 sleepers, three 11 room sleepers, six hi-level diners, and a handful of baggage cars.

IndARP reports that Conrail has removed the remaining track on the former SOUTH WIND route between Clermont and Clymers (Indianapolis-Logansport), in central Indiana.

OARP understands that Conrail will soon begin single-tracking of the Bucyrus to Valparaiso portion of the route of Amtrak's BROADWAY LIMITED/CAPITOL LIMITED. Along with the trackwork, changes will be made to the signals. This is the former Pennsylvania Railroad Pittsburgh to Chicago mainline which Conrail has downgraded by sending almost all of the through freight traffic up onto the LAKE SHORE route where the trains run like streetcars, fast and frequent.

Amtrak is now at work converting and refurbishing several DOME COACHES for service on both the CAOTOL LIMITED and the CITY OF NEW ORLEANS. The CAPITOL LIMITED route is especially scenic between McKeesport, PA, and Harpers Ferry, WV. The eastbound train covers this territory in daylight. You get a nice look at rural America close up on this train and we recommend it!

Judging from the OARP RAIL TRIP REPORT FORMS that members turned in on recent Holiday-season train trips; there appears to be very little to complain about. We think that that's significant. It means that Amtrak is really trying hard to provide the best possible service for its passengers. Although most of the Amtrak trains serving Ohio were running "sold out" during the peak Holiday travel period, it appears there were few serious delays and the on-board service was generally very good. Several noted the recent IMPROVEMENTS in the food service and had very favorable comments both on the quality of the food (much more palatable) and quality of the service. OARP member Judy Gray reported that at midnight, New Years' Eve, on the BROADWAY/CAPITOL champagne was broken out in the Lounge Car and there was much merrymaking to celebrate!

Mike Weber reported that the CARDINAL did exceptionally well over the Holidays, with passenger loads of 300+ on many days. A high count of 580 was reported on the CARDINAL out of Alexandria on one night! The stops at Oxford were mediocre, but plans are being made for stops there again during the Spring Break at Miami University. We hear reports from West Virginia that the new CARDINAL stop at Montgomery is doing better with at least 3-4 passengers on and off on every trip.

Remember, YOU can help keep OARP informed on rail passenger developments in your locality. If we don't hear it; we can't report it.

## CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL MALL IN TROUBLE

Cincinnati's historic Union Terminal, converted into a shopping mall several years ago, is facing a tough survival test. Initially there were about 70 tenants in the development, mostly small specialty shops. Only about three dozen remain at this time and some of the remaining tenants admit they are looking elsewhere. The City of Cincinnati leases the structure to Columbus developer Steve Skilken for \$1.00 a year. Skilken has admitted there are problems to be worked out with the C.U.T. project, but remains optimistic that things will improve. Merchants point out that the general economy has not helped matters. OARP understands that the City is still committed to preserving C.U.T. Returning Amtrak to C.U.T., a move supported by both OARP and by Skilken, would put more people into the Terminal, but so far Amtrak has remained non-committal pending resolution of what route is developed between Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

## NICK NOE IS NARP CANDIDATE

OARP/NARP member Nicholas W. Noe of Indianapolis has advised us that he WILL be a candidate for the NARP Region 6 Board of Directors, representing Indiana. Indiana has no representation on the NARP Board at the present time.

Statements from ALL Region 6 NARP Board candidates will be included with the MARCH 1983 6:53, in the mail about Mar. 1.

## TAKE AMTRAK FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER.



Amtrak's Boston-bound AEM-7 powered New England Metroliner passing the museum-bound GG-1 on the historic Hell Gate Bridge.

Amtrak's 1983 calendar, pictured here, is now available.

This year's calendar features another beautiful painting by artist Gil Reid, from a series done exclusively for Amtrak.

The calendars are \$3.50 each. Or you can get 2 for \$6.00 and 3 for \$8.00. Calendars for 1980, 1981 and 1982 are also available at the same price.

To order, make checks payable:

Amtrak Calendar  
P.O. Box 311  
Addison, IL 60101\*

\*Allow 2 weeks for delivery.

OARP has learned that a key segment of Chessie's Toledo-Cincinnati main line, the former CINCINNATIAN route, between Deshler and Toledo is to be downgraded and possibly abandoned. The Chessie now prefers to route most of its freight trains from Deshler over to Fostoria, then north to Toledo via the C&O line and Walbridge Yard. CSX Corp. says it plans to downgrade or abandon about 5,000 miles of its rail system over the next several years!

Meanwhile, OARP has just learned that a pre-abandonment inventory was made during December of most of the C&O line between Cottage Grove and LaCrosse, Indiana. This is the current CARDINAL route through East Central and North Central Indiana.

## PRELIMINARY PLANS FORMULATED FOR REGIONS 5 & 6 NARP MEETING

NARP Directors Howard Harding and Don Maxwell have announced preliminary details for the joint NARP Region 5 and Region 6 Meeting which will be held March 19 & 20 at the Holiday Inn on West 8th Street in Cincinnati. Amtrak's JAMES LARSON and BILL GALLAGHER will be participating. Amtrak's Bruce Heard, plus Tennessee Congressmen William Boner and Albert Gore have all been invited to participate. The NARP Meeting will focus on one topic -- restoration of Midwest - Gulf Coast & Florida Amtrak service. The Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers will hold its SPRING MEETING from 10:00am-11:30am on March 19th, prior to the banquet and formal NARP session.

### AGENDA: SATURDAY, MARCH 19th

- 10:00am - OARP Meeting
- 12:00nn - Banquet with guest speakers, NARP President Jack Martin will chair the program.
- 4:30pm - Brief discussion on what service improvements are likely to be made for access to Worlds Fair in New Orleans in 1984.
- 5:00pm - Announcement of NARP Regional elections (everyone will vote by mail this year) Watch for the MARCH 6:53!
- 6:30pm - Dinner (optional) and Roundtable discussion on state concerns in Regions 5 and 6.
- 8:00pm - NARP COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1) Route selection & scheduling  
2) Equipment needs and service implementation  
3) Political action

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20th

- 8:30am - Region 5 Meeting
- 10:00am - Committee reports and discussion
- 12:00nn - Summation and draft outline of report to be submitted to the NARP Board in April.
- 1:00pm - Guided tour of Cincinnati Union Terminal (if there is interest)

### REGISTRATION FORM

mail to: W. MIKE WEBER  
14 Joywood Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45218  
???? call 513-851-7959

I AM ENCLOSING \$15.00 (per person) for the Saturday MEETINGS and the noon BANQUET.

Meals on SUNDAY are on your own.

I am enclosing an EXTRA \$10.00 (per person) for the SATURDAY EVENING DINNER (optional)

Deadline: MARCH 16th

Requests for refunds will NOT be honored after March 16th.

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK/M.O. PAYABLE TO: O.A.R.P.

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