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OARP PRESIDENT TESTIFIES AT FRA HEARING ON THE CR "PANHANDLE"

OARP's President Tom Pulsifer was one of ten persons testifying against Conrail's attempts to downgrade the important Pittsburgh - Columbus "Panhandle" mainline at a Federal Railroad Administration hearing on June 6, 1983. The hearing, which was attended by about forty persons, was held in the Federal Building at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus. Two other OARP members were in the audience. OARP had already filed a written statement with the FRA, on March 21st, in regards to the application by Conrail to retire track and signals no longer required for present operation on this line. Pulsifer's testimony on June 6th addressed two points as an expansion of OARP's previously submitted testimony (reported in the May issue of "the 6:53"). Your OARP President was the only person addressing potential use of the Panhandle mainline for future intercity rail passenger service. He submitted to the FRA, for the record, a copy of OARP's Passenger Rail Plan substantiating that this particular line must be considered for future intercity rail passenger service. He also submitted for the record a copy of a letter to OARP from Ohio Governor Celeste concerning our Rail Plan. The hearing opened with a 45-minute presentation by Conrail's Vice President/Operations, Richard Hassleman which included overhead projector slides of various statistics, data, maps and charts attempting to justify CR's proposed reduction of tracks and signal facilities along a major segment of the Pittsburgh-Columbus line. All who testified spoke against Conrail's obvious downgrading of this line "under the apparent guises of 'safety' and 'present operation'". Not one person upheld Conrail's petition. At the end Mr. Hassleman was permitted a rebuttal period, during which he became somewhat nasty and slightly abusive, hurling a few four-letter words at the audience!

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"Fixed rail facilities on a major, direct intercity line, such as the Panhandle, should be preserved intact for near- and long-term future transportation requirements as Ohio and the other Great Lakes/Northeast States gradually come back from the present economic recession. To allow Conrail to downgrade the Panhandle mainline based on a temporary condition of present operation appears to be a clear waste of a potentially viable transportation resource. "We do not tear up lanes of highway just because the traffic count goes down. We do not tear out airport runways when the number of flights decreases. We do not rip out loading docks and spur tracks into our major industries just because no cars are switched for a short period of time. What we could lose will be very difficult or perhaps impossible to rebuild at a time when these fixed rail facilities will once again be needed to fill intercity transportation requirements. "I urge that this Application (BS-Ap 1941) be thoroughly investigated before any more Conrail mainlines are lost forever."

--OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer in testimony before the Federal Railroad Administration, June 6, 1983, Columbus, Ohio.

"PANHANDLE" HEARING (continued)

He even threatened, "if we can't cut the second track and the signals, then we might just abandon your line and see how you like that!"

It became very obvious that ALL Conrail cares about at this point is making a profit. It also became very obvious that making a profit as a system does not necessarily mean providing or maintaining adequate rail transportation service or fixed facilities on any given line!

Even the FRA hearing officer admitted, as he adjourned the 2½ hour session, that it was one of the more lively hearings he'd attended!

The others who testified represented county commissions, the rail unions, chambers of commerce, Conrail employees, and a representative of Congressman Douglas Applegate.

Pulsifer's testimony addressed the passenger issue and also asked for a definitive definition of present operation, which, as we know, in this case was deliberately set up by Conrail so as to justify downgrading the Panhandle mainline.

A complete copy of Pulsifer's testimony at this FRA hearing may be requested from OARP. Please enclose a business-letter size self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to expedite processing.

OARP IS NOW INCORPORATED WITH OHIO'S SECRETARY OF STATE

On June 1, 1983, OARP filed articles of incorporation - not for profit, with Ohio's Secretary of State, Sherrod Brown, under Sections 1702.01 et seq., of the Ohio Revised Code. On June 8th OARP was notified that the organization has been certified as incorporated - not for profit. OARP's President is designated as statutory agent. The \$25.00 fee came out of OARP's treasury.

OARP is methodically working on tax-exempt status with the IRS. This means we will probably have to put anything construed as "lobbying" activities under a separate umbrella, but this can easily be set up. It also means that, as an exempt organization, we will be able to receive donations which others can take off from their taxes. In other words, it makes giving to OARP more attractive. It will also qualify us for lower postage fees and with strong rumors that postage will increase in 1984, it appears that we're acting at the right time.

Incorporation as a not for profit organization was necessary before the IRS will even consider granting tax-exempt status. OARP member Manfred Orlow of Dayton and attorney Bill Ogden of Cincinnati have been working closely with your President on these matters.

An update on this will be presented at the OARP business meeting as part of the July 16th TENTH ANNIVERSARY event. Our bylaws will have to have some minor revisions and these will be presented for your consideration at our FALL MEETING where we will have more time to deal with the situation.

AMTRAK OFFICIAL COMPLAINS TO OARP PRESIDENT . . . . .  
. . GETTING TOO MANY LETTERS REGARDING LAKE SHORE LIMITED!

In the May issue of "the 6:53" we suggested that OARP members and "6:53" readers who wanted to complain about the worsening train time of the eastbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED at Cleveland write letters to Amtrak's Group VP/Passenger Services and Communications, Mr. M. L. Clark Tyler. Shortly after "the 6:53" was mailed, your OARP President received a phone call from Mr. Tyler's office. Apparently Mr. Tyler was not too pleased to be receiving so many letters in protest of the change in the LAKE SHORE's schedule.

It is also apparent that all the letters are doing some good. A schedule readjustment for the LAKE SHORE LIMITED, with a possible renaming of the train the CENTURY LIMITED, may be considered for the late October timetable change. OARP has also received a call from Sen. Howard Metzenbaum's office concerning the poor Amtrak train time at Cleveland so we know they, too, are concerned. Your OARP President suggests that letters on this matter be directed to Mr. Robert E. Gall, Vice President/Transportation Marketing, Amtrak, 400 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. OARP is also aware that, regardless of who you write to at Amtrak about the LAKE SHORE schedule, you are likely to get the same response; i.e., the same letter over various personal signatures. OARP will be considering a formal resolution over the LAKE SHORE schedule situation at our Midsummer Meeting late in the afternoon on July 16, 1983.

OARP CONTACTS AMTRAK SUPERVISOR OVER CONDITIONS AT SANDUSKY

At the suggestion of OARP Regional Coordinator John Kempton of Sandusky, your OARP President contacted Thomas Jensen who is Amtrak's District Supervisor of Stations and Passenger Services. He has jurisdiction over the Sandusky Amtrak station where, according to John Kempton, light bulbs had been burned out or broken since Winter. With the eastbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED now coming through Sandusky after midnight, we felt strongly that waiting passengers deserved much better after-dark conditions. We wish to report that Mr. Jensen has responded to OARP assuring us that the lighting conditions have been taken care of. Along the same lines, OARP had received a complaint from a passenger that the waiting room at Hamilton, Ohio, was not unlocked one day, prior to the arrival of Amtrak's CARDINAL. We did check this out and found that this situation does not normally occur. We found that the regular Chessie personnel at Hamilton have been very cooperative in taking care of the Amtrak waiting room and watching out for the safety of the Amtrak passengers.

When using the unmanned Amtrak stations in Ohio, keep OARP informed (through our regional coordinators if possible) if you encounter problems. We will work with area Amtrak personnel to see that problems are corrected.

COLUMBUS-CINCINNATI RAIL EXCURSIONS OARP received the information too late to publicize in our May "6:53", but we understand the Ohio Railway Museum ran two sold-out diesel-powered passenger excursion trains on June 11 and 12 between Columbus and Cincinnati via the B&O route. We hear they may run these excursions again Labor Day weekend. For information send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ohio Railway Museum, Box 171, Worthington, OH 43085.

THANKS TO OARP MEMBER BOB VAN WORMER OF KENT, OHIO, FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION OF TWO CARTONS FULL OF PASSENGER RAILROADIANA (mostly timetables) FOR OARP'S GROWING ARCHIVES.

OARP's fully-staffed display was very visible at the TRAIN MEET held at Akron's Quaker Square on June 4th and 5th. We have already signed up three new members as a result! We thank David B. Marshall of Springfield for taking OARP's materials and display booth to and from Akron and working the show both days; and to Paul Woodring for arranging for the space at the TRAIN MEET. Our thanks also to our volunteer workers that weekend; Dave & Donna Shreiner, Harold Wolff, Howard Harding, Mark Adamcik and Al Mladineo.

"AMTRAK AL" MLADINEO and 'ROUND THE WORLD TRAVEL of CLEVELAND have put together two RENO EXTRAVAGANZA AMTRAK TOURS (from Cleveland) AUG. 20-27 and SEPT. 17-24. Cost per person: single \$426, twin \$389, triple \$382. Stay at Reno's Eldorado Hotel. Package includes Gray Line tour to Tahoe, Sears Tower visit in Chicago. For complete information we suggest you call "AMTRAK AL" at 216-432-2233 very soon!

#### OARP COORDINATORS MEET WITH AMTRAK PRESIDENT GRAHAM CLAYTOR!

On Wednesday, May 18th, OARP Regional Coordinators W. Mike Weber of Cincinnati and John K. Wilson of Hamilton met with Amtrak's President W. Graham Claytor, Jr. as Claytor waited to board the eastbound CARDINAL at Cincinnati's River Road station for a trip back to Washington. Main topic of discussion was getting Amtrak back into Cincinnati Union Terminal. Claytor stated he was interested in returning to CUT, that he saw obvious benefits. But he was cognizant of the present difficulties with the CUT developer. Claytor said he would need a commitment from the City of Cincinnati for a reasonable three- to five-year arrangement; and that Amtrak could not be responsible for all the heat and utilities at CUT if the development of the Terminal fell through. On the 1st of August the three year period will be up for the Skilken organization, the present developer, and it appears that most of the present tenants will leave. OARP's Weber and Wilson have been busy contacting City of Cincinnati officials, including the Mayor, in efforts to help get Amtrak back into CUT. As luck would have it, the afternoon that Mr. Claytor rode the CARDINAL, River Road Station was PACKED with passengers! Autos were having trouble even pulling in to drop off passengers! Departure was delayed 18 minutes!

OARP PRESIDENT TOM PULSIFER WAS HONORED recently by both the Ohio Senate and by the Interstate High-Speed Rail Compact. The Ohio Senate adopted a resolution by Senators Robert Boggs and Harry Meshel recognizing Pulsifer for his public service as a member of the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority. The Compact, at its recent Spring Meeting in Chicago, passed a resolution commending Pulsifer for his continuing efforts on behalf of rail passenger service and for his enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Interstate High-Speed Rail Compact.

#### LATEST AMTRAK RIDERSHIP FIGURES FOR THE TRAINS SERVING OHIO: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE...

data courtesy of Amtrak

	Mar1982	Mar1983	Apr1982	Apr1983	FY 1982	FY 1983	change
CHI-DET-TOL	31,761	28,121	34,969	34,960	233,932	204,114	-12.7
B'DWAY/CAPITOL	21,576	19,622	21,766	23,177	142,076	133,535	- 6.0
CARDINAL	8,266	5,561	8,668	8,057	25,076	39,401	+57.1
LAKE SHORE LTD	26,209	28,248	27,365	32,210	174,485	188,676	+ 8.1

CORRECTION: We reported on page 21 of our January 1983 issue of "the 6:53" that Conrail had removed the remaining track on the former SOUTH WIND route between Clermont and Clymers, Indiana. Not so, reports Conrail (thanks to Dick Simons of Marion, IN). The track is still in and the line is mainly used for movements of grain trains.

OARP member SCOTT CAMERON of Warren recently spent some time visiting Great Britain riding quite a few BritRail trains. Hearing that their prototype of the APT (Advanced Passenger Train) was parked in York, he visited that city. Several BritRail people told him the APT had been scrapped because it never functioned properly. But, while walking on a road next to a railyard, Scott spied the APT covered with blue tarp! He says BritRail is very embarrassed over the APT and wishes to hide it away. Scott managed to get a color photo of the tarp-covered APT.

OARP has learned that President Reagan has nominated Ms. Jane Holt to succeed Reginald Gilliam on the Interstate Commerce Commission. Gilliam resigned from the ICC to join the presidential campaign of Ohio's Senator John Glenn. Gilliam is known by OARP to be an advocate of improved rail passenger service! He served as Vice-Chairman of the ICC.

TRANSPORTATION, as a main issue, will be discussed at a future Great Lakes States Governors Conference. This was told to OARP by OhioDOT Director Warren J. Smith in response to a letter to Governor Celeste from OARP President Pulsifer requesting that intercity rail passenger service be discussed at the 1983 Conference held in Cleveland in May.

The National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) is conducting a SPIRIT OF CALIFORNIA advertising campaign similar to the campaign conducted last year to boost ridership on Amtrak's CARDINAL. California's new Governor Deukmejian has called trains "exotic transportation schemes" and has shifted his budget emphasis over to "proven priorities of safe, well-maintained and efficient highways." OARP's California counterpart, CITIZENS FOR RAIL CALIFORNIA is working hard to help save the SPIRIT and other Amtrak 403-b trains.

THE CINCINNATI RAILROAD CLUB WILL SPONSOR two special passenger excursions between CINCINNATI and DANVILLE, KY, on SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, with N&W's steam locomotive #611. The fare is expected to be under \$40.00. For information and order form send a stamp or a self-addressed business-letter-size envelope with 20¢ postage affixed to: "611 SPECIAL", CINCINNATI RAILROAD CLUB, c/o J. Haap, 9221 Tag Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. CRRC specials are usually sell-outs. Plan early!

AMTRAK HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT AUTO-FERRY TRAIN SERVICE THIS FALL BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON, DC, AREA AND FLORIDA. DURING A RECENT 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AMTRAK RECEIVED 1,500 LETTERS AND RECORDED COMMENTS; 99% OF WHICH FAVORED THE PROPOSED SERVICE. IN ADDITION, AMTRAK HAS A WAITING LIST WITH MORE THAN 400 PERSONS WHO WISH TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS ON THE NEW TRAIN AS SOON AS A START-UP DATE AND OTHER DETAILS ARE ANNOUNCED. IT WILL OPERATE ON AN OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE THREE TIMES A WEEK DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS AND DAILY IN PEAK SEASONS.

OARP has learned that the newly developed British Rail Engineering/Leyland RAILBUS will soon be tested by the Western Reserve Transit Authority in Youngstown, Ohio. WRTA Executive Director Scott Sussman indicated that if the BRE/Leyland RAILBUS is found feasible it will be tested on existing Youngstown & Southern tracks linking a major shopping mall with the city center. BRE/Leyland and WRTA both feel the RAILBUS would be a major contributor to the economic redevelopment of the Youngstown downtown area.

The AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, on May 24th, did a front-page article about OARP's RAIL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OHIO. Copies of this PLAN are still very much available from OARP for \$2.00 per copy plus .71 for postage.

Rep. Richard A. Geist of Altoona, PA, has become the third Chairman of the Interstate High-Speed Rail Compact. Geist served as founding Chairman of the five-state organization in 1981-82 and is currently Chairman of Pennsylvania's High-Speed Intercity Rail Passenger Commission. Geist stated that first priority will be to press for Federal legislation recognizing the Compact and to seek Federal support.

Please note that our MANSFIELD AREA REGIONAL COORDINATOR, RICHARD A. FRY, has moved. His new address is: 59 Chilton Avenue, Mansfield, OH 44907. His phone is 419-886-2875.

From mid-June until the end of August the weekday runs of Amtrak's WOLVERINE will be detoured from Kalamazoo to Chicago via Elkhart and South Bend instead of via Niles and Michigan City. This will permit a longer uninterrupted workday for Amtrak crews to do needed trackwork on the 80 miles of Amtrak-owned line between Kalamazoo and Porter. The other 3 Michigan trains and all weekend trains will run via the normal route.

OUR THANKS TO ALL OARP MEMBERS who have been writing letters to Amtrak in protest of the awful eastbound LAKE SHORE train time at Cleveland (1:49am!) and in protest of the loss of Western connections from the CARDINAL at Chicago (the CARDINAL misses connecting with the S.W. LIMITED by 5 minutes!).

## AMTRAK'S "ALL ABOARD AMERICA" FARE PROGRAM IS EXTENDED . . . . . . . BASIC FARE INCREASE AVERAGES LESS THAN THREE PERCENT

On June first Amtrak increased its basic rail fares by an average of slightly less than three percent, carrying out Amtrak's goal of raising fares periodically to keep pace with inflation. The increase does not affect the rates recently announced for the popular ALL ABOARD AMERICA FARE, a special summer promotion which ties savings to advance purchase of tickets. The ALL ABOARD AMERICA FARE, which is good for travel between June 1 and September 30, 1983, allows passengers to make a round-trip in any one or more regions of the U.S.A. for a set maximum rate: \$175 for one region, \$225 for two adjoining regions, and \$299 within all three regions. Fares for children 2-11, accompanied by an adult, are half the adult fare. Reserved seats at the special discounted rate will be limited and tickets for the entire itinerary must be purchased five days before departure. The fare will not be valid for purchase of sleeping car accommodations during the very peak June 24 - August 21 period.

Complete details on the ALL ABOARD AMERICA FARE, as well as other Amtrak train, fare and reservation information, are available from Amtrak authorized travel agents or by calling the toll-free Amtrak number listed in many telephone books. In Ohio, call 1-800-621-0317. In Cincinnati call 579-8506. In Cleveland call 861-0105. In Toledo call 243-1084.

Amtrak's Chicago - San Francisco train, the newly renamed CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR, continues to detour over its former route through southern Wyoming. Massive earth slides brought on by heavy precipitation in eastern Utah have blocked the D&RGW Railroad right-of-way in the area of the Spanish Fork River, near Thistle. In order to adhere to the new schedule, the train will hold at Denver and Ogden for two to three hours before proceeding. For the duration of the temporary detour, Amtrak is providing daily bus service between Denver and Salt Lake City protecting the D&RGW route station stops. While the train is on the detour route, it will stop at the former stops of the SAN FRANCISCO ZEPHYR along that route although enroute manned stations are now not staffed. The Borie - Cheyenne shuttle bus is still operating for CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR passengers. Check with Amtrak for information updates.

Amtrak's Board of Directors has approved the construction and testing of prototypes for a new generation of single-level intercity railroad passenger cars. Original design work, begun in June 1982, is nearing completion. The prototypes, two sleeping cars and one dining car, will be placed in revenue service to test their customer acceptance and mechanical reliability. The cars are expected to be ready for testing late in 1985, and revenue testing and design concept evaluation would then proceed for a period of approximately two years. During that test period, any design deficiencies or unsuccessful passenger amenity concepts would be modified appropriately before more cars are produced. The prototypes will be assembled at Beech Grove.

### OHIO'S "3-C CORRIDOR" LISTED IN RAILROAD TRACK-REPAIR BILLS!

Congressman Silvio Conte (R-MA), who is ranking member of the Appropriations Committee; and Congressman Bob Edgar (D-PA), who is a member of the Public Works Subcommittee have each introduced bills which would fund track improvements badly needed to make Amtrak's, and certain other, services faster and more efficient.

Conte's bill, H.R. 1509, would authorize \$300 million to maintain, restore, rehabilitate and improve various rail roadbeds and facilities. Edgar's bill is H.R. 1727. Both bills will improve passenger rail tracks and put many unemployed persons back to work. Lines eligible for track and station improvements include: Los Angeles-San Diego, Oakland-Sacramento-Bakersfield, Dallas-Temple-Houston, Chicago-St. Louis, CHICAGO-CINCINNATI, Chicago-Detroit, CLEVELAND-COLUMBUS-CINCINNATI, Washington-Richmond-Williamsburg-Newport News, New York-Buffalo, the Inland Route between Boston-Springfield-New Haven, and the Northeast Corridor.

OARP URGES YOU TO WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN IN SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF IMPROVING PASSENGER RAIL ROUTES AND PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK, CITING H.R. 1509 and H.R. 1727 AS EXAMPLES OF LEGISLATION WORKING TOWARDS A BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

The trustees of the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority (Dayton area) voted 5-3 on June 16th to renew a \$1.4 million offer to purchase a 12-mile abandoned railroad right-of-way extending from downtown Dayton through Oakwood and Kettering to suburban Centerville. This right-of-way is being considered for a light-rail transit line or as a busway route. Several OARP members in the greater Dayton area have been actively involved in promoting the acquisition of this right-of-way for a light-rail transit line.

**OARP ADVISES:** Most Amtrak trains will be running at or close to peak capacity this summer, especially with the extension of the popular ALL ABOARD AMERICA FARE plan. We encourage you to put the train in your travel plans; but we strongly advise that you make your travel plans and reservations early to avoid problems and possible disappointments.

THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED JUNE 16th AN \$11.3 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BILL WHICH INCLUDES \$3.2 BILLION FOR URBAN TRANSIT AND \$720 MILLION FOR AMTRAK, \$58 MILLION MORE THAN THE ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED.

The entire CINCINNATI-INDIANAPOLIS "Shelbyville" rail line will be preserved, thanks to a \$1.8 million project put together by Indiana Governor Robert Orr (R) who also sits on the Amtrak Board. Funding includes \$600,000 from the Federal Railroad Administration, \$500,000 in Community Block Development money, and the balance from the state rail loan fund. The 57-mile Shelbyville to Thatcher Glass segment, now out of service, will be restored to 30 mph freight operation. Conrail is expected to sign a five-year operating agreement and retain ownership of the entire line. Rehabilitation work is expected to get under way in August.

PLEASE HELP BRING IN NEW MEMBERS!

### SENATOR BOGGS, FORTY-TWO OARP MEMBERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

OARP held its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on May 14th at The Executive Inn, Warren, Ohio. Forty-two members attended. Ohio Senator Robert Boggs (D-Jefferson), who is an OARP member, spent three hours of his busy day with us; participating in the discussion on getting Amtrak service in the Pittsburgh-Youngstown-Cleveland Corridor. We also had Rick Hannegan with us. Rick is the Chairman of the Keystone ARP and is a NARP Director from Region 3. Rick also participated, with Pennsylvania's point of view, in the discussion on extending Amtrak's PENNSYLVANIAN service to Cleveland.

We also viewed a film recently produced by Ohio State University. Entitled "Trespass" it reminded us vividly why SAFETY FIRST is THE watchword when around railroad facilities. OARP member Harold Wolff of Medina shared with us his sound/slide presentation on "Mexico's Copper Canyon By Rail". OARP's annual election of officers produced no surprises; the present slate was re-elected for another year (see DIRECTORY, pg. 2).

In the business meeting a lively discussion took place over what official position OARP should take regarding the change in schedule of the eastbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED. It was decided to table action on this matter until the July 16th meeting when it will again be dealt with and a formal resolution will be presented for consideration.

An OARP TASK FORCE has been established to more efficiently and effectively deal with OARP's push for rail passenger service in the Pittsburgh-Youngstown-Cleveland Corridor. This is a direct outgrowth of OARP's work on our RAIL PLAN. Any member who wishes to participate on and contribute to this TASK FORCE is invited to do so. OARP Pres. Pulsifer has designated Howard Harding, Bill Hutchison and Doug Hudson to be the nucleus of this TASK FORCE. Any of these gentlemen may be contacted regarding this concern.

OARP TREASURER'S REPORT	
Balance (9-25-82)	\$1,469.20
Deposits	+ 8,052.22
Disbursements	- 7,480.19
Balance (5-10-83)	\$ 572.03

It was generally agreed in our May 14th Meeting that, although there is a reasonable chance of getting Amtrak service into this Corridor, a lot of work on the local and state level must be done so that there will be unified support for funding the added services.

Arrangements for this OARP Meeting were handled by Regional Coordinator Doug Hudson, assisted by member Scott Cameron. It was good to have several of our greater Warren area members in attendance at this Meeting. Unfortunately, an advance article about our Meeting in the Youngstown Vindicator took several of Doug Hudson's remarks out of context and turned the purpose of our Meeting into a "railbuff's nostalgia trip". Then, a follow-up article the following day in the Warren Sunday Tribune carried the headline "Railroad Group Chugs For Local Passenger Line". When will they learn?

Despite the press not getting the point, and The Executive Inn assigning our group to their "Tickle's Comedy Club" room, we overcame tremendous odds and DID have a worthwhile meeting!

## "REAL PEOPLE EXPRESS" DRAWS LARGE TRACKSIDE CROWDS IN OHIO!

On May 22nd and 23rd, Amtrak's "REAL PEOPLE EXPRESS" visited northern Ohio. NBC-TV chartered a special Amtrak train that originated in Chicago and wound up in Washington, DC four days later, operating via Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, Albany, Boston and New York. Overnight stops were at Cleveland, Syracuse, and Boston. A relatively small crowd (1,000) welcomed the "REAL PEOPLE EXPRESS" at Toledo's Central Union Station shortly after 6:30pm on the 22nd. After loading a supply of Tony Packo's famous hot dogs for the Real People cast and crew, the "EXPRESS" proceeded to Sandusky, slowing to 40mph over the long Bay Bridge so the train could be photographed from a boat. OARP Coordinator John Kempton reported the welcoming crowd at Sandusky depot was estimated at close to 4,500. During the ten minute Sandusky stop, Sarah Purcell was presented a package of frozen Lake Erie perch. No stop was scheduled at Elyria. OARP member Mark Adamcik should probably get the unsung hero award for his smart thinking which possibly averted a tragedy at Olmstead Falls, near Berea. The passing of the "REAL PEOPLE EXPRESS" coincided with open house at the model railroad club which occupies the former Olmstead Falls depot. Shortly before the "EXPRESS" was due hundreds of people, including many small children, were milling all over the tracks. Mark immediately contacted the local police who came and helped herd the spectators off the tracks just as the "EXPRESS" roared through at a good eighty miles per hour, followed almost immediately by a westbound Conrail TrailVan freight moving at close to seventy!

A huge throng, estimated at close to 30,000, along with a large fireworks display, welcomed the "REAL PEOPLE EXPRESS" to Cleveland a few minutes after 9:00pm. The train was parked and serviced at the Amtrak station, departing eastward the following morning at 8:30am. OARP HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THIS "REAL PEOPLE EXPRESS" SPECIAL TRAIN TRIP WILL BE SHOWN ON NBC-TV ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 and WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21. The OHIO portions will be shown on the 14th. OARP relayed details of this special train movement and schedule information through our officers and regional coordinators throughout the northern half of Ohio.

### WANT TO SEE MORE PHOTOS IN THIS PUBLICATION?

OARP has no paid "staff photographer". YOU must help by contributing B&W glossy photos or slides from which we can have internegatives and prints made. You won't get paid, but you will get your name in print. Be a photo contributor. Focus your camera primarily on Ohio, the trains serving Ohio, the stations in Ohio, and the railroad passengers in Ohio. Help OARP out and share some of your camerawork with others via "the 6:53".

OHIO SEN. ROBERT BOGGS PLANS TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO SAVE RAIL LINES UP FOR ABANDONMENT BY GRANTING TAX ABATEMENTS ON THE AFFECTED SECTIONS OF THESE LINES.

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\_\_\_\_\_ BUMPER STICKER: LET'S GET OHIO MOVING ON PASSENGER TRAINS. White lettering on dark blue vinyl. \$1.00 each. After the first one they're 50¢ each.

\_\_\_\_\_ OARP 1983 9"x12" CALENDAR featuring full-color photo of the BROADWAY/CAPITOL (pre Amfleet II) at Lima in thunderstorm. Not many left. \$1.00 each. Consult March "6:53" for quantity pricing.

\_\_\_\_\_ OARP POSTCARD featuring full-color photo of Amtrak's CARDINAL on Okeana Trestle in winter. 10¢ each in any quantity.

\_\_\_\_\_ OARP POSTCARD featuring full-color photo of Amtrak's LAKE SHORE LIMITED and LAKE CITIES side by side in Toledo Depot. 10¢ each in any quantity.

\_\_\_\_\_ OARP's PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OHIO was released in January 1983 and is now into its 3rd printing. \$2.00 per copy + 71¢ postage. (For a free 6-page summary, send a SASE with 20¢ stamp to Howard Harding, 489 Overwood Rd., Akron 44313)

*The following items are available at no charge.*

NEWLY REVISED! (Not available until mid-July) OARP RAIL TRAVEL GUIDE TO OHIO AND NEIGHBORING STATES will not be automatically mailed to everyone this year. We will send you a copy in return for a 20¢ postage stamp. Quantities available; estimate postage. "TRAM" program members (travel agents) will receive a quantity of the GUIDES as soon as they come from the printer.

\_\_\_\_\_ OARP MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE(\*). Quantities available. To help encourage membership growth WE WILL PAY POSTAGE ON SHIPMENTS OF OARP BROCHURES!

\_\_\_\_\_ BACK ISSUES OF "the 6:53" for the past couple of years are in pretty good supply except for Issue #48 (Sept. 82) which is depleted. These are good to hand out to potential members along with one of our brochures. Send a 20¢ stamp for individual back issues. Quantities; estimate postage.

MORE USEFUL ITEMS ON THE NEXT PAGE . . . . .

REMEMBER! OARP ALWAYS APPRECIATES DONATIONS OF POSTAGE!

MORE USEFUL ITEMS TO SEND IN FOR . . . . .

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NEWLY REVISED! OARP's RAIL TRIP & STATION REPORT FORMS(\*) now use symbols instead of numerical points for rating the various categories. Help us keep tabs on the trains. Fill out one report on each train you ride. Send one SASE with 20¢ stamp for FOUR report forms; add a 17¢ stamp for four more report forms.

AMTRAK NATIONAL TRAIN TIMETABLE, FORM A. Send a SASE with 54¢ [20+17+17] postage affixed. This is the complete nationwide service timetable.

AMTRAK EAST-MIDWEST TIMETABLE, FORM 7(\*) shows all trains serving Ohio. Send a SASE with 20¢ stamp. We can provide small quantities of this folder, as long as the supply lasts. Quantities; estimate postage, please.

AMTRAK ALL ABOARD AMERICA (SUMMER) FARE FLYER(\*). Our quantity very limited at present. Send SASE with 20¢ stamp affixed.

OARP's OHIO LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY(\*) includes Ohio Congressional Delegation plus complete 115th General Assembly directory. Send SASE with 20¢ postage. Quantities available; estimate postage.

OARP's WASHINGTON GUIDE TO THE OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION(\*) makes it easy for you to visit or contact your legislators in Washington. And..... one the reverse side is OARP's WASHINGTON GUIDE TO OFFICIALS OF AMTRAK. Send SASE with 20¢ stamp. Quantities available; estimate postage.

NEW ITEM! We have a business card size handy card listing AMTRAK TOLL-FREE NUMBERS (from Ohio points) COMPLIMENTS OF OARP(\*). Very handy to hand out to people and help get them on the train! Send SASE with 20¢ postage and we'll send up to a dozen of these. Quantities available; estimate the postage.

PLEASE USE SPECIAL ORDER FORM FOR OARP LAPEL PINS & TANKARDS  
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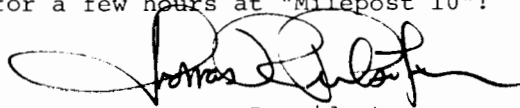
Dear Members and Friends of OARP,

I WANT TO INVITE YOU TO COME AND SHARE AS WE CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OARP. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE WITH US BECAUSE YOU ARE THE OARP!

The big day is Saturday, July 16th, at The Christopher Inn in downtown Columbus. The remainder of this issue of "the 6:53" has all the information you'll need. The all-important reservation forms are on page 23. The cost is \$20.00 per person and we know that you'll get your money's worth, and possibly much more. Your TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, chaired by Al Wolf, has put together an event that will be both enjoyable and sociable, yet purposeful and meaningful. A complete "timetable" of events appears on page 16. We have four guest speakers scheduled, including former Amtrak president, Paul H. Reistrup. Complete information about all our speakers will be found on pages 17, 18 and 21. The complete menu for our Buffet Banquet appears on page 18.

I often think back to the day it all really started; that hot Sunday afternoon of July 29, 1973. Thanks to the efforts of David S. Marshall, then of Springfield, twenty-four of us gathered in a small meeting room at Lincoln Lodge on West Broad Street in Columbus. We met to see what we could possibly do to save Amtrak's NATIONAL LIMITED, threatened even then with extinction. We also decided to establish an organization of passenger train riders in Ohio. I'm glad we did! The trip so far has been one of which we can all be proud. Despite some rough spots, we've kept moving forward together and made progress. We've grown from twenty-four to over seven hundred today. It's significant, too, that nearly two-thirds of our first hundred members are still with us today!

On July 16th we'll pause briefly at an important milepost in OARP's history. Then we'll get right back on the train for we've a long way to go with much that we've got to do. You be with us on that day as we stop for a few hours at "Milepost 10"!



President,  
Ohio Association of  
Railroad Passengers

June 20, 1983

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SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1983

THE CHRISTOPHER INN, COLUMBUS

8:30am Main Level REGISTRATION, DISPLAYS  
Rooms A & B Pick up your name badge and packet  
WELCOME TO OARP's 10th ANNIVERSARY!

10:00am Main Level COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH YOUR  
Rooms A & B LEGISLATORS  
ROBERT E. MAPES, Attorney-Lobbyist  
formerly Legislative Counsel for the Ohio  
State Legal Services Association

11:00am Main Level GETTING THERE FROM HERE - INTERMODAL  
Rooms A & B TRANSIT  
THOMAS M. JONES, Ph.D.  
Assistant General Manager for Support  
Services, Central Ohio Transit Authority

12:00nn Main Level THE U.S. PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRAM OF  
Rooms A & B THE RAILWAY PROGRESS INSTITUTE  
ANTHONY J. ROMERSA  
Marketing Vice President, The  
Vapor Corporation, Chicago

12:45pm Lower Level INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH OUR  
Lounge Area GUEST SPEAKERS  
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1:30pm Main Level 10th ANNIVERSARY BUFFET BANQUET  
Rooms A & B

2:20pm AMTRAK, HIGH-SPEED AND YOU!  
PAUL H. REISTRUP  
Vice President, R. L. Banks & Assoc-  
iates, Inc., Washington, DC  
formerly President and Chief Executive  
Officer of Amtrak  
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3:30pm Main Level OARP HONORS, AWARDS & DOOR PRIZES  
Rooms A & B

3:50pm "OARP AT MILEPOST TEN"  
THOMAS R. PULSIFER, President

4:10pm OARP MIDSUMMER MEETING

4:30pm Adjourn

4:30pm (OPTIONAL) INFORMAL TOUR OF THE OHIO CENTER, the  
former site of Columbus Union Depot,  
led by DAVID J. LEBOLD, Columbus Area  
Regional Coordinator, OARP. Details  
on this tour will be announced at the  
July 16th Meeting.

PAUL H. REISTRUP

Paul H. Reistrup, Vice President of Washington-based R. L. Banks & Associates, Inc., will be OARP's featured guest speaker at our Tenth Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 16th at The Christopher Inn in Columbus. Mr. Reistrup will speak immediately following the Buffet Banquet; at approximately 2:20pm.

Mr. Reistrup joined R. L. Banks in 1978 after extensive experience as a railroad manager. His last prior post was that of President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Since joining RLBA, Mr. Reistrup has directed a variety of railroad related projects, including determination of the effects of track upgrading on operating costs, assessment of coal carrying capability, prospects for operational coordination, options for providing branch line service, investigation of the feasibility of abolishing the joint rate structure, analysis of the market for covered hopper cars and a coal train bypass feasibility study. Recent projects under his direction include coal transportation and engineering analyses on behalf of a number of large utilities, and related strategy development and assistance in shipper-carrier negotiations. He has also directed a study of the market for transit and commuter rolling stock.

Mr. Reistrup was chosen to head Amtrak in 1975. During the next several years he directed the modernization of the passenger car and locomotive fleets and, at the direction of Congress, developed the strategy for Amtrak's operation of the Northeast Corridor rail trunk route between Boston and Washington.

The Illinois Central Railroad elected Mr. Reistrup Vice President - Passenger Services in 1967 and, in a short time, he obtained the first Federal grant for Chicago commuter car replacement and reduced intercity passenger operation by half. Two years later he was chosen to be Vice President - Intermodal Services, responsible for all piggyback/container marketing and operations. In 1970, the IC elected Mr. Reistrup Vice President - Traffic. In this capacity he managed all of the railroad's marketing, pricing, sales, piggyback, coal and industrial development activities. He exercised the same post-merger responsibilities as Senior Vice President of Illinois Central Gulf and in 1974 was elected to its Board of Directors.

Following service as an Army officer, Mr. Reistrup became a management trainee with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. From 1959 to 1964 he worked for that railroad in a succes-

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- Mixed Green Salad Bowl
- Assortment of Relishes
- Chicken Salad
- Fancy Potato Salad
- Assorted Cheese Tray
- Fresh Fruit Basket
- ROAST YOUNG TURKEY WITH GIBLET GRAVY
- SEAFOOD NEWBURG
- Green Peas with Pearl Onions or Mushrooms
- Tiny Whole Carrots
- Fresh Mashed Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Assortment of Rolls
- CHRISTOPHER INN DESSERT TABLE
- Choice of Beverage

In the morning, COFFEE, TEA, and an ASSORTMENT OF SWEET ROLLS will be provided at no charge

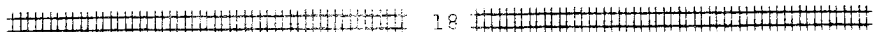
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PAUL H. REISTRUP..... (continued from preceding page)

sion of engineering and operating posts: assistant division engineer, general yardmaster, trainmaster and system superintendent of car utilization and distribution. In 1964 he was selected to head B&O's passenger department and a year later was given responsibility, additionally, of Chesapeake & Ohio's passenger service. In this assignment he instituted many innovations and his management was generally acknowledged to have resulted in a superior passenger operation. In 1967, Mr. Reistrup was named Assistant Vice President, Executive Department, for the Chessie System. In this post he became a specialist in coal transportation.

Mr. Reistrup has testified many times before Congressional committees, regulatory commissions and courts, and has lectured numerous times to university and professional audiences. OARP is indeed pleased and proud to present Paul H. Reistrup as our main speaker on this occasion of OARP's 10th Anniversary.

YOU'RE PLANNING TO ATTEND OARP'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY, AREN'T YOU?  
WE'RE EXPECTING A LARGE ATTENDANCE AND WE CAN SERVE YOU MUCH BETTER IF YOU'LL PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!



# OARP TANKARD

to commemorate OARP's 10th ANNIVERSARY

## OARP LAPEL PIN

Everyone attending the OARP 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on JULY 16th will receive one OARP LAPEL PIN and an OARP TANKARD. These items were selected by the 10th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE to commemorate OARP's 10th. These are quality items with lasting value. Additional lapel pins and tankards may be purchased (at reduced prices) at the 10th ANNIVERSARY event. You may purchase them by mail using the coupon at the bottom of this page.

THE OARP TANKARD is a quality, clear glass, Colonial style tankard. It will hold 12 ounces of your favorite brew. Or, it will hold pens and pencils on your desk. One side displays the OARP logo in dark blue. The other side reads "OHIO ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS -- RAIL TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES", also in dark blue.

THE OARP LAPEL PIN, with a sturdy clasp, may be worn by men and women. It features the OARP logo in Spanish Gold with a dark blue background. The pin is all-metal and individually packaged. Wear our new LAPEL PIN when you travel. Other OARP members will recognize you as a member of OARP and other travelers will ask "What's that?" and you'll have an opportunity to tell them about OARP!

**TANKARD / \$5.00**

**LAPEL PIN / \$3.50**

SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ OARP TANKARD(S) @ \$5.00 each, postpaid

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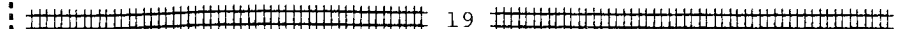
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Please allow up to 4-6 weeks for processing & shipping!



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JOIN OARP TODAY and help get Ohio moving on passenger trains!

We are NOT another railfan club. We are rail transportation advocates! OARP is the statewide voice of concerned citizens working together to help achieve better rail passenger services. We're over 700 strong and moving forward together for better trains in the 1980's. GET ON BOARD!

A NEW MEMBERSHIP IN OARP IS STILL JUST \$5.00 for your first year; \$10.00 thereafter. Please allow 4-6 weeks for your membership to be processed.

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## OARP's TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL FEATURE A LARGE NUMBER OF DOOR PRIZES!

At 3:30pm on July 16th a lot of people attending OARP's 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION in Columbus will become a lot happier because we've got a unusually large number of DOOR PRIZES to give away. Prizewinners names will be drawn from among the registration forms sent in for this event. Amtrak has donated \$100.00 worth of items to be given away; including two Amtrak umbrellas, two Amtrak duffle bags, two Amtrak tote bags, an Amtrak travel valet, an Amtrak thermal mug set, and two Amtrak ceramic coffee mugs. Our special thanks to Bob Hardin, Amtrak District Sales Manager in Detroit, and to Fred Frayer, Regional Sales Manager in Cincinnati, for making this donation possible. Other donated items to be given away include: a Japanese National Railways calendar, several Amtrak calendars, several large Amtrak posters, three mounted photoprints of locomotives, and two very artistic French National Railways high speed train posters. There'll be additional items not listed here. There will also be some very special awards and prizes for some special people in the life of OARP. You'll just have to be there! And... you just may be a winner!

## OARP's 10th ANNIVERSARY ——— ADDITIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

In addition to Paul H. Reistrup we will have three additional guests who will address the morning sessions of OARP's 10th Anniversary on July 16th in Columbus:

**ROBERT E. MAPES**  
 "Communicating Effectively With Your Legislators" (10:00am)

Robert E. Mapes is in the private practice of law in Pickerington, Ohio. He is a 1968 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and received his juris doctorate from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1974. While in law school he worked for the Ohio General Assembly's Legislative Reference Bureau as a legislative draftsman. From 1974 to 1982 he was the legislative counsel for the Ohio State Legal Services Association. He is a member of the Columbus, Fairfield County, and Ohio State Bar Associations.

**THOMAS M. JONES**  
 "Getting There From Here - Intermodal Transit" (11:00am)

Thomas Jones is the Assistant General Manager for Support Services of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), a regional agency responsible for urban transportation service throughout the greater Columbus area. Since joining COTA in June, 1982, Jones has been appointed as one of COTA's representatives to the City of Columbus Central Business District Action Task Force and to the Transportation Advisory and Policy Committees of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Before joining COTA, Jones was responsible for legislative development with the Urban Mass Transit Administration (UMTA) in Washington, DC. He previously served as the Acting Director in the Office of Policy Development with UMTA. His Federal service also included work as an Operations Research Analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Jones has a Ph.D. in Urban Transportation Studies from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. He received both his masters and Ph.D. from Syracuse under a full fellowship from the Urban Transportation Institute.

**ANTHONY J. ROMERSA**  
 "The U.S. Public Transit Program of the Railway Progress Institute" (12:00nn)

Anthony J. Romersa will represent the Railway Progress Institute's Committee on Passenger Transportation. The RPI is headquartered in Alexandria, VA. Mr. Romersa is Marketing Vice President for the Vapor Corporation of Chicago. Vapor Corporation is probably best known as a major supplier for heating/air-conditioning components and valves for the railroad industry. RPI's Committee on Passenger Transportation has been monitoring developments in the domestic high-speed rail transportation picture for some time and plans to establish a data bank on various high-speed rail proposals. Mr. Romersa's presentation will include a short slide presentation on RPI's U.S. Public Transit Program.

GETTING THERE -----

THE CHRISTOPHER INN is at 300 East Broad Street next to the Center of Science & Industry, better known as "COSI".

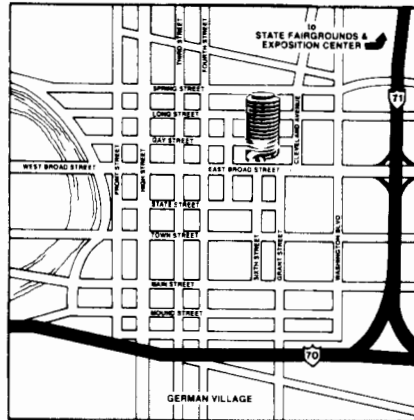
By CAR: Exit I-71 at BROAD STREET (US 40). The Christopher is just a few blocks west of the interchange. Exit I-70 at FOURTH STREET, drive north to E. Broad St., turn right and it's just a few blocks to The Christopher.

PARKING: The Christopher has a three level garage. Drive in the entrance and up the ramp. If the garage is full go to the large lot directly behind (north of) The Christopher. In either case, have your parking ticket stamped at the front desk and your parking is free!

By BUS: Greyhound is on Town Street between Third and Fourth and it is a nice 10-12 minute walk to The Christopher Inn. Trailways' new station is up on North High St. Take a local transit (COTA) bus #2 downtown and transfer to a #10 bus at Broad Street. Get off at The Christopher.

By CARPOOL: OARP officers and regional coordinators will coordinate carpools from their areas. Contact them if you need a ride and can share expenses, or if you have room in your car for others.

By TRAIN: Amtrak, unfortunately, does not presently serve Columbus. We are working to improve that situation! If you come from out-of-state by Amtrak, we can probably arrange to get you to and from Columbus through our carpool program. Please don't wait till the last minute to make arrangements.



STAYING THERE ---- The Christopher Inn is holding a block of rooms with special rates of \$35.00 for one and \$39.00 for two with one double bed. Rates for kingsize beds are \$39.00 for one or two persons. CONTACT THE CHRISTOPHER VERY SOON IF YOU PLAN TO STAY OVERNIGHT! THEY HAVE A TOLL-FREE NUMBER which is 1-800-282-9349. To qualify for the special rate you must tell them when you call that you are attending the OARP 10th ANNIVERSARY MEETING on July 16th. State and local tax will be added to these rates. Checkout time is 1:00pm. The local phone number for The CHRISTOPHER is 614-228-3541.

SEE YOU IN COLUMBUS, SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1983 at OARP's 10th

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Enclose \$20.00 per person  
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LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS BY PHONE . . . . .  
CALL 1-513-372-9868 (Tom Pulsifer) between 6:00-9:00PM ONLY

IMPORTANT: IF YOU CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION AFTER JULY 12th AND DO NOT ATTEND ON JULY 16th, WE MUST STILL HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR \$20.00. No refunds honored after JULY 12, 1983!

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