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OCTOBER TIMETABLE CHANGES BRING GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS FOR OHIOANS

FIRST, THE GOOD NEWS... OHIO GETS ANOTHER AMTRAK TRAIN!
 Effective with the October 26th timetable change, Amtrak's CAPITOL LIMITED will become independent of the BROADWAY LIMITED. Thus Lima, Crestline and Canton will have FOUR Amtrak trains daily instead of two. The new train numbers for the CAPITOL LIMITED are #29 and #30. We remember Amtrak's NATIONAL LIMITED, discontinued in 1979, was #30 and #31. New schedules, effective October 26th:

40	30	41	29
BROADWAY	CAPITOL	BROADWAY	CAPITOL
3:00p	7:45p	8:08a	9:41a
7:03p	11:48p	5:29a	7:02a
8:10p	12:55a	4:09a	5:42a
9:35p	2:20a	2:49a	4:22a
11:13p	3:58a	12:58a	2:31a
1:53a	6:40a	10:52p	12:25a
11:25a		1:35p	
	2:05p	AR NEW YORK... LV	4:45p
		AR WASHINGTON. LV	

Amtrak is making this operating change because the CAPITOL will be carrying more mail and express cars between Chicago and Washington. Running times for both trains have been tightened up. Station dwell time at Pittsburgh has been eliminated. Previously, the combined BROADWAY/CAPITOL, due to its length, would have to make double and even triple stops at all passenger stations west of Pittsburgh. OARP, in mid-August, had been hearing rumors that one of these trains was to run Pittsburgh-Alliance-Cleveland-Chicago; but, at least at this time, such is not to be the case. OARP's feeling is that added service should run on the Cleveland route due to the much greater population base along that route. We hope the Fort Wayne route will now support their additional Amtrak service and work for further improvements.

COVER PHOTO: Borrowing the opening line from the oft-viewed high-speed rail promotional film of OHSRA's predecessor (ORTA), we wonder just how long these folks will have to wait to ride a modern passenger train in Ohio's 3-C Corridor! The occasion of this photo was the June 30th bill signing creating the new OHIO HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY. The ceremony in the State House was attended by nearly 100 persons. In this photo are members of the High Speed Rail Association. From the left: OARP President Tom Pulsifer; OhioDOT Rail Division head Jolene Molitoris; Robert W. Blanchette, President of The TGV Company, Washington, DC; Ohio Governor Richard Celeste; Ohio Senator Robert Boggs (D-Ashtabula); and Robert K. Pattison, Vice President of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, McLean, VA.

It is OARP's hope that the new OHSRA can break out of the Talk-Plan-Study syndrome which has characterized rail passenger transportation development in Ohio for the past decade. Citizens equate the T-P-S syndrome as an excuse for doing nothing -- just what we have!

AND NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS... AMTRAK HAS CHOSEN TO INFURIATE

CINCINNATIANS WITH ITS NEW CARDINAL SCHEDULE; AND CLEVELANDERS WITH ITS NEW EASTBOUND LAKE SHORE SCHEDULE! Effective with the October 26th timetable change, the CARDINAL will call at Cincinnati in the wee hours -- 3:35am westbound on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays and 4:15am eastbound on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays! OARP predicts that, unfortunately, ridership to and from Cincinnati will plummet as a result. Amtrak has eliminated the idiotic layover times at the Cincinnati River Road Station and generally tightened up the entire CARDINAL schedule. This was a wise move, we feel. It did not take the unsavory element of Cincinnati long to figure out how to sneak aboard the CARDINAL, parked there for 1-2 hours with passengers sleeping, and remove valuables from purses, etc. OARP understands this happened on a couple of occasions, then access to and from the parked train was restricted to just one or two attended vestibules and there were no more reported incidents of this nature. The suggestion that Queen City natives sell souvenirs to the passengers on the platform during the layovers (as is done in Albuquerque) did not materialize. The natives don't like to get up at that hour either!

Anyhow... here's the new

CARDINAL schedule:	50			51	
	6:30p	TuThSa	LV CHICAGO..	AR 11:20a	MoThSa
	11:20p	TuThSa	INDPLS...	7:00a	MoThSa
	2:50a	WeFrSu	HAMILTON.	4:45a	MoThSa
	4:15a	WeFrSu	CINCIN'TI	3:35a	MoThSa
	7:30p	WeFrSu	WASH., DC	12:35p	SuWeFr
	10:49p	WeFrSu	AR NEW YORK.	LV 9:05a	SuWeFr

And... the Clevelanders are upset because the eastbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED, effective October 26th, will call at their city after two o'clock in the morning! City bus service to the Lakefront ends at midnight. In fact, the Amtrak depot waiting room doesn't even open until midnight. Don't show up before midnight or you'll be locked out! (No Trailways buses scheduled in or out after early evening at the shared depot!) The schedule of the westbound LAKE SHORE will not be changed.

New LAKE SHORE times:	48			49
	6:25p	LV	CHICAGO.....	AR 1:00p
	10:36p		BRYAN.....	10:16a
[No change reported	11:56p		TOLEDO.....	9:23a
for the LAKE CITIES	12:43a		SANDUSKY.....	8:05a
connection between	1:18a		ELYRIA.....	7:30a
Toledo-Detroit-Mich-	2:04a		CLEVELAND.....	7:00a
igan points.]	3:32a		ERIE.....	5:16a
	1:40p	AR	NEW YORK CITY.....	LV 7:25p

Please note that, when the official Amtrak timetable appears on October 26th [WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A SUPPLY ON HAND AT OUR OCTOBER 18th FALL OARP MEETING IN AKRON] there may be slight adjustments to times at some stations shown in the tables on these two pages. Call the "800" number for up-to-date times.

If the new schedules infuriate you, write Amtrak, 400 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001 w/copy to OARP.

NEW OHIO HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY APPOINTED; HOLDS MEETING!

On August 14th, Ohio Governor Richard Celeste announced the membership of the newly created (by legislation) Ohio High-Speed Rail Authority [OHSRA]:

- JOHN H. McCONNELL, Columbus Chief Executive Officer, Worthington Industries
- JOHN R. HODGES, Gahanna Secretary - Treasurer, Ohio AFL - CIO
- FRANK J. MILLER, Cleveland Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 18
- RUTH R. MILLER, Cleveland President, Tower City Center
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- WARREN J. SMITH, Columbus Director, Ohio Dept. of Transportation
- CLARENCE D. PAWLICKI, Columbus Director, Ohio Dept. of Development
- H. COOPER SNYDER, Hillsboro Ohio Senate (R)
- ROBERT J. BOGGS, Jefferson Ohio Senate (D)
- ROSS BOGGS, JR., Andover Ohio House of Representatives (D)
- CORWIN M. NIXON, Lebanon Ohio House of Representatives (R)

Senator Boggs will serve as Chairman of OHSRA which became official on June 30th when Governor Celeste signed the legislation into law in a State House ceremony, to which OARP was invited. Unlike the former Ohio Rail Transportation Authority [ORTA], OHSRA will not have jurisdiction over any rail freight transportation. The Rail Division of OhioDOT will continue to handle rail freight matters. OHSRA will oversee financing, construction and operation of high-speed passenger trains in Ohio's 3-C Corridor at an estimated cost of \$2.1 billion. It is also charged with the responsibility for the Amtrak 403-b conventional-speed passenger train service for the 3-C Corridor, an interim service.

OARP has advocated the Amtrak 403-b service as a most important and necessary FIRST STEP in the long and gradual process towards achieving a high-speed passenger rail system in the future. Although the Governor has obviously indicated his support for the long-range plans for high-speed trains; OARP is having some difficulty determining his views on that important FIRST STEP to get Ohioans moving on passenger trains in the 3-C Corridor.

The new OHSRA held its very first meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, from 9:30am until 4:00pm in the Morrow Room at The Ohio Center in Columbus. Again, OARP was invited to attend, but the invitation arrived too late for your OARP President to arrange to be present. Ironically, he first learned about this meeting from an out-of-state rail official! Manfred Orlow and Robert Boyce did attend and noted only about 30 in attendance, other than the complement of OHSRA members. Both OARP representatives also noted that the agenda served only to review what had been studied and discussed in the past.

OARP will continue to monitor the meetings of OHSRA and make reports to our members of OHSRA activities. One good step: we have learned that OHSRA member Sen. H. Cooper Snyder has officially requested OhioDOT to derive 3-C Corridor ridership estimates for the FIRST STEP conventional-speed trains. Recent data exists only for true high-speed service.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO OUR STATE HOUSE BILLS? — by Manfred Orlow

If you'll remember, OARP's 3-C Corridor enabling legislation and startup appropriation remain in the "legislative hoppers" in both the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. Further House activity later this Fall will include a final vote by the Transportation Committee, hearings by the Finance and Rules Committees, and a final Floor vote. The Senate bill is a little further ahead, with only the Finance Committee vote and a Floor vote being necessary. However, the earliest that body is scheduled to meet right now is after the November elections, in a "lame duck" session.

LETTERS COMMENTING ON THE BILLS (H.B. #773 in the Ohio House and S.B. #264 in the Ohio Senate) REGARDING CONVENTIONAL - SPEED RAIL PASSENGER TRAINS IN OUR 3-C CORRIDOR, ARE STILL NEEDED! SEND THEM TO YOUR LOCAL STATE REP. AND STATE SENATOR (use your blue OARP Ohio Legislative Directory) IN COLUMBUS. ESPECIALLY HELPFUL ALSO ARE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PASSENGER TRAINS TO GOVERNOR CELESTE. The legislators MUST hear from the people who will use the train service; not just from OARP officials.

SPECIAL INVITATIONAL OARP - BUSINESS GROUP BRIEFING SCHEDULED

In order to communicate better and more effectively with the potential business and civic community affected by the proposed Ohio intercity 3-C Corridor trains, OARP is sponsoring a by-invitation-only legislative planning session in Columbus on October 7th. The meeting room and complimentary refreshments are being provided through the courtesy of John Dugan, Vice President for Corporate Communications of the Nationwide Insurance Company. The Nationwide Plaza Building is located directly across from the proposed downtown Columbus train station in the Ohio Center and is ideal for such a statewide, centrally-situated meeting site. Details of this 3-C briefing session are still in process at this time.

OARP JUST RECEIVED OUR COMPUTER!

Thanks to the courtesy of the NCR CORPORATION, headquartered

in Dayton, and with the specific help of NCR Community Affairs Director RICHARD BEACH, OARP is now the proud owner of a Decision Mate V professional/business-size, 2 floppy disk computer! Due to a very heavy work load of other OARP activities right now, we've not been able to find the time to begin using it yet -- but hope to do so soon. More details as to just how this computer will help OARP will appear in the next 6:53.

OARP's "First Lady" [Eloise Pulsifer] recently tripped over a box of Amtrak literature, got up, shook her fist and declared, "We can't live in a baggage room anymore! Get this stuff out of here or get off the train!" As a result, OARP has temporarily arranged for space at the Greene County Historical Society to use for sorting and filing our "archives". We will pay a rental charge to help cover utilities. A former Xenia teacher, Mrs. Cathy Preibisch will do the bulk of the sorting and filing work for OARP on a part-time basis. Extra donations to help pay for this necessary work will be most welcome. We still need a more permanent solution to OARP's growing storage problem. We have a lot of valuable records, data and materials, reports, books, periodicals and passenger railroadiana.

AMTRAK SERVICE QUALITY AT STAKE IN BUDGET RESTRAINTS

-- by NARP President Jack Martin

We're having a less dramatic Fiscal 1987 budget fight, but one in which Amtrak's service quality may be at stake. At his July 22 board meeting, Amtrak President W. Graham Claytor, Jr., called June on-time performance "very bad." During July 30 floor debate on amendments that would have reduced Amtrak funding in the FY '87 Transportation Appropriations bill, House Energy & Commerce Chairman John Dingell (D-MI) said: "As a result of budget cuts imposed over the last year, Amtrak has been forced into deferred maintenance and other cost-cutting practices... In order to save money, Amtrak has stretched the intervals between heavy [locomotive maintenance] from 800,000 to 1 million miles... That move has led to more engine failures on Amtrak runs. The consequences of that, regrettably, are loss of passenger confidence and charges of inefficiency. The inefficiency originated here and in the [Senate] and in the cuts which were made."

Those new "cut-Amtrak" amendments in the House of Representatives, by Rep. Armev (R-TX) and Rep. Brown (R-CO), were defeated. House Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee Chairman William Lehman (D-FL) said his bill's Amtrak funding (\$613 million) was "\$34 million below Amtrak's request, and... represents a truly 'bare-bones' approach for Amtrak's funding needs. At this level, capital spending can be used only for the most critical safety-related items. Any cuts below this amount will cause the serious deterioration of the national Amtrak route system." Full- and subcommittee ranking Republicans -- Silvio Conte (MA) and Lawrence Coughlin (PA) -- also defended Amtrak.

HERE'S HOW YOUR OHIO DELEGATION VOTED:

		A	B	C	D
	1 LUKEN (D)	*	*	*	*
	2 GRADISON (R)	O	O	O	O
* - pro-Amtrak vote.	3 HALL (D)	*	O	O	*
O - anti-Amtrak vote.	4 OXLEY (R)	O	O	O	O
# - not voting.	5 LATTA (R)	O	O	O	O
	6 McEWEN (R)	*	*	O	#
A - "Armev Amendment" would have cut Amtrak by \$61 million.	7 DeWINE (R)	*	*	O	O
	8 KINDNESS (R)	O	O	O	O
B - "Brown Amendment" would have cut Amtrak by \$22 million.	9 KAPTUR (D)	*	*	*	*
	10 MILLER (R)	O	O	O	O
C - Another "Armev Amendment" to cut Amtrak by \$6 million.	11 ECKART (D)	*	*	*	*
	12 KASICH (R)	O	O	O	*
D - H.R. 5205, the '87 Transportation Appropriations Bill. A pro-Amtrak vote here doesn't necessarily mean the legislator supports Amtrak, but gives opportunity to write and thank Amtrak opponents for casting a vote you liked!	13 PEASE (D)	*	*	*	*
	14 SEIBERLING (D)	*	*	*	*
	15 WYLIE (R)	*	O	O	O
	16 REGULA (R)	*	*	*	*
	17 TRAFICANT (D)	*	*	*	*
	18 APPLLEGATE (D)	*	*	*	*
	19 FEIGHAN (D)	*	*	*	*
	20 OAKAR (D)	*	*	*	*
	21 STOKES (D)	*	*	*	*

Amtrak, under Needham Harper Worldwide, had a \$28.6 million advertising budget last year and will spend even more this year. In January Amtrak launched a \$25 million "Magic" TV campaign in 22 markets, promoting the nostalgia and romance of train travel. OARP has been advised by Amtrak that they are reviewing proposals to relocate the present Crestline stop to Mansfield and add a stop at Connersville (IN) for the CARDINAL route.

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WEST CHESTER	WEST CHESTER TRAVEL, INC.	513-777-6770

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GET MAGNETIZED!

A handy and useful new promotional item is now available from OARP! It's a handy magnet, measuring approximately 2 3/8" by 2". It's also colorful; with red, blue and black on a white background. Our magnetic note-poster (holds notes up on the door of your 'fridge) features the Amtrak logo in accurate colors, the Amtrak toll-free information and reservations number, a silhouette of a modern Amtrak locomotive and passenger car, and OARP's name and our mailing address. We'll have these available at the AKRON OARP FALL MEETING on OCTOBER 18th. OR... you can order some from OARP at the rate of 4/\$1.00. We'll pay postage for them. Get some for yourself and some to pass out to others. The visibility of the Amtrak toll-free number will help more people to GET ON AN AMTRAK TRAIN!



ALL - TIME RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR OARP'S JULY MIDSUMMER MEETING

An all-time record turnout of 77 OARP members and guests were in Lebanon on July 19th -- braving temperatures in the upper 90's -- completely filling the Presidents Room at the historic Golden Lamb Inn for OARP's Midsummer Meeting. Despite the conditions, all enjoyed the excellent luncheon featuring an authentic Shaker dish, Chicken Pudding, and ending with apple pie. As we finished our meal we could hear the arrival of the I&O Railroad's first revenue passenger train into the Lebanon depot, two blocks away, accompanied by appropriate fanfare on the engine's 5-chime "Amtrak" horn!

We held a very brief OARP business meeting. Treasurer Ben Libby provided an update on our finances along with a report from Manfred Orlow on the status of our Special 3-C Project Fund. By voice vote the proposed 1987 OARP Budget was approved (Estimated income \$19,305; Estimated expenses \$18,128). Manfred Orlow briefly updated the 3-C Corridor Project status and our efforts to seek foundation funding. OARP Vice President and NARP Region 6 Director Howard Harding gave a short update on how Amtrak was faring with Congressional budget activities in progress.

Thanks to the fine cooperation of the I&O Railroad, FOUR of our people won "door prize" awards of engine cab rides on the I&O passenger train! Henry Weller and Tom McOwen, President and Vice President, respectively, of the I&O drew the names. Dave Mallory, Charles Horn, Ben Libby and Joan Diersing were the lucky "honorary engineers"! Our intrepid four, two rode southward -- the other two northward, quickly found out that the cab of an ex-Burlington Northern GP7 diesel is not that big. And on a hot day, it's hot up there too! But all four said afterward that it was an experience they'd not forget!

Prior to our field trip over the I&O's Lebanon - Mason line, Henry Weller and Tom McOwen discussed the railroad industry in general and shortline railroads in particular, drawing often on their firsthand experiences with the Indiana & Ohio. Formed in 1978 to operate the ex-NYC branch from Valley Jct. to Brookville, Indiana, the I&O now also operates the ex-PRR trackage between Monroe - Mason - Lebanon in Ohio. Later this year the I&O expects to take over Conrail's (ex-PRR) Blue Ash line near Cincinnati and the Chessie's (ex-B&O) Portsmouth Subdivision in the Wellston - Jackson area. The passenger excursions out of Mason began in 1985 and are proving to be successful.

July 19th was the first day of revenue runs into Lebanon. A special press run for local officials and the media took place early in the evening of the 18th. Delays in completing necessary trackwork (funded by the City of Lebanon which owns the line between Lebanon and Hageman) prevented an earlier startup of the Lebanon service. One week prior to our OARP Meeting, your President was working out contingency plans with the I&O. But, the work was done just in time and we helped the City and the I&O celebrate the first day of service! Again, our sincere thanks to Henry Weller, Tom McOwen and Fred Stout of the I&O. Thanks also to Dave Mason of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and to Barb Leppich of The Golden Lamb for helping us have a great day!

OARP HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN TRYING TO HELP CORRECT A VERY BAD SITUATION AT THE AMTRAK DEPOT IN ERIE, PA.

Erie is now an unmanned Amtrak facility and station area is the local hangout for gays. The headline in the July 22nd edition of the Erie Morning News brought the problems to light; "Trip To Train Station Terrified Area Woman". The article told of fights, rowdy behavior, people urinating onto parked cars, etc. The woman, Josephine Fontana wrote Erie Mayor Louis Tullio. OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer asked Bill Hutchison to check into the problem. Bill reports he spoke with Erie Police Operations Chief Art Berardi who reported that several things have recently been done to make things better for Amtrak passengers (the station is open only between 2:00am and 6:00am). New lighting has been installed around the station and parking areas and all trees and shrubs have been trimmed. Police patrols in the area have been increased, especially at train times, to the point where most of the deviant undesirables have been cleared out of the area. Mayor Tullio has expressed concern about the problem and is supporting the police action and area safety improvements at the Griswold Plaza. Because Amtrak passengers from northeastern Ohio use the Erie depot, Cong. Eckart, Ohio Sen. Bob Boggs and State Rep. Ross Boggs were also made aware of the conditions at Erie. Our thanks to Bill Hutchison for taking time to get involved in this and help work for better conditions for train passengers!



Ohio will spend \$28.2 million in 1987 just to resurface deteriorating segments of heavily-traveled interstate highways in and around Columbus! Get ready for the traffic jams! That money would pay for Amtrak 3-C Corridor service THREE TIMES OVER! 200,000 vehicles a day travel the interstate highway segments that will be repaired -- 68.9 miles of roadway. OARP will once again participate in the Thanksgiving Weekend RR Show at the Dayton Fairgrounds. Help from area members will be needed. This is one of our more successful display opportunities. Al Wolf will coordinate helpers.

DILEMMA FOR CLEVELAND'S WEST SIDE Where can you interface an Amtrak 3-C suburban stop with the RTA rapid transit, connecting buses and convenient auto access and parking? In this Mark Adamcik photo we're looking east at the W. 150th St. bridge. The two RTA tracks are at the left and the RTA station is behind us. The westbound LAKE SHORE is on Conrail's 3-tracked mainline. Over to the right is Conrail's West Park Yard. Note different tie spacing for the transit tracks vs. the Conrail tracks. Space is at a premium here; also at Brook Park, the next RTA station west and adjacent to Conrail's busy Rockport Yard. And, Conrail freight traffic is frequent.

OARP 1986 FALL MEETING in AKRON — on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th
at the AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB 732 West Exchange Street
from 10:30am until 4:00pm — LUNCHEON — \$9.00 per person

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY:

- 10:30am - REGISTRATION & DISPLAYS OPEN; COFFEE & CONVERSATION (Ballroom)
11:30am - OARP BUSINESS MEETING (Ballroom)
DISCUSSION: Impact of Changes in Amtrak Service to Ohio
Ohio High-Speed Rail Authority Activities Update
OARP's 3-C Corridor Project Update
11:45am - REPORT FROM NARP's FALL DIRECTOR'S MEETING (Ballroom)
12:30pm - LUNCHEON You get your choice of entree -- (Ballroom)
BEEF TIPS or FRESH BAKED FISH.
Please indicate your choice on
your registration form.
1:30pm - GUEST SPEAKER: MR. RICHARD ENTY, Rail Administra- (Ballroom)
tor, Greater Cleveland R.T.A., will
tell us about their proposed RAILBUS
SYSTEM.
2:30pm - Award Door Prizes (all items donated) (Meeting Room)
2:45pm - PRESERVING RAIL ACCESS -- We will meet JEANNE (Meeting Room)
WALDOCK of Olean, New York; spokesperson for
the EIGHT STATE RAIL PRESERVATION GROUP.
3:15pm - OARP BUSINESS MEETING WRAP-UP (Meeting Room)
FINALIZE RESOLUTIONS
4:00pm - Adjourn.

We hope YOU will be with us on October 18th. You MUST be registered in advance -- and don't forget to indicate your choice of luncheon entree on your registration form. Need transportation? Can you help provide transportation? OARP's officers and regional coordinators (page 2) will assist in coordinating rides from their area if you need a ride or can provide space for someone. Arriving by Amtrak at Cleveland or Canton? If we know IN ADVANCE, we'll arrange to have someone meet you the 18th.

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority has announced a plan to provide commuter rail service using railbuses on five rail lines serving seven counties. RTA Board President Anthony Giunta said, "I think the future will be in rail transportation. There's no doubt about it." The RTA envisions the railbus service operating by 1988 over existing freight rail lines radiating out from downtown Cleveland. The railbus plan was presented to the RTA Board on June 24th and is supported by the successful railbus demonstration project between Cleveland and Mentor in 1985. The proposed routes: WEST 27 miles to Lorain via NS, SOUTHWEST 17 miles to Strongsville via B&O, SOUTH 65 miles to Akron via CR or B&O, SOUTHEAST 20 miles to Sea World/Geauga Lake Park via CR, and NORTHEAST 62 miles to Ashtabula via NS. Near downtown, the railbuses would run on the RTA's own rapid-transit tracks into Terminal Tower. Private operators will be sought to provide the actual service which would be heavily promoted.

OARP's FALL 1986 MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, in Akron, Ohio, at the historic AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB at 732 West Exchange Street, located to

the northwest of the downtown area. The Club is in a converted mansion which was once the home of an early Akron leader. Our meeting will use the Main Ballroom for the morning session and the luncheon. We will then move to a different room for the afternoon session. The Club is an

old fashioned place -- rich in history and tradition; including a DRESS CODE which states that "ALL GENTLEMEN SHALL WEAR A COAT AND TIE WHILE ON THE PREMISES!"

OARP's Vice President, Howard Harding who, with member Don Holloway's assistance, is arranging for our Fall Meeting in Akron. Howard says the site for our meeting "is worth getting dressed up for" and that we could be well pleased with both the surroundings and with the luncheon we will be served. Howard has prepared a sketch map showing how to get to the AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB. One minor disadvantage is that it is not near any freeways -- and most of Akron's freeways are being rebuilt! Thus Howard's instructions for access avoid freeway construction sites, but take people through extensive local arterial-type streets. Drivers should study these suggestions before arriving in the Akron area on the 18th:

FROM WEST & NORTHWEST: From intersection of I-77 and SR 18 follow I-77 SOUTH to White Pond Drive/Mull Avenue exit. At end of ramp turn LEFT (NORTH), cross over freeway to first traffic light and turn RIGHT (EAST) into Mull Avenue. Follow Mull Avenue EAST past South Hawkins (traffic circle) to West Exchange and turn RIGHT (EAST). Continue on West Exchange Street to Portage Path/Work Drive intersection. The AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB is just beyond this intersection on the RIGHT. Use the driveway in mid-block! DO NOT ENTER the side street in front of the large red brick church.

FROM NORTH & NORTHEAST: From intersection of SR 8 freeway and Tallmadge Avenue follow Tallmadge Avenue WEST across Main Street where it becomes Memorial Parkway. Continue WEST on Memorial Parkway, across the Little Cuyahoga River valley to North Portage Path. Turn LEFT (SOUTH) on Portage Patch and follow 10 blocks, past West Market Street to West Exchange Street. The AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB will be straight ahead, but you must turn LEFT (SOUTHEAST) onto Exchange Street and enter the Club driveway which is in mid-block, on the RIGHT.

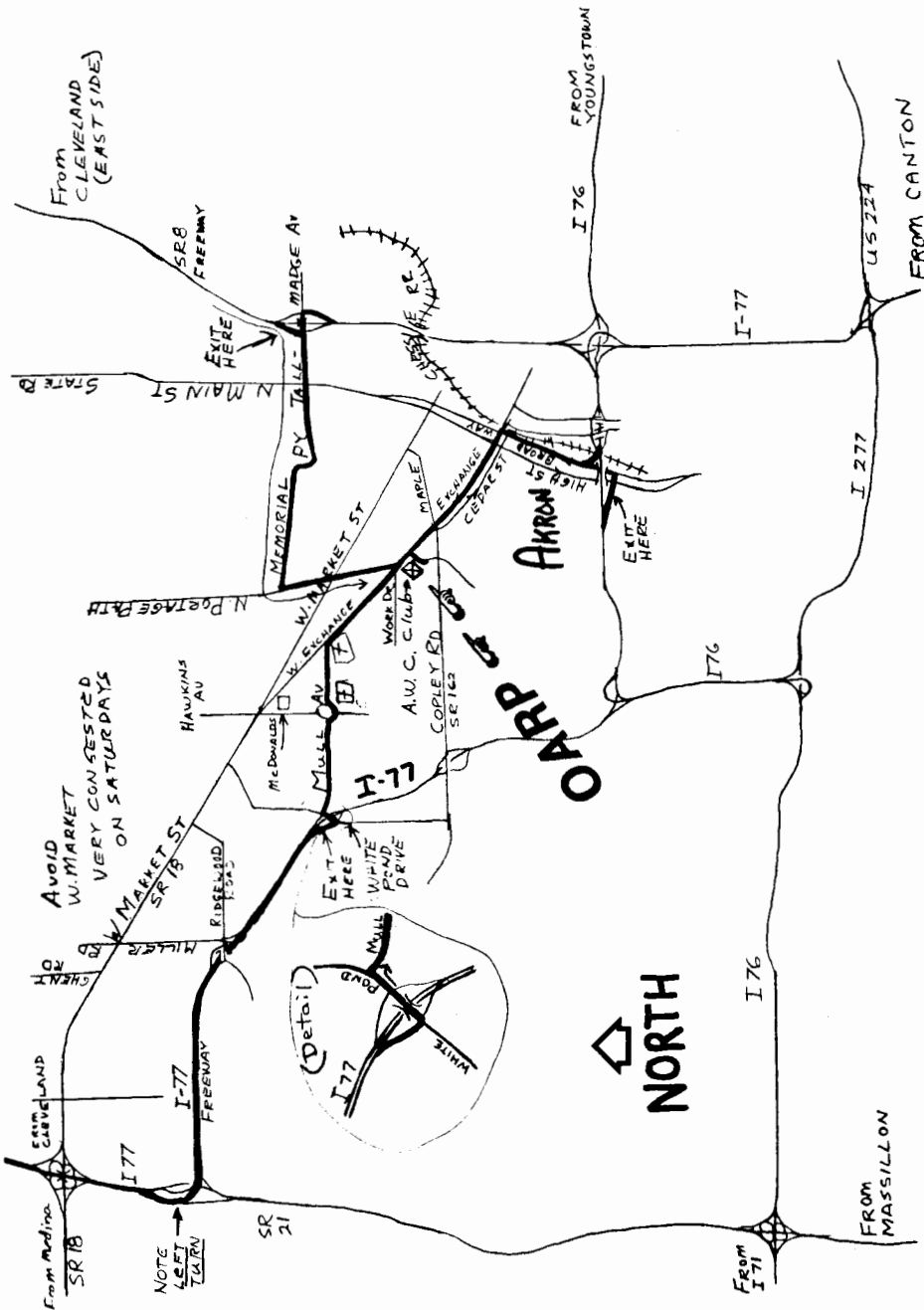
FROM EAST, SOUTH & SOUTHWEST: Follow I-76/77 to the South Main/Broadway interchange. Exit the freeway to Broadway NORTHbound (it is one way) and follow five blocks to East Exchange Street. Turn LEFT (WEST) and follow Exchange Street about 1.5 miles (16 blocks). The AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB is on the LEFT via a driveway in mid-block.

The AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB building is a tree-shaded, vine-covered beige brick converted mansion. The parking lot is southwest of the building and the entrance is on the north side. There is a small white-on-black iron sign at the driveway entrance.

PLEASE REMEMBER... The AKRON WOMEN'S CITY CLUB observes its traditional DRESS CODE; that ALL GENTLEMEN SHALL WEAR A COAT AND TIE WHILE ON THE PREMISES. Technically we will all be guests of the Holloway Family while holding our meeting at this location and we will respect the wishes of the Club and conform to this DRESS CODE.

GETTING THERE

OARP FALL 1986 MEETING / AKRON, OHIO
 Sketch map courtesy of Howard Harding



REGISTRATION FORMS

for the OARP OCTOBER 18 FALL MEETING at AKRON, OHIO. You must be registered in advance for this meeting which will include a nice luncheon. These registration forms will also be used in the drawing for DOOR PRIZES and we will have quite a few nice items to be given away as DOOR PRIZES at this OARP Meeting. Please register one person per form. If you don't want to cut up your 6:53, or if you need additional registration forms, just photocopy this page.

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Name KENNETH PRENDERGAST
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Enclose \$ 9.00 per person, making your check payable to "O.A.R.P."

City/State/ZIP CHASBRIN FALLS OH. 44022

Phone number (216) 543-9521 (678-8922 DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

MAIL THIS TO:
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 XENIA, OH 45385

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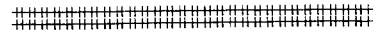
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RESERVATION DEADLINE

is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th! Refunds will NOT be made after Wednesday, October 15th. Reservations will be accepted after October 15th (contact HOWARD HARDING evenings at his home in Akron; 216-867-5507), however the cost per person will be \$10.00! It is to YOUR advantage to plan ahead and send in your registrations so that OARP receives them by the 15th of October. REMEMBER... the cost of your meeting registration rises to \$10.00 AFTER OCTOBER 15th!

AKRON VANPOOL! Several Dayton area OARP members plan to rent and share expenses of a 15-passenger VAN on October 18th and a stop can be made at Worthington Square Shopping Center to pick up Columbus people. If interested in VANPOOLING contact OARP Pres. TOM PULSIFER.



Three OARP members and their privately owned railroad passenger cars are mentioned in "Rentals On Rails" by Karl Zimmermann in the April 1986 issue of Americana Magazine -- Carl Weiffenbach's SILVER LOOKOUT, DeWitt Chapple's CHAPEL HILL, and William Sprague's Railway Exposition Company "fleet" including HIAWATHA SUPER DOME 58, STUART KNOTT, CASTLE VALLEY, CASCADE GARDENS, and PASS-A-GRILLE BEACH.

Standing up for their concern about regional mass transit as well as rail passenger issues, OARP members George Bayless and Al Wolf of Dayton both testified at a July 23rd Dayton RTA hearing on proposed changes in service and fares. A portion of Al Wolf's testimony was quoted the following day in the Dayton Journal Herald. Both OARP members are regular public transit users.

OARP member Tom Norwalk of Oakwood has been appointed to a two-year term on the Southern Ohio District Export Council, a non-profit, non-political service organization providing guidance and assistance to companies new to foreign trade or exporting on a limited basis.

Our belated CONGRATULATIONS to the Willard Edsons of Toledo who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6th! Willard is one of our Charter Members of OARP and served many years as our Toledo Area Regional Coordinator. In the early 1970's he was instrumental in urging the establishment of a rail passengers organization in Ohio. A short letter from Willard, in support of a pro-rail editorial, was published in the Toledo Blade on June 11th.

OARP member Larry Grey of Pickerington and several of his co-workers at United McGill Corporation in Columbus were featured in the Spring 1986 issue of Intercom in an illustrated article about their interests in rail transportation and model railroading.

OARP member John McCann has been named to the Top Ten Revenue Sales list for both June and July by Piedmont Airlines at their Vandalia Reservations Center. A former full-time Amtrak agent, John is working part-time for Piedmont.

OARP sent a letter of congratulations and best wishes for a successful future to our friends at the Mad River & NKP Railroad Society in Bellevue on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of their Museum on June 27.

OARP's Warren Area Regional Coordinator Doug Hudson presented the film "TGV 100" and spoke about rail passenger service in America and Ohio to an audience of 60 persons on June 10th in Warren. Doug reported most in the audience appeared awe-struck with the French high-speed passenger train technology and agreed that the U.S. needs to address those problems which the auto age has spawned.

Pennsylvania State Rep. Richard A. Geist has been named the new Chairman of the international High Speed Rail Association, succeeding Robert W. Blanchette. The HSRA's Fourth International Convention on High-Speed Rail will be held in May 1987 at Bally's MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. OARP member Kevin Gregoire was honored at this year's HSR Convention in Orlando for being the first person to register for the HSRA convention!

OARP understands that the November 1986 issue of Reader's Digest will publish an article on high speed rail. In what some people call an Administration-planted attack on Amtrak, the July 1986 Reader's Digest regurgitated several biased and time-worn anti-Amtrak "facts" in an article entitled "Uncle Sam's Ten Worst Taxpayer Rip-Offs". NARP has been urged to send RD a strong response and request for "op-ed" space in an upcoming issue.

We have received word of the death of OARP/TRAM member William Canedy of Cincinnati, a certified travel consultant with Carousel Travel, and we extend our sympathy to the Canedy family. Bill Canedy was director of the Hamilton County Park District from 1946 to 1978 and in 1977 chaired the park section of the statewide Ohio Parks & Recreation Association.

OARP member Mark Adamcik of Cleveland experienced a "rare mileage" detour of the eastbound Amtrak LAKE SHORE LIMITED on July 12th. Due to a Conrail freight derailment near Rochester, the eastbound LAKE SHORE was run east of Buffalo (in daylight hours) by way of the former Erie line thru Hornell to Corning, then up the former New York Central line thru Watkins Glen and Geneva, regaining the mainline at Lyons. Mark reported that a crew change was made at Gang Mills and that the train ran up to 50 mph over the ex-Erie line and up to 45 mph over the ex-NYC line. Albany was reached at about 5:00pm and the entire consist was turned there with Boston passenger bussed on east and New York passengers accommodated on an "Empire Corridor" train south. The westbound LAKE SHORE of the 11th, and likewise the 12th, did not have to be detoured.

Many who attended OARP's Annual Meeting in Galion in May enjoyed walking or driving down to see the former Erie passenger station on South Market Street. Good that they did -- because on July 1st Conrail demolished the depot after moving local operations to a building in nearby Crestline. The former NYCRR depot, east of downtown, still stands. The Cincinnati Enquirer reports people in China's coastal province of Shandong are stabbing each other to death for seats on overcrowded trains! Summer vacation train travel has so taxed China's rail system -- the most popular and reliable mode of transport in a nation that lacks highways -- that group tours at government expense have become brawls and bloody confrontations aboard the nation's trains. (Seems to be a corollary here with the behavior of some persons competing for space on the overcrowded highways in this country.)

OARP member Mark Carlson of Bay Village noted the consist of #49 the LAKE SHORE LIMITED at Cleveland on July 16th. The westbound train with 19 cars arrived 11 minutes EARLY and departed on time at 7:00am with engine units #340 and #344, baggage cars #1462, #1433, #1437, #1165 and #1354, Boston sleeper #2992, coaches #25088, #25086 and #4645, lounge #28003, diner #8504, lounge #28024, coaches #25094, #25112, #25098 and #25089, New York sleepers #2094 and #2441, baggage DB-1614.

OARP member Harold Zweifel and his wife attended the June 9th Columbus City Council meeting when the resolution of support for Ohio's 3-C Corridor was introduced. Harold, also an officer with the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, notes that the 1988 NARVRE Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio, and that we hope to have Amtrak service here by then!

Thanks to the several OARP members who noted the "Great American Train Trips" article in the June 1986 issue of Changing Times. It's great to see such positive articles in national publications with wide circulation.

Hertz Corporation recently released (in May '86) the cents-per-mile cost of operating the family car; subcompacts 40.9¢, compacts 47.6¢, midsize 47.2¢, intermediates 52.8¢, full-size 63.0¢ with the average figure for all cars at 50.2¢. These Hertz figures are often referenced in research reports. OARP President Tom Pulsifer has been recently named Chairperson of the Xenia 2000 Transportation Task Force. Xenia 2000 is a city-wide citizen movement to guide future long-range planning for both the City of Xenia and the greater community.

West Chester Travel is sponsoring a Fall Foliage Weekend, October 10-12, featuring the private car MARDI GRAS on the steam-powered NEW RIVER TRAIN '86 between Huntington and Hinton, WV. Call John Wilson (513) 777-6770 to get in on this rare opportunity!

Coach seats for the October 11, 12, 18 & 19 steam-powered NEW RIVER TRAIN '86 may still be available; but call first to the C. P. Huntington Chapter of the NRHS (304) 522-6140. In previous years these popular train trips have been complete sell-outs!

Will the person who contacted OARP Pres. Pulsifer some time ago about the train order delivery forks please do so again? Correspondence misplaced.

House Budget Committee Chairman Bill Gray and his family recently rode on Amtrak's CAPITOL LIMITED, CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR and SOUTHWEST LIMITED; and U.S. Senator Byrd recently rode the CARDINAL between Hinton and Thurmond.

Did you know that Michael Gross, star of NBC-TV's "Family Ties" is a NARP member and volunteer booster of NARP and passenger trains?

On August 6th a bomb scare caused the evacuation and 5-hour delay of Amtrak's CARDINAL at Rushville, Indiana, after a passenger who had gotten off at Indianapolis told officials he overheard two other passengers discussing a bomb on board the train. No bomb was found. Passengers were taken by schoolbuses to the Rush County Courthouse where the Red Cross provided coffee and doughnuts. Passengers intending to board the east-bound train at Cincinnati were further inconvenienced when "on-time inquiry" calls to Amtrak's toll-free number were told that the train was just 47 minutes late!

AMTRAK'S POPULAR ALL ABOARD FARES WILL BE REDUCED FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NEXT JUNE 30: \$150 WITHIN ONE REGION, \$200 FOR TWO REGIONS and \$250 FOR ALL THREE REGIONS. CHILDREN'S FARES ARE 50% OF ADULT FARES. CONTACT AMTRAK FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

Did you know that Amtrak does not handle Checked Baggage at Indianapolis? The HOOSIER STATE never had baggage service anyway, but the CARDINAL does and yet it's not available at this busy city. Also, platform lighting at Indianapolis is suitable only for short train consists. IndARP is hard at work to get these negative situations resolved. Although the poor lighting creates a very hazardous situation for passenger safety, it appears that improvements are bogged down in bureaucratic tangles.

AMTRAK'S POPULAR \$7 RETURN FARE (good on one-way tickets of \$60 or more) IS BACK! AGAIN, CONTACT AMTRAK FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

The Transportation Research Board has determined that twin-trailer trucks will cause \$50 million annual highway damage by 1990, thus further increasing public "subsidy" to the trucking industry.

Much good press came forth when the Cleveland Indians baseball team recently traveled from Baltimore to New York City on Amtrak's Metroliner Service. The Indians' trip was covered in the papers and on TV.

On a recent visit to Cleveland, NARP's Assistant Director Barry Williams noted poor signage directing passengers to the Amtrak station. He has brought the problem to the attention of ODOT and the City of Cleveland.

58 of 74 of Amtrak's new Thrall-built mail and express cars are in service and an additional 24 are on order. Though these new 61-foot cars are essentially heavy-duty box cars on high-speed passenger trucks, they blend in very well with the passenger cars on the trains.

Photos from OARP's Midsummer Meeting will appear in the next 6:53.

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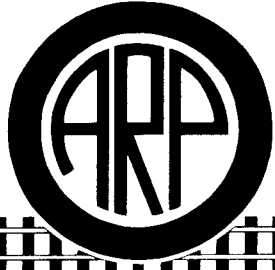
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- SEND ME _____ AMTRAK NATIONWIDE TIMETABLE (Please send a self-addressed business letter size #10 envelope with 73¢ postage [22+17+17+17] affixed for this item to expedite handling. We are not always able to offer these timetables in quantities at all times. OARP appreciates your understanding.)

Note: Amtrak (1-800-USA-RAIL) will mail you single copies free.

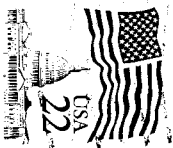
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th
at the AKRON, OHIO, WOMEN'S CITY CLUB
732 W. Exchange St. 10:30am - 4:00pm
GUEST SPEAKER: "Railbus System"
Mr. RICHARD ENTY, Rail Administrator,
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