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OHIO ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS
A NEW BEGINNING... 

The new year has begun and my office is once again in full swing. My name is Ed R. Boos, Ohio Senator, representing the 3rd District of Ohio. Amtrak’s High Speed Rail Authority, an official body, will be introduced by me into the legislative body, the Ohio House of Representatives. The Authority will be responsible for the development of the High Speed Rail system in Ohio. The Authority will include representation from the state, local government, and private sector.

The new S.B. #65 contains a General Revenue appropriation of $9 million, dedicated to support the implementation of the High Speed Rail system in Ohio. The proposal is divided into two parts: $6 million for the development and implementation of the system, and $3 million for the operational costs of the Authority.

The Authority will be responsible for the development of the High Speed Rail system in Ohio, with emphasis on connecting the major cities and hubs of the state. The Authority will also be responsible for setting the schedule and frequency of the service, ensuring that it meets the needs of the passengers.

Please send me copies of your correspondence, so that I can keep track of all the activities and discussions related to the Authority. I will be meeting with the leaders of the Authority, the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio House, to discuss the implementation of the Authority and the development of the High Speed Rail system in Ohio.

Thank you for your support and your continued interest in the development of the High Speed Rail system in Ohio. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ed R. Boos, Ohio Senator
3rd District of Ohio

Please be as considerate as you are reasonable.
planned at t. writing, but I will work individually with each of the members and his/her government to adequately inform and gain support for the new pending legislation.

Of interest to many of you will be that OARP's Vice President Howard Harding has continued to talk with Amtrak officials about various aspects of the proposed 3-C Corridor service, including those of rolling stock and motive power. If you'll recall, Amtrak wrote to Ohio Department of Transportation Director Warren J. Smith last year that it (Amtrak) would be unable to operate the 3-C service even if there was adequate funding because it had no cars nor locomotives to spare for this new service.

While I cannot speak for Amtrak, nor Howard who is still exploring the possibilities for us, I can report that a possible source for modern equipment and motive power has been found -- a source which appears to satisfy both Ohio's needs and Amtrak's strict equipment criteria. There will be more to say about this new development in the next issue of the 6:53, but I can announce at least that there may be a breakthrough on the car shortage after all -- if things can be worked out.

Finally, I would like to repeat our plea from the last issue of the 6:53; that we need continued funding to adequately operate on a statewide basis in the manner which we have chosen. If you have an opportunity to send along a special contribution earmarked for the 3-C Corridor Project Fund, PLEASE DO SO! We have done all-right so far, but not nearly as much as we should or could.

However... thanks for your past support -- both letters and funds. They are ALWAYS very much appreciated!

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF... The Reagan Administration's proposed budget for 1988 would again cut railroad and mass-transit funding while giving a 20% increase to aviation programs! All subsidies for Amtrak would be eliminated, as would discretionary grants for new transit systems. Further, the Reagan Administration has incredulously proposed the sale of Amtrak's assets, including the entire Northeast Corridor! Although the President refrained from singling out Amtrak in this year's State-Of-The-Union speech, he seems to remain convinced that all Americans will drive or fly anywhere they want to go. This year's budget faces an uncertain future in the Democratic-controlled U.S. Congress. OARP and NARP will keep an eye on things. It would STILL be a good idea if YOU would write YOUR U.S. SENATORS (2) and YOUR U.S. CONGRESSMAN/CONGRESSWOMAN and tell them you use Amtrak and want more and better rail passenger services, not less.

Your OARP President's comments regarding Ohio's Late 1986 High Speed Rail Funding Flourish brought a volatile response from Senator Boggs. Without going into lengthy detail, be assured that OARP and the Senator ARE communicating. There are some points over which we disagree. We are addressing them. It appears at this time that the high-speed funding plan is encountering problems, and concurrent bad press. This may help our cause in pushing for the conventional 3-C Corridor service to get things started as a first-step towards building a future high-speed rail transportation network for Ohio and for the rest of the U.S. as well. It can and will be done.
YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS AN OHIO HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY, AND NOW THERE IS ALSO AN OHIO HIGH SPEED RAIL ASSOCIATION...

The newly organized OHIO HIGH SPEED RAIL ASSOCIATION, INC. will promote the development of high speed rail transportation in Ohio. Its new Executive Director, Timothy S. Shear (former aide to State Sen. Alan Zaleski of Elyria) met with OARP's Tom Pulsifer and Manfred Orlow in Dayton on February 2nd. The Association is currently seeking both membership and support. The trio held a good discussion about OARP's thrust towards building a future high speed rail service not by a leap, but by several achievable, reasonable steps. We will be learning more about the Association in upcoming issues of the 6:53 and at upcoming OARP meetings. Individuals interested in membership (dues start at $10/Student & Retired, $25/Supporting, and go up from there) should contact Tim Shear.

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  65 East State Street, Suite 1000, Columbus, OH 43216

A February 6th Association mailing to "High Speed Rail Enthusiasts" included newscasts of recent letters-to-the-editor from three individuals recognized as members of OARP! We DO recognize the need for high speed rail in Ohio's future. And we need conventional services NOW!

Meanwhile, OHIO'S HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY has set up a temporary office on the 23rd Floor of the State Office Tower at 30 East Broad Street. Senator Boggs' former aide, Maggie Lewis is serving as Acting Administrator and her office phone number is (614) 466-2509. The Authority is moving ahead on the selection of an Executive Director, however a decision is not expected very soon. The Authority has generally met semi-weekly with the first meeting in the month being the regular public meeting, the second more of a working session for Authority committees.

**BAGGAGE & EXPRESS**

Upcoming "Train Town" events of interest to OARP members in the Lima area (phone 419-224-6873 for details): Feb 22-Mar 15 Railroad Travel exhibit at Lima Amtrak Station; Mar 01/Mar 08/Mar 15 Bus tours of Lima's significant railroad sites and buildings; Mar 06-28 Photo exhibit "The Train In The Urban Landscape", Alma Gallery, Memorial Hall 9a-5p Mon-Fri; Apr 05-Jun 6 Streetcar & Interurban Travel exhibit at Lima Municipal Building.

Amtrak has recently issued a most attractive 90-page 1987 TRAVEL PLANNER full-color #211 format publication. It outlines where you can go by Amtrak and ranks 76th out of Amtrak's 198 car stations. The addition of the LAKE SHORE Limited has increased the number of phone calls into the station and have also resulted in improved ticket sales. If it works in Lima, Ohio, it should also work elsewhere. Amtrak cannot afford to run a "secret service", yet in many communities it is virtually impossible for the public to get basic information like this. OARP commends Amtrak for running these ads!

**WILL AMTRAK BE FORCED TO VACATE TOLEDO CENTRAL UNION TERMINAL?**

OARP's Toledo Area Regional Coordinator LARRY GEORGE reports that, as we have suspected, Conrail has begun (in mid-January) the phased transfer of some 85 employees and its Toledo Division headquarters offices out of the Central Union Terminal. The Conrail offices are moving to a new facility on Michigan Avenue at the Southfield Freeway in Dearborn, MI. Transfer of the last Toledo-based employees and the closing of the Toledo offices is expected by August 1987.

Amtrak currently has no plans to vacate the station, but is keeping a wary eye on taking over a much larger share of the operating costs as Conrail downsizes its operations there. Central Union Terminal, built by the New York Central System, was opened in September of 1950. All but two tracks through the passenger concourse area were torn up in 1972. Amtrak service was restored through Toledo in October, 1975 with the advent of the LAKE SHORE LIMITED. The addition of the LAKE SHORE service took place in 1978.

Toledo is Ohio's busiest Amtrak station and Amtrak has recently opened a high speed rail office, and ranks 76th out of Amtrak's 198 car stations. Because of track routings at Toledo there are few alternative sites suitable for a station location. Of course, remaining at and improving Central Union Terminal would be the best solution. But Amtrak is understandably reluctant to support such a huge facility for the amount of passenger train service it now hosts.

A site at Westwood Avenue, at the former Air Line Yard near Detroit Avenue, is mentioned as a possible alternative that would serve both the Chicago line and the Detroit line. Another concern to OARP is that, frequently, only one Amtrak agent is on duty to service this bi-level station where the trains are NOT visible from the passenger waiting area. More than a few passengers, upon arriving at Central Union Terminal after the train has been announced and the agent has gone downstairs to work the baggage, have missed their train because they were not familiar with the station's layout, train procedures, or waited for the train to be announced. The Amtrak agent cannot make train announcements from the track/platform level of the depot.

OARP will be staying on top of the Toledo situation and will report developments in upcoming issues of the 6:53...
OARP WORKSHOP MEETING

The Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers will hold a WORKSHOP MEETING from 10:30am until 3:30pm, SATURDAY, MARCH 14th, at the HOLIDAY INN in DELAWARE, OHIO. This WORKSHOP MEETING is primarily for OARP's officers, chairpersons and regional coordinators; however... it IS open to ANY interested members especially if YOU do take or can take an active role in the ongoing work of your Association.

This will be a "no frills" meeting... no guest speaker, no slide, no fancy luncheon, no door prizes. All participants will be encouraged to share their concerns, their ideas and suggestions. All of the participants will be doing some thinking, some planning, and some written work... for this IS a WORKSHOP MEETING. We have a basic agenda to guide us; yet we'll try to remain as flexible as we can. And... come informal if you wish. There will be no reporters or TV cameras around!

Our meeting room will be set up as closely as possible to a "conference" style; to make it as easy as possible for each person to hear and to be heard. Pencils and notepads will be provided for all.

AN INFORMAL DELI BUFFET LUNCHEON (Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, Dessert, Beverage) AS WELL AS COFFEE & TEA SERVICE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS WORKSHOP MEETING, WHICH IS $9.00 PER PERSON.

How to get there: The HOLIDAY INN is located at 351 South Sandusky Street, about one mile south of downtown Delaware. From U.S. 23 north or south exit at "Sandusky Street". From I-71 exit at U.S. 36, go west to the center of Delaware, take exit 10 (south) on Sandusky Street. You can see the Holiday Inn from U.S. 23 and U.S. 42 (limited access highways within the city) but can access the Holiday Inn only from South Sandusky Street. Watch for the sign, across from the cemetery. If you need a ride, or can provide a ride for someone else, contact your closest OARP officer or regional coordinator. See the OARP DIRECTORY on page two. Bulk supplies (OARP stationery and envelopes, membership flyers, calendars, legislative directories, 6:53's, Amtrak timetables, etc.) will be available at the conclusion of this WORKSHOP. Participants may wish to bring a suitable box or carrying bag with them to help take materials home for "field work".

As with most OARP quarter meetings, YOU DO NEED TO SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE. Deadline for reservations for this WORKSHOP is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th. You may make a reservation after that date by telephone (513-372-9868) and pay on Saturday, but no requests for refunds will be honored after March 11th and any person making a telephoned reservation will be held to it unless it is cancelled by the 11th. Use the registration forms on the next page (make a photocopy if you wish) and be sure to send it in by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th.

OARP WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1987

10:15am Meeting Room Opens, Coffee Pot's Hot!
10:30am THE "STATE OF OUR ASSOCIATION".
11:00am OPEN FORUM -- general input from participants.
11:45am 1. FOCUS ON GOALS Goals are general. We will identify, or re-identify, what it is that OARP would like to attain.
12:30pm DELI BUFFET LUNCHEON
1:15pm 2. FOCUS ON OBJECTIVES Objectives are specific and more than one objective may be needed for each goal. We'll quantify goals and, where possible, include a deadline or other time and cost element.
2:00pm 3. FOCUS ON PRIORITIES We'll prioritize our objectives for 1987.
2:30pm 4. FOCUS ON STRATEGIES Strategies are both detailed and specific. More than one strategy may be needed for each objective. We'll develop and determine action plans that spell out how our goals and objectives can best be achieved.
3:15pm WRAP-UP
3:30pm Adjourn. Distribute bulk supplies.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU MARCH 14th! COME PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE!
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As in the past, OARP's CALENDAR not only has the whole year before you at a glance, with major holidays highlighted; but also lists for your information and handy reference...

- AMTRAK RESERVATIONS & TRAIN INFORMATION TOLL-FREE AND LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS.
- AMTRAK'S REGIONAL SALES & MARKETING OFFICE TOLLFREE PHONE NUMBER.
- AMTRAK LOCAL STATION PHONE NUMBERS (WILL SAVE YOU MANY A CALL TO "INFORMATION").
- OHIO'S LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER PLUS OHIO DOT'S RAIL DIVISION OFFICE NUMBER.
- USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT OARP.

Our 1987 OARP FULL-COLOR CALENDAR measures 9" by 12". It is printed on quality stock. Our 1987 CALENDAR is one which we know you'll be proud to display in your home or office, as well as to hand out to friends and associates.

We have one OARP member who ordered 100 of them! He told us he plans to give them out, along with an OARP membership flyer, to friends at several club meetings in his community in the expectation of recruiting new members for OARP. That's a promotional idea many of you might give a try! We can very easily ship you one CALENDAR... or a hundred of them! The important thing is to help get them into circulation... make OARP visible!

Pricing for our 1987 OARP CALENDARS is the same as for previous years: 10¢ each in any quantity PLUS just $1.00 towards postage and shipping for ANY order, ANY quantity! This means ONE Calendar would be $1.10; TEN Calendars would be just $2.00; 100 Calendars would be $11.00.

We price them this way to ENCOURAGE you to order several and to use them as "outreach tools".

PLEASE USE THE HANDY ORDER FORM AT THE RIGHT TO HELP SPEED YOUR CALENDARS TO YOU. WE CAN USUALLY FILL YOUR ORDER THE VERY DAY IT IS RECEIVED! ALL CALENDARS WILL BE SHIPPED BY U.S.P.S., SMALLER ORDERS BY FIRST CLASS MAIL.

Please send me _____ OARP 1987 CALENDARS I'm enclosing payment at 10¢ per calendar PLUS a minimum donation of $1.00 to help cover the costs of mailing the calendars.

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OARP's 1987 OHIO LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY, updated for the 117th General Assembly, will be mailed to all OHIO OARP members in March. If you need additional copies, or live out-of-Ohio and want one, please send a self-addressed, stamped #10 business-size envelope with your request. Use OARP'S OHIO LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY to contact your elected representatives!

OARP PRESIDENT CHALLENGES ALL OARP MEMBERS TO ACTIVELY WORK TO DOUBLE -- AND IF POSSIBLE, TRIPLE -- OARP'S MEMBERSHIP BASE!

All OARP members, when they receive their membership renewal notice this year, will also read a direct challenge message from your OARP President. It states very bluntly; "We MUST expand our membership base IMMEDIATELY! Legislators do have more respect for a 1,400 or 2,100 member statewide organization than they do for our present 700. This year ALL of us MUST actively work to bring in more members to OARP."

In just the last two weeks, it appears we're off to a good start at doing just that! The first quarter renewal notices were mailed out by Ben Libby. In just two weeks we have received FIVE new individual members, TEN new "family" members, and SEVENTY individual renewals!

Pres. Pulsifer further states, "I want to help you bring new members into our OARP! Over the years, our experience has proven that PERSONAL CONTACT is the best way to help assure follow-up by a potential member. Surely you know at least one person in your community who is interested in train travel and realizes the need for modern passenger trains in Ohio's total transportation system. Maybe that person is not aware that OARP exists and would gladly join if they only knew how.

"That's where YOU come in. To help you reach out to others, I'll see that you receive whatever quantities of OARP membership flyers and current/recent issues of the 6:53 you believe you can use to build our membership in OARP. I'll even enclose a little something extra for those who enclose an extra buck or two to help out with postage costs!"

Obviously, members are encouraged to get started NOW in actively reaching out to potential new members. You don't have to wait until your own membership renewal letter arrives.

OARP'S President also addressed three other areas needing immediate attention in 1987, stating...

- We MUST expand our involvement and liaison with other individuals and organizations who can help our cause in Columbus.
- We MUST communicate better with our legislators in Columbus -- as individuals AND as an organization. We have much to do.
- We MUST work towards establishing a permanent office for OARP and a paid administrator to handle both routine work and also special projects. We can no longer live out of "shoeboxes" and expect volunteers to contend with the growing mountain of paperwork that an active, vital organization requires.

These 1987 challenges and concerns will be addressed at the OARP WORKSHOP MEETING on March 14th, with thought towards the goals, objectives and strategies involved. We intend to keep all members regularly informed as to our 1987 membership challenge as we proceed through the year. If what has happened in the past two weeks -- FIFTEEN NEW MEMBERS -- can continue during the entire year, then we can say we're off to a great beginning at doubling or tripling our OARP membership base.
We extend our most sincere sympathy to the family of OARP member RALPH A. "AL" PIERCE, 64, of Kettering. AL passed away on January 27th. He will be remembered as a quiet but loyal supporter. In 1979 AL Pierce along with four other OARP members, DON CLARK, DON JOHN and SANDY EDMONSON met to form what was to become a successful new organization for rail historians, the Dayton Railway Historical Society, of which AL was an active officer for many years.

If you're riding Amtrak's BROADWAY LIMITED to or through Harrisburg, PA, take a look over to Track 5 and see the historic Pennsylvania Railroad GG1 electric locomotive 4859 that has been restored to the original Raymond Loewy design and placed on permanent exhibit in the Harrisburg station. #4859 was the first locomotive to haul an electric train into Harrisburg in 1938. #4859, along with GG1 #4877, hauled Conrail's last GG1 powered freight train in November 1979.

Ohio Governor Celeste has announced the elevation of the state's travel office to division status in the Ohio Department of Development. Marilyn J. Tomassi serves as Travel Director of the Division of Travel and Tourism. Clarence D. Pawlicki is Director of Ohio Department of Development. He also serves as a member of the Ohio High Speed Rail Authority. Thanks to Richard Enzy, Rail Administrator for the Greater Cleveland RTA, for sending OARP a copy of the RTA's 1987 Calendar featuring a series of fine black and white photos of vintage track vehicles, rail and otherwise, in Cleveland.

And, speaking of Cleveland transit... OARP's archives have been enriched with the donation of two 1947 Cleveland Transit System passes, a gift from our long-time friend Jim Ullman of Heriden, CT. Two recent Amtrak "Rare Mileage" derows have been brought to OARP's attention. On December 20th the westbound LAKE SHORE LIMITED encountered a Conrail freight derailment blocking all tracks between Belt Junction and BE Tower at Berea. The LACE SHORE was back on track, with the Rockport Yard, to Short Line Junction just west of the old Linndale depot. Then it headed west on the old Big Four passenger line to BE Tower and on westward. It took an extra TWO HOURS to negotiate this maneuver which added about two miles of trackage to the train's normal route distance! A CSX freight derailment on the evening of January 22nd caught the eastbound CARDINAL at Lafayette, IN, unable to proceed on the ex-RRMN line to Crawfordville. After the Indianapolis passengers were bussed to the train departed for Muncie via the NS (ex-RRMN) thru Frankfort and Tipton; then returned to the CSX (ex-C&O) line from Muncie, thru Richmond, to Cottage Grove, there regaining its regular route to Hamilton and Cincinnati. Recent CSX actions have served to confirm rumors OARP has been hearing--that most of the original B&O Cumberland-Cincinnati-St. Louis mainline is redundant and large segments will be abandoned with some taken over by shortline railroads. In Ohio, the Southeastern-Hamden portion has been out of service for over a year. On June 30th, CSX plans to list the Chillicothe-Michael City segment for abandonment. At the end of December 1986 CSX permanently sent all through Cleveland-St. Louis traffic over the "Short Line" to Louisville then west over the ex-L&N through Evansville to East St. Louis and posted "rusty rail" bulletins for the B&O route thru North Vernon, Washington and Seymour. Amtrak's SHENANDOAH used this B&O line east of Cincinnati. CSX has been meeting with shortline owners regarding the preservation of freight service to shippers on some line segments. CSX may also give up the Cincinnati-Midland City-Columbus route in Ohio.

OARP member DAVE OROSZ, assisted by TOM PULSIFER, presented a slide program on "Railroads of Greene County" to a capacity audience at the Greene County Historical Society on December 8th. Mayor Henry Peresie of Crestline, OH, has informed OARP that new "Trailblazer" signs (how to get to the Amtrak station) have been requested and that the City will work with Amtrak's District Manager Brian Rosenwald in getting them installed. A recent grade crossing elimination project has resulted in some modifications to highway traffic to the Amtrak station. OARP thanks Mayor Peresie for advising us the problem is being corrected!

The Ohio Environmental Council will hold its annual Environmental gala February 25th at the Sheraton Columbus Plaza. The Gala provides an opportunity for OEC members and conservationists from across the state to meet and discuss environmental concerns with prominent state officials, legislators, and officials of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources and the EPA. OARP is a member organization of the OEC. On February 10th, OARP's AL WOLF will be representing OARP at a regional OEC member organization meeting in Dayton.

Congrats to OARP member DUANE ROLLER of Lima for getting his letter "The View From Ohio" published in The New York Times on January 20th, along with two other pro-Amtrak letters (one from W. Graham Claytor, Jr.).

Erie, PA, Mayor Louis Tullio is preparing a plan to convert dilapidated Union Station into a multi-million dollar commercial, retail and transportation center; envisioning the project as a smaller-scale version of Pittsburgh's successful "Station Square."

MANFESLD VS. CRESTLINE / OARP has learned that a second site study by Amtrak could not identify a suitable, safe location in Mansfield for an Amtrak station. It appears that the stop will remain at nearby Crestline.

CONERSVILLE / OARP has heard nothing recently on the proposal to add a station stop on the CARDINAL route at Connersville, IN (near Richmond). Amtrak's Government Affairs people are in contact with city officials. Connersville must raise an estimated $37,000 to make site improvements at the former B&O depot, mainly lighting and parking lot improvements. OARP understands that the success of recent Amtrak "Open House" days at Lima (1985) and Canton (1986) will help assure near-future events at other Ohio stations, we'll keep you posted!

LETTERS / We've noted recent published letters from OARP members KEN PRENDERGAST of Chagrin Falls (in the Plain Dealer), DUANE ROLLER of Lima and WOLF AL of Columbus. (Have we overlooked anyone? If you're writing, please get published, do NOT send a tear sheet or photocopy to OARP right away. Thanks!)
RIDE AMTRAK TO THE MARCH 21st NARP MEETING IN CHICAGO!

For your information, here are the current lowest Amtrak round-trip fares from Ohio area stations to Chicago. These fares will be valid for March 21-22. Please consult your local Amtrak agent, your authorized Amtrak travel agent, or call the toll-free number (1-800-USA-RAIL) for information on family fares, and to make your train reservations. The code in parentheses is the fare quoted. Note that AAA (7$ Return) tickets cannot be sold on the train! You must purchase AAA tickets from an Amtrak station agent or from an Amtrak travel agency!

**BRYAN**          $70  (OFW + OFW)  
**CATLETTSBURG** $79   (AAA)         
**CLEVELAND**     $71   (AAA)         
**ELYRIA**        $71   (AAA)         
**FORT WAYNE**     $45  (AW45)       
**INDIANAPOLIS** $51   (AW45)       
**MAVSVILLE**     $70   (AAA)         
**SANDUSKY**      $71   (AAA)         
**TOLEDO**        $71   (AAA)         

OARP thanks Amtrak agent John T. Edminson at Lima for patiently verifying each of these fares which OARP obtained from the Amtrak Tariff found in The Official Guide to which OARP subscribes.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THESE AUTHORIZED AMTRAK TRAVEL AGENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS**

**AKRON**  CHIMA TRAVEL BUREAU, INC.  216-867-4770
**LANA FULTON**  MASSILLON AAA TRAVEL  216-854-6616
**CINCINNATI**  AMES TRAVEL SERVICE  513-651-1700
**CLEVELAND**  'ROUND THE WORLD TRAVEL AGENCY  216-432-2255
**COLUMBUS**  THE OHIO AUTOMOBILE CLUB  614-431-7823
**COLUMBUS**  THE TRAVEL MARKET, INC.  614-885-7597
**FAIRBORN**  HERITAGE TRAVEL, INC.  513-879-5444
**FINDLAY**  MCDOWELL TRAVEL AGENCY, INC.  419-422-6151
**MASSILLON**  MASSILLON AAA TRAVEL  216-833-1084
**PERRYSBURG**  HAYES TRAVEL AGENCY  419-874-2271
**PIQUA**  MIAMI COUNTY AUTO CLUB  513-879-2753
**ST. MARYS**  VIP TRAVEL SERVICES, INC.  513-594-7428
**SANDUSKY**  SANDUSKY TRAVEL SERVICE, INC.  419-626-4653
**TROY**  MIAMI COUNTY AUTO CLUB  513-339-0112
**WEST CHESTER**  WEST CHESTER TRAVEL, INC.  513-777-6770

Authorized AMTRAK travel agents who wish to join OARP and be listed in this DIRECTORY should send a $25.00 check, made payable to the OHIO ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS, and mail this to OARP, P.O. BOX 653, XENIA, OH 45385. Please refer any inquiries on OARP's "TRAM" (Travel Agency Member) PROGRAM to OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer (at the same address) or call 513-439-2355 (days) or 513-372-9868 (evenings/weekends). These DIRECTORY listings are limited to the CITY, the BUSINESS NAME of your Agency, and your LOCAL PHONE NUMBER. Limited to OHIO Travel Agencies.

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**NARP REGIONAL MEETING**

Regions 6 and 7 of the National Association of Railroad Passengers will be holding a Joint Annual Meeting this year -- on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 & 22, in Chicago. Ohio, Michigan and Indiana comprise NARP Region 6.

NARP members and all others interested are invited to attend this meeting which will feature:

* A dinner meeting Saturday evening (the 21st) with NARP President John Martin as featured guest speaker. Held at the Midland Hotel.
* A tour of Amtrak's Chicago Maintenance Facility on Sunday morning, with chartered bus shuttle to and from the Midland Hotel.
* Additional NARP business sessions mid-day Sunday and possibly Saturday afternoon.

All those who register will receive additional detailed information. You must make your own travel arrangements. You must also make your own hotel reservations. Your NARP registration fee of $28.00 per person will cover the dinner, bus service for the Amtrak Coach Yard Tour, and incidental expenses incurred in arranging this joint meeting.

The Midland Hotel is located at 172 West Adams, within easy walking distance of Chicago's Union Station. They have established a special rate for this NARP Meeting, but you must say you want the "special NARP meeting rate" in order to get it! Rates: Single or Double (twin beds upon request) occupancy is $58.36 per night, tax included. This special NARP meeting rate is also available for the 20th and the 22nd. You must guarantee your reservation with your credit card, or with a check for $58.36 per room. Check-in time is 3:00pm! Check-out time is 1:00pm. The Midland Hotel has a toll-free number to assist you: 1-800-621-2360. Locally, their number in Chicago is 312-332-1200. Reservation deadline for rooms at the Midland Hotel is March 1st.

Please use this form for registration for the NARP MEETING...

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**REGISTRATION FOR NARP REGIONS 6 & 7 JOINT ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1987**

Mail to: James G. Otto  
213 West 31st Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408  
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
216-803-1654 before 10pm EST  
James G. Otto

Name ____________________________  
Mailing Address ____________________________  
City/State/ZIP ____________________________

For additional forms, please photocopy this page. OARP

**IMPORTANT! DO NOT SEND NARP MEETING REGISTRATIONS TO OARP'S XENIA ADDRESS AND PLEASE OBSERVE THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINES FOR BOTH REGISTRATION FOR THE NARP MEETING AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE MIDLAND HOTEL.**
A NOTE ABOUT THE "MARCH MEETINGS"... There are TWO events of interest to OARP and NARP members in the month of March; and they are scheduled just one week apart. Some OARP members are participating in both events. OARP will hold a WORKSHOP MEETING which will essentially be a concentrated planning session for the future course of OARP. This will be on SATURDAY, MARCH 14th. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue of the 6:53.

The NARP Region 6 Annual Meeting will be held the following SATURDAY, MARCH 21st (and SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd) as a joint NARP meeting with Region 7 (IL-WI-MN-ND) in Chicago. Full details on this event also appear elsewhere in this issue. Note that registration for each meeting is handled separately. Be sure to use the correct form for the meeting(s) you plan to attend and be sure to observe the announced deadlines and conditions carefully to avoid confusion.

Please note also that OARP is NOT planning to hold any sort of OARP meeting in Chicago as part of the NARP event. We do, however, encourage interested OARP members to attend this two-day joint NARP regional meeting in Chicago. If you have questions/concerns about either March meeting, please contact these individuals:

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NEXT MEETING: OARP WORKSHOP MEETING
SAT., MARCH 14, 1987
HOLIDAY INN — DELAWARE, OHIO
10:30am — 3:30pm — DELI BUFFET

also... NARP ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING
REGIONS 6 & 7 JOINT MEETING
SAT. & SUN., MARCH 21 & 22, 1987
MIDLAND HOTEL — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Details on BOTH meetings in this issue!

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