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## OHIO ACTIVISTS CONTINUE MAKING PROGRESS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIAN

Activity continues to progress for the extension of Amtrak's PENNSYLVANIAN from Pittsburgh to Cleveland. This activity is occurring on two fronts.

The first front is Amtrak -- which is now completing a feasibility study. Once it is finished, Amtrak's Board of Directors will be in a position to make the decision whether or not the PENNSYLVANIAN will be extended. If the feasibility study projects that the extension will cover its operating and capital costs, the train will probably be extended as a proactive move by Amtrak. If the study's results are unfavorable to the proactive extension, according to Amtrak spokesman Clifford Black, Amtrak will approach the State of Ohio and ask it to underwrite any additional costs.

The second front of activity is being conducted by OARP and area train supporters. While local supporters are awaiting the results of the Amtrak study, they are attempting to get on-line cities to reserve local dollars for station facilities. This move accomplishes several things. First and foremost, it sends a message of good faith to Amtrak and to the politicians in Columbus and Harrisburg that the on-line cities between Cleveland and Pittsburgh want train service (i.e., money talks louder than words). Second, it sets a strong policy precedent for local administrations to adhere to. Finally, reserved money will hopefully and eventually finance construction or reconstruction of rail passenger facilities.

The following is an updated list of on-line cities and their efforts to become financially committed to the Cleveland-Pittsburgh Amtrak service proposal:

CLEVELAND -- Little, if any, capital money needed for station improvements; no city action necessary.

MAPLE HEIGHTS -- City has recently lost a major corporation and its \$600,000 in tax dollars. City Council's Transit Committee is studying possible funding sources, one source being county funds.

BEDFORD -- Same financial situation as Maple Heights.

RAVENNA -- Has set aside \$15,000 in city funds for an Amtrak station with the understanding it may have to spend more.

ALLIANCE -- Conrail has agreed to allow the city to use the existing station facility which is owned and used by Conrail. The city is looking at county money, UDAG recapture funds, or city funds, or a mixture thereof.

NEWTON FALLS -- Willing to provide, at their own expense, a rail station to serve passengers in their area. Passed a resolution in support of the passenger train service on April 3rd.

LORDSTOWN -- Has made it clear it is willing to commit significant local funding, enough to build and possibly staff a medium-sized station facility.

YOUNGSTOWN -- City officials have said "No problem" to the amount of money needed to convert the city-owned B&O passenger station into an Amtrak facility, estimated to be about \$100,000. (Continued...)

BEAVER FALLS -- PennDOT has a program for Amtrak station financing. They pay 50% of construction costs, with a local matching share. State Representative Michael Veon has researched possible funding sources and seems confident about the prospects of these funding sources.

PITTSBURGH -- No capital improvements needed.

One problem that local train supporters and OARP activists have been trying to overcome is the lack of support from western Pennsylvania. OARP would like to thank our friends in the Keystone Association of Railroad Passengers (KARP) and Jay Hrechun, President of Custom Athletics in Sewickley, PA, for their assistance in addressing this problem. After appeals to the political and business communities in Beaver Falls, Sewickley and Pittsburgh, the area is now supporting the PENNSYLVANIAN extension with enthusiasm.

Additionally, the supporters from western Pennsylvania have been contacting PennDOT to understand what their position is regarding the extension. In order for the extension to occur, PennDOT must approve of it. According to recent letters from PennDOT; "we (PennDOT) would not oppose an extension of the PENNSYLVANIAN to Cleveland, but Amtrak must give us reasonable assurances that the integrity of the service for Pittsburgh and points east will be maintained".

OARP activists in northeast Ohio are optimistic about the prospects for the PENNSYLVANIAN extension. Pending the imminent outcome of the Amtrak study, it appears that nearly everything is in line for the proposed new Amtrak service for northeast Ohio! We'll update further developments in the next 6:53.

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*OARP ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES may wish, following adjournment, to visit OARP's "OFFICE" in nearby Oakwood at 2801 Far Hills Avenue (SR 48). Our Government Affairs Director Manfred Orlow will host and show you OARP's new computer system donated to us by AT&T. Also, meeting attendees may wish to visit (at no charge) the various railroad exhibits in CARILLON PARK which is less than 1 mile from the HOLIDAY INN SOUTH. Carillon Park will remain open that day until dusk.*

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ON THE MOVE AGAIN ?

\_\_\_\_\_ by OARP Government Affairs Director, Manfred O. Orlow

Yes, friends, there is once again outside political activity which would bring us closer to having new trains in Ohio.

The continuing meetings of the widely-represented "All Aboard, Ohio!" Committee (see last two issues of the 6:53) have led to discussions by its chairman, attorney and former legislator Jim Betts of Cleveland, Sen. Cooper Snyder, and Greg Kostelac, executive director of the Ohio High Speed Rail Authority, and Jolene Molitoris, deputy director of the Ohio Department of Transportation. Representatives on the Committee had previously voiced their opinion that new cost figures for 1989 need to be compiled before a new bill can be written and introduced for the proposed 3-C Corridor conventional passenger trains. An agreement has been reached that would lead to the OHSRA coordinating a pre-engineering study (to be completed within 6 months) of options and costs for the 3-C Route. The vehicle for this accord is a new resolution of support to be passed by the Ohio Senate within the next few weeks. Yes! Soon!!

Our good friend Sen. Snyder has agreed to sponsor the resolution, but additional co-sponsors are needed. If YOU have developed a good working relationship with one or more of Sen. Snyder's colleagues, please call me. Otherwise, a personal note from OARP's OHIO MEMBERS to their STATE SENATORS would be very helpful at this time. If you would like a copy of the resolution, please call me or send me a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope.

Another recent development is new legislation to allocate the current railroad excise tax being paid by the freight railroads in Ohio into a new, designated, rail-development fund. The \$6 - \$7 million annual amount is currently feeding Ohio's General Fund. A draft copy of this bill is reviewed by its sponsor Rep. Robert Hagan (D - Youngstown). There is no bill number as yet.

On the Federal front, it must be reported that Amtrak continuous funding is not quite as bleak as in previous years. There is considerable support, not only from many members of Congress, but also from the Bush Administration's Department of Transportation chief, Samuel Skinner. The latter acknowledges that there probably needs to be a national passenger rail system, but would only like to see Amtrak keep the profitable routes running. This year's budget battle won't heat up until late summer probably, or early fall; but it is obvious that there is now a great opportunity for compromise between Congress and the Administration. U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey) has once again introduced a resolution calling for adequate (no amount) 1990 Amtrak funding. OARP has asked both Sens. Glenn and Metzenbaum to co-sponsor Senate Resolution #24.

Digressing from politics... Your OARP has been exploring alliances with several Ohio public service organizations which also have an interest in the environment and public transportation; namely, The Lung Association, The Audubon Soc- (Continued...)

ity, The League of Women Voters, and possibly The Ohio Public Interest Campaign. This is in addition to maintaining the current alliance with The Ohio Sierra Club and The Ohio Environmental Council. The idea grew out of a recent OARP Board Meeting suggestion to draw in more members for OARP. If you are also a member of one of these groups and might like to become an OARP "ambassador", please give me a call to let me know.

Along the same concept of outreach and service, we are also trying to enlist the help of a volunteer "organizational development specialist". A tentative candidate has been selected whom we hope to interview shortly here in Dayton. Finally, it is our greatest pleasure to announce that we have finally received the promised AT&T Computer System. It's now completely operational and a joy to work with since it's available whenever we need it. Our sincerest thanks to Cleveland-based AT&T Ohio Public Relations. It took almost 2 years of waiting due to several technical glitches, but the system is superb. Included with the donation hardware was DOS 3.2, Lotus 1-2-3, WordPerfect 5.0, and a specialty printer. A very sizeable contribution, indeed! Since then, the Aldus Corporation (PageMaker) of Seattle, WA, has also sent to us a requested donation copy of their leading software program for desktop publishing. All of these gifts-in-kind help OARP to become a more professional consumer-advocacy organization in the arena of commercially well-funded associates and adversaries. Our THANKS to ALL (including our wonderful and faithful members) who believe in us and in this cause!

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#### SAVE THE TROLLEYS — by OARP Regional Coordinator Al Wolf

OARP's Board has gone on record as opposing the decision of the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) to eliminate all electric trolley-bus operations in favor of diesel buses. The RTA, which serves Dayton, much of Montgomery County and parts of Greene County, presently operates a fleet of 65 electric trolley-buses as well as 163 diesel buses.

OARP Board Member George Bayless and I drafted a resolution in support of retaining the trolley-buses. This resolution was approved by the OARP Board which met in Worthington on March 11th. Copies of this resolution have since been sent to all key officials in Dayton, Kettering and Oakwood. OARP's efforts have been coordinated with the SAVE THE TROLLEYS COALITION. OARP members who are residents of Montgomery County are urged to contact their local officials and ask them to support retaining the pollution-free trolley-bus system.

Trolley-buses are a clean and quiet form of transportation which have served the Dayton area very well for a period of over 50 years. Dayton citizens, the City priority boards, and even the MVRTA Board have solidly supported retaining the

trolley-bus system and in 1986 the MVRTA Board voted unanimously to retain the trolleys as the backbone of the RTA's "Year 2000 Plan". But, in December 1983, the MVRTA Board made a sudden change of direction and voted to convert to all-diesel bus operation, based on bids it received for a technically unproven dual-mode bus which exists nowhere except for a few prototypes.

DAVE DAWSON TO SERVE AS OARP/AMTRAK LIAISON -- OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer has appointed OARP member Dave Dawson (3420 Shaw Avenue, Apt. #7, Cincinnati 45208) as OARP's Amtrak Liaison. Dave will coordinate the checking out of rumors, which seem to be running rampant these days. OARP learned, much to our chagrin, that "some" Amtrak officials are "fed up" with all the phone calls from the "railfans" checking out the latest rumors. All this came to a head several days following the NARP Region 6 Meeting in Indiana during which one well-known NARP member arose and proclaimed as gospel some upcoming service changes which would double the Amtrak service through Toledo in September! All 92 at the NARP Regional Meeting went home and told their friends; then all the friends burned up the phone lines the following Monday calling Amtrak officials because this was just too good to be true! Thus far, OARP has determined it IS too good to be true! And these Amtrak officials we try hard to work with in a professional way have better things to do than field an endless series of phone calls on the same matters.

Dave Dawson will coordinate the checking of rumors in a professional way. You are to WRITE him, he will investigate, and he will get back with you. Please cooperate with Dave so that OARP can maintain a professional relationship with the Amtrak officials. We believe this new Liaison system will work to everyone's benefit if given a chance to do so. Thanks to Dave for helping!

"RIDIN' FINE IN '89" — A SPECIAL OARP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WITH AMTRAK RAIL TRAVEL INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERS

OARP's Board has unanimously approved a special membership drive which will not only increase membership in OARP and bring in additional monetary support, but encourages new memberships by offering eligibility for a valuable prize involving rail travel on Amtrak! And, it will encourage our members to work to bring in new members by offering added eligibility for valuable prizes involving rail travel on Amtrak!

New members joining OARP using new "Ridin' Fine In '89" coded flyers and prior to the stated end of the special membership drive will be eligible for a drawing for one (1) Amtrak One-Region ALL ABOARD fare!

Members working to recruit new members shall enter their name upon the space marked "I picked up this flyer in/at/from \_\_\_\_\_" on every flyer they distribute in order to be eligible for a drawing for one (1) Amtrak Two-Region ALL ABOARD fare! The member who recruits the largest number of new members wins one (1) Amtrak Three-Region ALL ABOARD fare! In the case of a tie here, the winner shall be drawn from among those members eligible to win. All drawings will be held at OARP's 1989 FALL MEETING (to be announced). The "Ridin' Fine In '89" Special OARP Membership Campaign will kick-off at OARP's ANNUAL MEETING on May 20th and end on September 30th, 1989.

Specially coded and printed OARP membership flyers will be used for this drive. Only these specially coded flyers will be eligible for the ALL ABOARD fare awards. The new memberships will be accepted throughout the Campaign, but must be postmarked prior to October 1, 1989. Only one prize per person shall be awarded in this special drive. Members/winners must be members in good standing. Winners must use their award prior to December 31, 1990, and must secure their own Amtrak reservations and tickets. Winners will submit their Amtrak receipt(s) to OARP which will then authorize the issue of a check reimbursing each winner for their rail travel under the terms stated governing this special membership drive.

OARP Pres. Pulsifer commented to the OARP Board at their March 11th Meeting; "We need to build membership in OARP and this plan offers an incentive to join NOW by offering these new members a chance to win a one-region ALL ABOARD Amtrak fare. Then, it offers further incentives to our members to get out there and actively recruit new members by offering chances for a two-region and a three-region ALL ABOARD Amtrak fare! Obviously, those who get out and get to work stand a chance to win. Those who don't won't! I've already had one of our "TRAM" travel agency members offer to help us out by underwriting part of the cost of the Amtrak fares. I think we have provided good incentives and the membership drive is manageable for us at this time. Let's look at it this way; ANY of our OARP members has a chance to win one of these ALL ABOARD fares -- by joining as a new member, or by working a bit to help bring in new members as an existing member. I think it's real exciting!"

"Ridin' Fine In '89" specially printed and coded OARP membership flyers will be distributed at OARP's May 20th ANNUAL MEETING. They may also be secured from OARP by mail. Members may request whatever number of flyers they can reasonably expect to use for this membership drive. All requests for 12 or fewer must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped #10 (Business Letter Size) envelope to expedite handling.

A \$1.00 handling charge will be required for each request for more than 12 of these "Ridin' Fine In '89" special membership flyers in order to help defray mailing costs for quantities. It would really help OARP if requests for flyers could be grouped and sent out to one individual for distribution to others, or channeled through our Regional Coordinators. This would help us watch our expenses in these times when we need to watch our expenses carefully and efficiently. The "Ridin' Fine In '89" special coded membership flyers are in the same size format as our current two-color OARP membership flyers. They will easily fit into literature racks and can easily be mailed in #10 envelopes to others.

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

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# ANNUAL MEETING



Guest Speaker: OWEN HARDY  
Editor & Publisher of

OARP's 1989 ANNUAL MEETING will be held in DAYTON, OHIO on SATURDAY, MAY 20th at the HOLIDAY INN SOUTH which is just off I-75 at the Dryden Road Exit, about 5 minutes south of downtown Dayton. So OARP can plan for your coming, please register in advance using the forms provided at the bottom of this page. The cost, which includes a complete Buffet Luncheon and Morning Coffee & Rolls, is \$15.00 per person. Note that after the registration deadline of May 17th the cost will rise to \$17.50 per person. You save when you register in advance. Last minute registrations will be accepted, but at \$17.50 per person, by calling Tom Pulsifer at 513/372-9868 before 9pm on May 19.

TIMETABLE for the DAY . . .

Please plan to arrive before 10:30am!

- 9:15am OARP Board Meeting. Agenda will be mailed to Board members prior to May 20th.
- 10:00am Coffee & Conversation, Displays Open. The Dryden Room
- 10:30am OARP ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES & OFFICERS FOR 1989-1990.
- 11:15am " STOP - LOOK - LISTEN " Report from the All Aboard, Ohio! Committee.  
Report from the Cleveland High Speed Rail Conference.  
Report from the NARP Spring Directors' Meeting in Washington.
- 12:00nn COMPLETE HOT BUFFET LUNCHEON w/choice of entrees and dessert. In The Holidome
- 1:15pm GUEST SPEAKER: OWEN HARDY. The Dryden Room
- 2:30pm Award DOOR PRIZES. Your meeting registration form will be used for prize drawings.
- 2:45pm Station Stop (Break).
- 3:00pm " RIDIN' FINE IN '39 " Kickoff OARP Special Membership Campaign!
- 3:15pm " LOOK OUT FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE " Status of Amtrak Routes Serving Ohio.  
Status of Future Train Services for Ohio.  
Traveling Amtrak This Summer.  
Plans for OARP's Midsummer Meeting in Youngstown Area.  
Other OARP Concerns for Today.  
Adjourn.
- 4:15pm Baggage Room Cleanout! Help yourself to surplus Amtrak timetables, back issues of the 6:53 and railroad magazines, materials OARP no longer needs.
- On Your Own... Visit OARP's "Office" at 2301 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood.
- On Your Own... Visit Railroad Displays in nearby Carillon Park, open until dusk.

OARP 1989 ANNUAL MEETING / MAY 20th, 1989

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Please register ONE person per form. You may use photocopies of these registration forms.  
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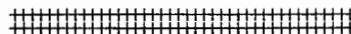
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We have received belated word of the death of two OARP members; WILLIAM S. STAGG, formerly of Cincinnati and recently of Goleta, CA; and ROBERT WHITNEY of Lima who passed away suddenly at age 39. We extend our sympathies to their families. ¶¶¶¶ May 14-20 is NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK! In addition to our own OARP ANNUAL MEETING on May 20th in Dayton, The 6th Annual Convention on High Speed Rail will take place the 16th, 17th and 18th in Cleveland. OARP members have been accorded special rates to attend and we are already aware of several members who plan to go. Our thanks to Bob Casey of the High Speed Rail Association for doing special mailings on this Convention to all our OARP members. ¶¶¶¶ OARP is in contact with Frank Barry, President of the Empire State Passengers Association, and Roy Davis, ESPA member from Dunkirk, NY, regarding proposals for extending Amtrak Empire Service trains to Cleveland and serving additional local markets between Cleveland and Buffalo. ¶¶¶¶ OARP members continue to "get published" and one, JACK DAGGITT of Toledo even made USA Today on April 4th. DAVE DAWSON of Cincinnati guest-editorialized in the Cincinnati Enquirer on March 27th on reconsidering light-rail transit for the Queen City. A long letter on Amtrak by WILLARD EDSON was published in the Toledo Blade on March 19th. MIKE WEBER's words in support of light-rail appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer on April 9th. A letter in support of the PENNSYLVANIAN extension by RUSSELL ALDINGER was published in the Alliance Review on March 31st, along with a nice plug for joining OARP! Remember, if YOU get published, be sure to send OARP a copy of it and we'll make note of it here. YOUR efforts will help encourage other members to write letters. The more letters, the better the chances of actions! ¶¶¶¶ PHIL COPELAND, our Elyria-Lorain Regional Coordinator reported the Elyria Chronicle - Telegram on Sunday, March 12th carried a front-page feature story, very informative and generally quite fair, on Amtrak and especially the LAKE SHORE LIMITED. ¶¶¶¶ Last runs of the Pittsburgh-McKeesport PATrain commuter service will be April 28th, OARP understands. Express buses are to replace 7 weekday round-trips over the CSX(ex-B&O) route. ¶¶¶¶ Thanks to Joe Connelley of the FRA's Columbus office and to Frank Stoy of Amtrak, OARP was able to staff a display table at The Great American Train Show in Dayton's Convention Center on March 5th & 6th. Thanks also to our willing workers; JOHN McCANN, GEORGE BAYLESS, BOB SCHWENKE, BOB REED, MANFRED ORLOW, TOM and BETHANY PULSIFER. Thanks, too, to AL WOLF for scheduling the crew! ¶¶¶¶ OARP's DAVE PUTHOFF, MIKE WEBER and DAVE DAWSON presented the "Passenger Night Program" for the February meeting of the Dayton Railway Historical Society, this year observing its 10th Anniversary. ¶¶¶¶ Amtrak is doing some local advertising in The Lima News in April. The newspaper ads will quote various fares from Lima and local train times. Lima is the only Ohio city slated for this promotion. ¶¶¶¶ OARP's JOHN MARQUIS, PHIL COPELAND, JOHN KEMPTON, JOHN WILSON, RON GARNER and DON MAXWELL have been helping post small vandal-resistant Amtrak "800" number information stickers in area unmanned Amtrak stations, near the public phones. This is part of a multi-state project and the stickers were provided by Illinois D.O.T. and coordinated by JOHN CLARK, IndARP's Vice President. ¶¶¶¶ Our Sandusky Regional Coordinator JOHN KEMPTON has asked to be relieved of his duties. We will honor his request with regret. Over the years, JOHN has done an awful lot of work, amidst great odds, to try to help make the Sandusky Amtrak unmanned station a better place. OARP thanks you, JOHN, for your dedication! In the meantime, member CHARLES RUSSELL of nearby Clyde has proposed yet another suitable location for a re-located Sandusky Amtrak station and has been in contact with the City about it -- a site off S. Columbus Avenue at Fallert Street. ¶¶¶¶ Amtrak's new Philadelphia-Lindenwold-Atlantic City Corridor will officially start up May 23rd and expects to attract 1.4 million new riders annually. Word is expected any day now on the official re-start up of the MONTREALER once a routing problem in Connecticut and Massachusetts is resolved. ¶¶¶¶ Only one member (with a \$10 donation) responded to our plea to underwrite the printing and mailing of OARP's 1989 OHIO LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORIES. Due to our continuing tight financial condition, the distribution of these DIRECTORIES will be combined with the next general mailing. In the meanwhile, you may ask for one by sending a self-addressed #10 envelope with your request. ¶¶¶¶ Amtrak Ohio ticket agents MARY DARR (Cincinnati), BOB WALLS (Canton), PATTY MILLER and JOHN EDMINSON (Lima) have been cited by Amtrak recently for going "above and beyond", often on their own time, to help promote Amtrak travel in their communities and in keeping the customers happy by delivering delayed baggage to their homes. ¶¶¶¶ Your OARP Board, with ALL members there, met for two hours in Worthington on March 11th for general discussion on current concerns. ¶¶¶¶ We regret that BARRY WILLIAMS is leaving NARP to return to private business, but we wish him every good success in his future! NARP has appointed SCOTT LEONARD, 27, from WisconsinARP to succeed Barry as NARP's Assistant Director. Scott Leonard also has "Washington experience" as an executive with The Red Cross. ¶¶¶¶ Modern Railroads has named Amtrak President W. Graham Claytor, Jr. as "Railroader Of The Year", the first time passenger railroading has been so recognized.

# JOIN

and help get Ohio moving on modern passenger trains! OARP is 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 we are moving forward together for better rail transportation for Ohio.

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Calendar orders: Please include minimum \$1 extra donation to help OARP cover Calendar mailing costs. Thank you!

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP (logo) METAL LAPEL PINS ..... ea. 3.50  
SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP (logo) WINDOW DECALS ..... PRICE NOW REDUCED! ea. .25

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY (1989)

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP MEMBERSHIP FLYERS

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ SAMPLE COPIES OF "the 6:53"

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP RAIL TRIP REPORT FORMS

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ AMTRAK EAST-MIDWEST TIMETABLE

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP WALLET-CARDS listing Amtrak's toll-free train information and reservations phone numbers.

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ OARP's "ALL ABOARD OHIO" illustrated brochure detailing information on the 3-C Corridor Project.

SEND \_\_\_\_\_ AMTRAK NATIONWIDE TIMETABLE (see note above)

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SEEN AT THE NARP REGION SIX MEETING ON MARCH 15th AT BEECH GROVE, INDIANA . . .

(Upper Left) SUPERINTENDENT WALT BARRICK LEADS HIS FINAL FORMAL TOUR THRU AMTRAK'S BEECH GROVE MAINTENANCE FACILITY PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE HONORED GUESTS AT THE REGION 6 MEETING AND WALT WAS PRESENTED WITH A NICE PLAQUE BY INDARP.

(Upper Right) NARP'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BARRY WILLIAMS CHATS WITH DON MAXWELL, PRESIDENT OF KYARP. ADDRESSING THE REGION 6 MEETING WAS ONE OF BARRY'S LAST OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NARP.

(Left) SOME OARP MEMBERS ARE SEEN AT THE BUFFET TABLE. ATTENDANCE AT THIS YEAR'S REGION 6 MEETING HIT AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 92 PERSONS!

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OARP ANNUAL (Spring) MEETING  
Saturday, MAY 20th, 1989  
DAYTON, OHIO  
HOLIDAY INN SOUTH, I-75 at Dryden Road  
Guest Speaker: OWEN HARDY, Editor & Publisher, The International Railway Traveler  
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OARP MIDSUMMER MEETING July 1989

Details to be announced. This Meeting will be held in the YOUNGSTOWN area.

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