



# Ohio National Road Association

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*An All – American Road National Scenic Byway*



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### **Ohio National Road Association Announces Award Recipients**

Ohio National Road Association (ONRA) President Cyndie Gerken announced the winners of the 2009 Milestone Achievement Awards at the Association's Annual Meeting held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Statehouse. The awards are given annually for outstanding achievement in Preservation and Leadership along the Historic National Road in Ohio.

**Jerry and Jacki Gross** of Lewisburg, Preble County, Ohio were the winners of the 2009 Milestone Preservation Award “for their commitment to historic preservation along the Ohio National Road and for the preservation and restoration of the former Toll Road House in the old Euphemia area of Lewisburg.”

**Ed Wagstaff** of Old Washington, Guernsey County, Ohio received the 2009 Milestone Leadership Award “for his extensive contributions to the preservation of Guernsey County's history and for his commitment to both the mission and activities of the Ohio National Road Association.”

The National Road ranks as one of our nation's most unique roadways, designated as both a *National Scenic Byway* and an *All-American Road* by the Federal Highway Department in 2002. Initiated in 1806, it was America's first interstate highway, paving the way for settlement of the west. During the early years of the automobile era, it was one of the nation's most heavily traveled east-west arteries. In the last decade, interest in protecting and preserving the historical richness of the road has led to increased interest and involvement of individuals and grassroots organizations, such as ONRA, in all six National Road states. For more information, ONRA's web site [www.ohionationalroad.org](http://www.ohionationalroad.org) provides all Ohioans, as well as interested individuals across the nation, immediate and in-depth information, facts and data concerning the historic road. Further questions regarding the Ohio National Road Association should be addressed to Byway Coordinator Louis Agresta, Phone: (937) 521-2134, E-mail address: [onra@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:onra@clarkcountyohio.gov).