

# Ohio National Road Association



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## Fall 2011

### On the Road Again!

What a busy year it has been so far! It is impressive how many different activities we have been doing and how many people have been involved. We have around 30 of the 60 planned Ohio National Road Interpretive signs made, and by the end of October we will have at least 19 of them unveiled and in the ground. The attendance at the unveiling ceremonies for these signs has been awesome! The communities have each come out to make their event special, and the local media has been covering them well, giving a little glimpse into their history along the National Road. We also have a final design and fabrication is underway for the Ohio National Road Western Gateway kiosk at the I-70 eastbound rest area just east of the Indiana border in Preble County. The ODOT permit is in hand, so we should be able to have it installed yet this year.

Thanks to all who have given of their time making sure there is information about the National Road at various festivals and events throughout the year. The fourth edition of the *A Traveler's Guide to the Historic National Road in Ohio* has been a big hit to those who are learning for the first time about all the history along the Road. There are a lot of hidden gems out there, and the *Guide* and the interpretive signs help to find them!

There have been changes to your Board of Trustees since our last newsletter, including the departures of Miami County rep Mike Gebhart, ex officio Mary Anne Reeves, and long-time ONRA Board member and founding member, Mark Davis. I extend my appreciation for their service on behalf of the Association. We also welcome Dave Fisher back as a Miami County representative, a position he held previously.

If you've never been to our Annual Meeting, I encourage you to come and enjoy a great meal and camaraderie on November 15th (see details and reservation info elsewhere in this newsletter). And, if you haven't yet joined ONRA, the very low dues help us keep all these activities going. Don't be "apart", be "a part" of celebrating our history!

I hope to see you on the Road (again)!

Dean Ringle  
2011 ONRA President

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## Lewisburg Fund Raisers Are Huge Success!



Because of the many generous contributions made by our supporters over the past two years, the Glenn A. Harper Endowment Fund for Preservation on the Ohio National Road has reached its initial goal of \$10,000! Two successful fund raising dinners held at the restored Toll Road House in Lewisburg on September 16th and 23rd were enough to put us over-the-top! We thank our incredible hosts, Jerry and Jacki Gross for helping to make our vision a reality in 2011.



## Glenn A. Harper Endowment Fund Reaches 1st Milestone

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the following for their generous support:**

AAA Ohio Auto Club, Debbie Allender, Christe Auerswald, Aullwood Audubon Center, Lester Barnhart, Susan Bauer, Vince Becker, Bexley Massagology, Larry & Liz Bicking, Rob & Peg Bobel, Bowman & Landes Turkeys, Bud & Jan Brady, Tom Brown, Tim & Marianne Bubb, Buena Vista Motel, Harold & Jean Bussell, John & Trish Cadwallader, Cambridge-Guernsey County VCB, Harry & Nancy Campbell, Mark & Ellen Capwell, The Carriage House, Jeff Carskadden, Casa Bella, Allan & Patt Chaffee, Jeanne Clement, Clossman Antiques Market, Colonial Cottage, The Columbus Association for the Performing Arts, Columbus Landmarks Foundation, Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Zoo, Shawnda Combs, The Community Bank, Conrad's College Gifts, Cathy Corley, Mandy Crawford, Tom Dannemann, Mark & Margie Davis, Devine Farms, Charla Devine, Scott Dewhirst, Jean Deitering, Patricia Dillman, Drexel Theater, East 40 Merchants Association, A.J. du Fresne, Joanna Duncan, The Edge Group, Carol Endres, Englewood Hardware, Gary & Melissa Felumlee, John & Lynn Ferguson, Judy Fitzpatrick, Fulton Farms, Joe & Peg Garner, Georgetown Vineyards, Cyndie Gerken, Dennis Gibson, Giuseppe's Ritrovo, Glenlaurer Inn, The John & Annie Glenn Museum Foundation, Jerry & Jacki Gross, Cait Gynn, Lorna Hainesworth, Glenn A. Harper, Su Harris, Harrison's Restaurant, Park & Belinda Harry, Ron & Nancy Harvey, Hedgerow Studio, Pat Henahan, Todd Henning, Heritage Center of Clark County, Heritage Ohio, Mary Beth Hirsch, Horton Hobbs, Tom & Gayle Holton, Frank Holtzhauer, Sandra Hull, The Inn at Dresden, Joe Jarzen, Denna Johnson, Johnson's Lamp Shop, Johnson's Real Ice Cream, Bruce Jones, Jim & Carol Jordan, Lynn Kartavich, Ed & Alma Kemper, William Kerrigan, Michael & Carol Kirwin, Mike & Stephanie Kline, Doug & Naomi Kramer, Bob & Pat Kriss, The Kroger Company, Hans & Brenda Landefeld, Karen Lane, Bruce & Bev Langner, Jane Lightner, Ted & Pat Ligibel, Florence Lock, Tom Lockard, The Longaberger Company, Mike & Mary Manoloff, Leonard Martin, Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor Inc., Bill McCoach, Karen McCoy, McDonald's Greenhouse, Steve & Ellen McHugh, Eleanor McIntire, Don & Jean McKendry, Bill & Harriet Merriman, Miami County Visitor's Bureau, Charlie Miller, Katherine Miller, Sylvia Miller, William & Judy Miller, M-n-J Gift Boutique, Sue & Buz Minor, Roxanne Moore, Judy Mueller, Greg Murphy, Muskingum University, National Road/Zane Grey Museum, National Trail Raceway, Bob & Colleen Oess, Ohio Historical Society, Ohio National Road Association, Ohio Pottery, Ohio Statehouse Museum Shop, Olde Towne Antique Mall, Orme Hardware, Vince & Mo Orsatti, Vernon Pack, Thomas Palmer, Ronald Patrick, Mike & Kathy Peppe, Plain N' Simple, Dr. Lorle Porter, Barbara Powers, Preble County Historical Society, Preservation Ohio, Pat & Lorri Putnam, Frank Quinn, Raven's Glenn Winery, The Red Brick Tavern, Elizabeth Reeb, Dean & Mary Lou Ringle, Donna Roberts, Debbie Robinson, Franco Ruffini, Jed Rumora, The Safari Golf Club, Jeanne Schlairet, Paul & Phyllis Seibel, Bob & Jackie Sewert, Jeff & Del Sewert, Stanley Shapiro, John Shivers, Doug Smith, Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, Speltz Associates, Liz Sperandeo, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, The Springfield Foundation, Debbie Stephens, Mary Stevenson, Susie's Favorites, Walter Szczeny, Jack & Sue Taylor, Tecumseh Land Trust, Terra Cotta Vineyards, Dan & Susan Tietz, Sheila Tracy, Diane & Everett Trittschuh, Trophy Nuts, Karla Trott, Two Peas Antiques & Art, Larry & Marian Vance, The Village of Lewisburg, John Vosmeier, Aimee & Bud Wagstaff, Ed & Linda Wagstaff, Rebecca Wagstaff, William and Roxanne Wagstaff, Betty Ward, Mary Ellen Weingartner, Dave & Mary Wesler, The Westin Columbus, White Pillars Antique Mall, Merry Wieland, The Wilds, Don & Sally Williams, Judith Williams, Sherwin Williams Paints-Reynoldsburg, Tom & Judy Williams, Nathalie Wright, Chee Youhouse, Bonnie Young, Clyta Young, Randy Young, Zanesville-Muskingum County CVB, Lucinda Zeallear, and Alissa Ziemer.

*Thank you from the Ohio National Road Association!*



## Ohio National Road Interpretive Signage Project Continues



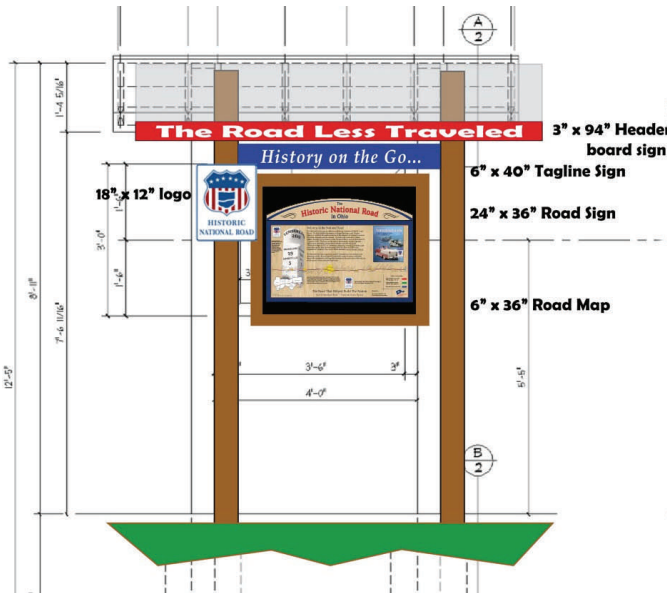
Two more Ohio National Road Interpretive signs were unveiled since our Spring 2011 newsletter. The new signs included the Ralph Hardesty Stone House, installed in Norwich (at left), and Phoneton in Miami County. Plan to join us at 3:30 pm at the Muskingum County Courthouse on Friday, October 21st as we unveil the Zanesville and Y-bridge signs. Watch our web site for other upcoming unveiling ceremonies.



## Coming soon to the I-70 Rest Stop

Thanks in part to a National Scenic Byways Grant, tourists visiting the Travel Information Center off of eastbound I-70 in Preble County will soon learn about the National Road—and how to find it—when they stop at ONRA's Interpretive Sign kiosk on their way into the facility.

**News!** ONRA is pleased to announce that we're working with an Ohio-based company to set up an online store with ONRA merchandise. Soon you will be able to buy clothing customized with the ONRA logo. Best of all, a portion of the proceeds from each sale will come back to ONRA! Stay tuned to the ONRA website for updates about our online store's cyber grand opening.



## November 10, 2011 Symposium Planned

The Ohio National Road Association is partnering with Preservation Ohio and the Ohio Humanities Council to hold a one-day conference on Nov. 10th from 10:00am until 4:00pm at Station 67, the former Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad Depot located at 379 W. Broad Street in Columbus. The morning session will feature heritage tourism and the use of online marketing for growing an engaged support advocate network. In the afternoon, ONRA's Design Handbook will be highlighted as part of a Community Preservation Planning Workshop. The event is free (lunch available for \$15), but reservations are required. To reserve a seat for this free and informative symposium, visit [www.preserveohio.com/fall-conference](http://www.preserveohio.com/fall-conference) or call Marian Vance at (614) 570-7504 by Nov. 7th.

**You are cordially invited** to attend ONRA's Annual Meeting which will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Spaghetti Warehouse located at 397 W. Broad Street in Columbus. This year we will be having a dinner meeting, so make your reservation to meet and eat! Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The price of \$20 includes your choice of one of four entrees, salad, dessert and gratuity. To reserve a seat, fill out the enclosed form and mail it with your check payable to ONRA, or visit our web site to make your reservations online. Send the form and payment to: Kris Collins c/o Franklin County Engineer, 970 Dublin Road Columbus, OH 43215. Questions? Call (614) 623-9848 or email [kcollins@franklincountyengineer.org](mailto:kcollins@franklincountyengineer.org). The deadline for reservations is November 9th. We hope to see you there!

## Don't look now, but Christmas is right around the corner!

Ohio National Road merchandise would make nice and affordable holiday gifts for your friends and family. The Historic National Road Yard Sale Cookbooks (Volume I and Volume II: *A Second Helping*) are just \$15 each. ONRA lapel pins are only \$5, and the Ohio National Road playing cards are still available for a donation of \$10 per deck (quantity discounts are offered). You can purchase these items online using PayPal or print out an order form from our web site and mail it with your check or money order. Contact ONRA Byway Coordinator Melanie Runkel at 937-521-2129 with questions.



## Membership Information

*You have the opportunity to play an important role in the preservation and development of the National Road by becoming a Member of the Ohio National Road Association and donating to a Special Project, Endowment Fund, or Merchandise*

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### NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL:

- **INDIVIDUAL: \$30.00**
- **FAMILY: \$50.00**
- **BUSINESS: \$100.00**

### DONATION AMOUNT TO SPECIAL PROJECT, FUND OR MISC:

- **SPECIAL PROJECT**  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **ENDOWMENT FUND**  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **COOKBOOK, PIN, CARDS**  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for supporting ONRA!*



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# ONRA 2011 Annual Meeting

## RESERVATION FORM



**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011  
6 pm social hour  
7 pm dinner  
Followed by Annual Meeting and Milestone Awards

**Location:** The Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant  
397 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

**Menu:**  
Main Dish/Entree (Choice of Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, 15-layer Lasagna, Fettuccini Alfredo, or Four-cheese Manicotti)  
House salad  
Fresh baked sourdough bread  
Soft drinks  
Dessert

**Cost (including gratuity):** \$20 per person (Check payable to: Ohio National Road Association)

**Name of guest(s)**

**Address**

**Phone number**  **Email address**

**Entrée (circle one for each guest):**

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad   15-layer Lasagna   Fettuccini Alfredo   Four-cheese Manicotti

**Send reservation form** (including name(s), address, phone #, Entrée choice for each guest)  
**and your payment to ONRA @ \$20/guest to:**

Kris Collins  
Franklin County Engineer's Office  
970 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RSVP by November 9, 2011**

**Questions?** Call Kris at 614-623-9848