



Central Electric Railfans' Association

IOWA TERMINAL RAMBLE

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SUBJECT: Iowa Terminal Railroad Inspection Trips, Memorial Day Weekend 1971

Dear CERA Member:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are now able to tell you that the plans for CERA's Iowa Terminal Fantrips have been finalized, and that we are now able to quote you definite trip costs.

Although some interest was indicated in operating a Chartered Bus between Chicago and Mason City, we do not feel that there would be enough support to operate such a charter. However, there was a great deal of interest in reserving space for a group movement from Chicago to Mason City and return via Ozark Airlines.

Based upon this interest in going via Ozark Airlines, CERA has decided to reserve space on Ozark flights between Chicago and Mason City. The regular round trip air fare between Chicago and Mason City is \$72.00; However, we have been able to reduce that cost significantly by traveling as a group. The Fairchild F-27 Jet-prop plane that we will use will allow us to reserve space for 35 passengers; so if you are interested in traveling with the CERA group, please indicate your interest as quickly as possible.

Why should you travel by air? You will save the cost of staying in a motel on Friday evening, and you will only require 2 hours of travel time to and from Mason City in comparison to over 8 hours if travel is made by car or bus.

Our Package Tour fare will be \$70.00 which will include the round-trip air fare between Chicago and Mason City, plus the 2 day and 1 night trips on the Iowa Terminal. Motel reservations will be made for those traveling by air; however, cost for the room is extra (\$8.00 for double occupancy and \$11.00 for single occupancy). NO motel reservations will be made for those who travel on their own.

For those who wish to travel via bus or private auto, the Iowa Terminal fantrips will cost \$18.00. Greyhound's round-trip bus fare from Chicago to Mason City is \$24.00 and the Holiday Inn charges \$12.00 for a room in Mason City. As you will readily see, the \$70.00 package price is quite a bargain when you compare it to these individual expenses that would be incurred if you travel on your own.

All reservations must be received by CERA no later than May 7, 1971, and must contain full payment. Any reservations received after May 7th will be subject to space availability.

AIR SCHEDULE - OZARK AIRLINES

Flight 881, Sat., May 29, 1971

LV. CHICAGO-O'HARE	6:45AM
ARR. Mason City	9:25AM
FANTRIP BEGINS	10:30AM

Flight 888, Sun., May 30, 1971

FANTRIPS END	4:30PM
LV. MASON CITY	5:45PM
ARR. CHICAGO-O'HARE	7:30PM

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Fantrip Coordinator



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Saturday, May 29, 1971

The IT Ramble begins at the departure gate for Ozark Airlines Flight 881 at Chicago's O'Hare Airport at 6:15AM. Our flight departs Chicago at 6:45AM and arrives in Mason City at 9:25AM. An Ozark Airlines Jet-Prop F-27 (Fairchild) aircraft will be used for the flight; 35 seats have been reserved on flight 881 for our CERA group.

Upon arrival in Mason City, our City Transit bus will transfer our group to the Travelodge where rooms have been reserved for the air group members.

Allowing 15 minutes for check-in at the motel, our City Transit bus will take us to the Emery Shops of the Iowa Terminal Railroad.

The IT fantrip will begin at 10:30AM, using passenger car #102 (Former CNS&M #727); numerous photostops are planned between Mason City and Clear Lake. A lunch stop at McDonalds' convenient trackside location has been planned; the trip will end about 4:30PM.

Return to the motel on your own, with dinner on your own.

At 8:00PM, a slide show will be hosted by Ed Allen at the Emery Shops, followed by a night trip between Emery and Mason City using passenger car #102.

Sunday, May 30, 1971

This day of activities begins at 10:30AM when our trip departs from the IT Emery Shop, using Express Car #33 (former CNS&M M. D. Car) and electric locomotive #53 (former Texas Electric). A number of photostops are planned; also, a freight train consist will be provided for photos and movies. A lunch stop is included; the trip will end at about 4:30PM.

Air passengers will be taken to the motel via City Transit bus for check-out and then to the airport. Ozark Flight 888 is scheduled to leave Mason City at 5:45PM and is scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 7:30PM.

Please send tickets for the Iowa Terminal Ramble as indicated:

_____ Complete Package: including air fare to and from Chicago and Mason City, one night at the Travelodge in Mason City (double occupancy), and three charter trips -- \$78.00 (add \$3.00 for single occupancy)

DEADLINE: MAY 7, 1971

_____ Fantrips only -- \$18.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

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