

# Green Pennant Special

APRIL 1998 OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OMNIBUS SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

RUN 157

## -MARCH MEETING-

Our annual March meeting was held on Friday, March 6th at Welles Park. Our program was a slide presentation by member William M. Shapctkin on suburban rail operations on the Rock Island Metra Southwest (nee Wabash) and Heritage (nee GM&O) lines out of Chicago. Some thirty-five members and guests were on hand for the evening.

## -APRIL MEETING-

The annual April meeting of the Omnibus Society of America meeting will be held on Friday, April 3rd at Chicago's Welles Park Fieldhouse (2333 W Sunnyside), beginning at 6:30p. Our program will be a surprise. Our originally scheduled program, which was to be a slide presentation by member Jeff Waxman has had to be changed. At press time we still have not got a definite program - but we will have something! Be sure to come on down. As always, our program will be preceded by an all-slide newscast.

## -MAY MEETING-

Our annual May meeting will be held on Friday, May 1st at Chicago's Welles Park Fieldhouse (2333 W Sunnyside), beginning at 6:30pm. Our program will be an audience-participation program on trackless trolley operations across North America. Anyone having any slides on any trackless trolley operations in North America is asked to "Come on down" and join the fun! Our program will be preceded by an all-slide newscast.

## -NO SERVICE IN YOUR AREA-

The CTA has unveiled its surface division and rapid transit service reductions, scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 26th. Pages 2, 3 and 4 tell the awful truth about the effective ending of all cwl service and hours of service reductions on numerous other routes.

## -MORE SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN YOUR AREA-

Van Galder Bus Company ended all service between Chicago/O'Hare and Freeport, with the last day of service being Sunday, January 11, 1998. While Van Galder has exited from the Freeport market, some Madison trips began stopping at the Elgin Holiday Inn (Illinois 31 and Interstate 90) to pick-up the passengers formerly carried on the Freeport trips, effective Monday, January 12, 1998. (For schedules, see Page 5). Thanks to Chuck Tauscher for the schedules and other information.

## -NEW SERVICE IN YOUR AREA-

Remember the "Cannonball," the Milwaukee-Waterstown commuter train on the Milwaukee Road? It made its last run in January 1972. Due to an ongoing highway construction project, a three-month revival of this train (actually two trains) is being staged this spring/summer (see Page 6). The trains, being operated by Amtrak, will run through to/from Chicago. Since the equipment will be stored overnight in Milwaukee, several in-service equipment moves will be made, westbound AM, eastbound PM. One note on the schedule, the westbound Sunday train from Milwaukee at 4:15am is probably a daily train.

## -CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

In cooperation with the various rail and transit enthusiast organizations meeting in both the Chicago and Milwaukee area, we present this

### "Calendar of Events:"

Apr 17. The Railroad Club of Chicago meeting. 7:30p. The Chicago Temple (77 W Washington - Basement). Donation of \$3.00 requested. Program - a slide presentation by noted rail and transit photographer David Wilson.

Apr 24. Central Electric Railfans' Association meeting. 7:30pm. Midland Hotel (172 W Adams). Admission \$5.00. Program - "Second Generation Light Rail," a slide presentation by Harold Giessenheimer.

## -IN MILWAUKEE-

Apr 18. The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Transit Historical Society meeting. 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00p). Bank One (4502 S Packard Ave - Rear Entrance). Admission free to first time visitors. Program - "Port Washington Line," a slide presentation by Duane Matusak.



**CTA SERVICE  
REDUCTIONS**

Planned for April 26, 1998

Rev. 02/23/98 09:26:01 AM		WEEKDAY	
Rte #	Route Name	Hours Eliminated	Route Segments Eliminated/Extended
<b>Rail</b>			
	Blue Line - Douglas Branch	1:00 a-4:00a	No Change
	Green Line	1:00a-4:00a	No Change
	Purple Line	1:00a-5:00a	No Change
<b>Bus</b>			
3	King Drive	No Change	No Change
4	Cottage Grove		Elim S. of 55th (1am-4am)
6	Jeffery (Express & Local)	12:00m-1:30a	No Change
7	Harrison	5:30-6:00a, 7:00-9:00p	No Change
8	Halsted	1:00-4:00a	No Change
9	Ashland	No Change	Eliminate North of North Ave. (owl)
11	Lincoln	5:00-6:00a, 7:00-11:00p plus	Eliminate South of North Ave.
12	Roosevelt	1:00-4:00a	RTE DEV VIA CON LAY DAMEN
17	Westchester	4:30-6:00a, 9:00a-2:00p, 7:00-10:30p	No Change
18	16th/18th	4:30-6:00a, 9:00a-2:00p, 6:00-10:30p	No Change
20	Madison	No Change	Extend to Harlem/Lake (owl)
21	Cermak	11:00p-12:00m	No Change
24	Wentworth	4:30-5:00a, 8:00p-12:00m plus	Eliminate South of 79th
25	West Cermak	No Change	No Change
28	Stony Island	1:00-4:00a	No Change
29	State	1:00-4:00a	No Change
33	Magnificent Mile Express	6:00-6:30a, 9:00-9:15a	No Change
35	35th	1:00-4:00a	No Change
37	Sedgwick/Ogden	5:00-6:00a, 10:00a-2:00p, 6:00-7:30p	No Change
44	Wallace/Racine	No Change	Eliminate North of Archer/Canal
47	47th	1:00-4:00a	No Change
52	Kedzie/California	11:00p-4:00a	No Change
53	Pulaski		Elim. S. of Lake, N. of Irving (1am-4am)
54	Cicero	1:00-4:00a	No Change
54B	South Cicero	11:00p-12:00m	No Change
56	Milwaukee	1:00-4:00a	No Change
57	Laramie	4:00-6:00a, 7:00-7:30p	No Change
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62	Archer Local	No Change	Eliminate West of Cicero (owl)
65	Grand	4:00-5:00a, 7:00-10:00p	No Change
66	Chicago	No Change	Eliminate West of Pulaski (owl)
72	North	1:00-4:00a	No Change
77	Belmont	No Change	Eliminate West of Central (owl)
82	Kimball/Homan	12:00m-1:30a	No Change
85	Central	1:00-4:00a	No Change
86	Narragansett	No Change	Eliminate South of Lake
87	87th		Elim. W. of West., E. of State. (1-4a)
119	119th	1:00-4:00a	No Change
120	NW/Wacker Express	6:20-6:45a, 9:00-10:30a, 3:00-4:15p	No Change
121	Union/Wacker Express	6:20-6:45a, 9:00-10:00a, 3:15-4:00p	No Change
122	Illinois Center/NW Express	9:00-9:30a, 3:45-4:00p	No Change
123	Illinois Center/Union Exp.	9:00-9:30a, 3:15-4:00p	No Change
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127	NorthWestern/McCormick Pl.	6:20-7:00a, 9:00-10:00a, 3:30-4:00p	No Change
129	NorthWestern/Franklin	9:00-10:00a, 3:30-4:00P	No Change
151	Sheridan	No Change	Eliminate North of Lawrence (owl)
157	Streetsville	7:00-9:00p	No Change
201	Central/Sherman	No Change	N201 mod. N. to Central, S. to Granv.

Affected Bus Route Count = 48

= Routes with some service changes that have already taken place in an earlier pick.



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# Departures to Chicago O'Hare Airport

# Arrive O'Hare Airport

Madison		Janesville Bus Terminal 3120 N. Pontiac	South Beloit Holiday Inn Hwy's 75 & 51	Rockford Bus Terminal 7559 Walton St.	Elgin Holiday Inn Hwy 31 & I-90 345 W. River Rd.	Terminals #1, #2 & #3	International Terminal #5
UW Memorial Union 800 Langdon	Dutch Mill Park & Ride Hwy 51 & Broadway						
2:20 a.m.	2:35 a.m.	3:20 a.m.	3:45 a.m.	4:10 a.m.	4:55 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
				4:45 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
		4:30 a.m.	4:55 a.m.	5:20 a.m.		6:50 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
				6:00 a.m.	6:45 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
5:00 a.m.	5:15 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	6:50 a.m.		8:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
				7:50 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:20 a.m.
7:00 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	8:50 a.m.		10:05 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
				10:10 a.m.	10:55 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	10:20 a.m.		11:35 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
				11:40 a.m.	12:25 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	11:50 a.m.		1:05 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:20 p.m.		2:35 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
				1:45 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	3:15 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:25 p.m.	2:50 p.m.		4:05 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
				3:40 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:55 p.m.	4:20 p.m.		5:50 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
				5:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	6:20 p.m.		7:35 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	7:50 p.m.		9:05 p.m.	9:10 p.m.

## Depart O'Hare Airport

## Arrive

International Terminal #5 (Lower Level) Exit 5E	 Bus/Shuttle Center • Door 4	Elgin Holiday Inn Hwy 31 & I-90 345 W. River Rd.	Rockford Bus Terminal 7559 Walton St.	South Beloit Holiday Inn Hwy's 75 & 51	Janesville Bus Terminal 3120 N. Pontiac	Madison	
						Dutch Mill Park & Ride Hwy 51 & Broadway	UW Memorial Union 800 Langdon
					5:45 a.m.	*6:30 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
					7:15 a.m.	*8:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
6:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	*7:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	*9:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.		8:45 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	*10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	9:45 a.m.				
8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		10:15 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	*11:45 a.m.	12 Noon
9:40 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	11:25 a.m.				
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		12:15 p.m.	12:35 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	*1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
11:55 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:40 p.m.				
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		2:15 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	*3:45 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
1:40 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	3:25 p.m.				
2:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.		3:45 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	*5:15 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	5:15 p.m.				
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.		5:15 p.m.	5:35 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	*6:45 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.		6:45 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	*8:15 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
5:45 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	7:30 p.m.				
5:45 p.m.	6:15 p.m.		7:30 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	*9:00 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.		8:45 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	*10:15 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
7:40 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	9:25 p.m.				
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.		10:15 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	*11:45 p.m.	12 Midnight
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.		12:15 a.m.	12:35 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	*1:45 a.m.	2:00 a.m.

\* Drops off passengers on request only.

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1-800-747-0994

Depart		Arrive O'Hare	
Freeport (Guest House) Holiday Inn Business 20 East 1300 E. South St.	Rockford Van Galder Terminal 7559 Walton St. (see map below)	Elgin Holiday Inn I-90 & Route 31 345 W. River Rd.	International Terminal #5
4:10 a.m.	4:10 a.m.	4:55 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
4:40 a.m.	5:00 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	6:35 a.m.
6:00 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
		9:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
1:05 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:25 p.m.
2:50 p.m.	3:40 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m.	7:50 p.m.		9:10 p.m.

Depart O'Hare		Arrive	
International Terminal #5 (Lower Level) Exit 5E	Bus / Shuttle Center	Elgin Holiday Inn I-90 & Route 31 345 W. River Rd.	Rockford Van Galder Terminal 7559 Walton St. (see map below)
6:45 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	
10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
12:15 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
5:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
			8:20 p.m.



EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE RUNNING 13 APR-11 JUL 1998  
 TENTATIVE ONE-WAY FARE MILWAUKEE-WATERTOWN \$4.  
 @ - DAILY SERVICE (7 DAYS)

XSU	②	③	④	FREQUENCY	XSU	SU	②	④
READ DOWN					READ UP			
450A	620A	715P	900P	DP WATERTOWN	AR	343A	528A	623P 803P
515A	645A	740P	925P	DP OCONOMOWOC	DP	318A	503A	558P 738P
530A	700A	755P	940P	DP PEWAUKEE	DP	303A	448A	543P 723P
536A	706A	801P	946P	DP BROOKFIELD	DP	257A	442A	537P 717P
550A	720A	815P	1000P	DP WAUWATOSA	DP	243A	428A	523P 703P
603A	733A	828P	1013P	AR MILWAUKEE	DP	230A	415A	510P 650P
620A	800A	--	--	DP MILWAUKEE	AR	--	--	447P 613P
644A	824A	--	--	DP STURTEVANT	DP	--	--	416P 613P
725A	902A	--	--	DP GLENVIEW	DP	--	--	338P 532P
757A	932A	--	--	AR CHICAGO	DP	--	--	315P 508P

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