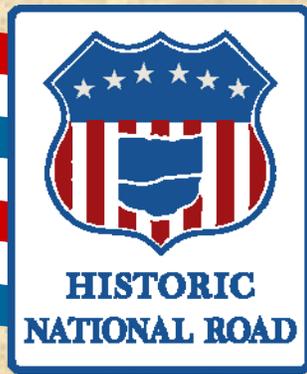


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### **ONRA members,**

As this final year of my term as ONRA President tools along through the month of March, we look with anticipation toward the coming months and all they hold in store for our organization. First, the next regular meeting of the year will finally take place on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Columbus Health Building in Columbus. After having to cancel our regularly scheduled meeting in January, when the temperature dropped to zero and the snow flew, we're back at it again. Over the next several weeks much activity will take place out and about and within ONRA. Our mile marker project is about to shift into high gear with the arrival, carving and installation of the new white granite markers in Franklin, Licking and Madison counties. ONRA members Cathy Nelson, chair of the mile marker committee and Past President Dean Ringle and his staff at the Franklin County Engineer's office have worked diligently to move this project forward. Dean's office will restore several existing markers while a monument company will carve the new stones. They will then be installed by a contractor. Interpretive signage committee chair Mike Peppe announced that several new signs will be in production by the time you receive this newsletter and are slated for installation in mid-April. These include the Smith House, Engine House 11, plus the Mile Marker and Gateway signs at the National Road/Zane Grey Museum.

Speaking of the museum, ONRA will host the Ohio Byway Links conference April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> along the Road in Guernsey and Muskingum counties those two days. The conference is open to all the scenic byways organizations in Ohio and will include speakers, workshops, a tour of several important sites along the Road in Guernsey County, a reception at Theo's Restaurant in downtown Cambridge and plenty of networking and brainstorming during the conference at the National Road/Zane Grey Museum! ONRA Treasurer and Ohio Byway Links leader Marian Vance has written an article with more details regarding this great event which appears inside this newsletter, including registration information.

ONRA welcomes new Board members from Belmont, Madison and Clark counties, John Marshall (Belmont), John Kile (Madison) and Bill Smith (Clark) respectively and Ex Officio member Lindsey Marshall (AmeriCorps) representing Heritage Ohio.

Finally and sadly, two of ONRA's long time members and past presidents submitted their resignations from the Board, Cyndie Gerken from Miami County and Denna Johnson from Clark County. These two ladies have been leaders nonpareil who worked their way through the officer seats and never hesitated to roll up their sleeves to do whatever it took to keep the ship afloat. We'll miss their leadership but the friendships we share with them will last forever!

*Doug Smith,*  
ONRA President

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## Ohio National Road Association Sponsoring Byway Links Conference in April

On April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the National Road will be the sponsor for a statewide event in Cambridge/National Road museum. This will be the yearly conference of the Ohio Byway Links, the statewide organization of all the scenic byways in Ohio. The topic this year is Ohio Byway Marketing Partnerships – Next Steps.

The conference will begin at 4 pm on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> with a tour of some important sites on the National Road. Doug Smith is coordinating the tour which historically brings a lot of attendees early to the conference. At 6pm is an opening reception at Theos Restaurant ,632 Wheeling Ave. in Cambridge. During the reception ONRA will have the opportunity to showcase happenings on the road and plans for the next year. Shyna Gawell, ODOT’s director of scenic byways for the state, will discuss the CMP plan updates and ODOT byway mapping project. Dinner is on your own that evening.

The conference will reconvene the next morning at the National Road Museum in Norwich. With the theme being “marketing your road with partnerships”, a panel discussion with stakeholders will kick off the day. A representative of AAA, ODOT, a Tour Guide representative, and National Scenic Byway Board Member will discuss marketing opportunities.

Focus groups will discuss— nurturing Ohio Byway projects for your Corridor Management Plan, Ohio Byway Tours, and cross promotion of the Ohio Byway collection.

Jeri Knowlton – Keynote Speaker, will talk on Marketing Plan Successes. Other conference highlights include an update from the National Scenic Byway Foundation and a meeting of the Ohio Byway Links.

A catered lunch will be included in your conference registration fee. It should conclude by 4 pm.

This is an important and lively get together. Meeting other byway representatives from across the state is informative and fun. I hope you will attend both days to talk with others about all the “doings” on our road.

Article by Marian Vance

# Ohio Historic National Road US 40 Yard Sale Days

**Over 225 miles of  
Roadside Treasures!**

**May 28 – June 1, 2014**

***May 31<sup>st</sup> is Super Saturday***

**You'll find everything from antiques, collectibles  
and furniture to housewares, children's items,  
baked goods & much more!**

**Local participation varies, so check area  
listings for sales near you.**

## Mile Marker Project Update

The Mile Marker Committee has been busy selecting and working on the locations for the first round of new mile markers that will be installed sometime this spring. Originally, the grant called for ten repaired markers and ten replacement markers. However, due to a generous donation from Jonathan Beard of Columbus Compact, two additional markers will be placed in Columbus.

The WOSU-TV PBS weekly program, "Broad & High," which airs on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, will feature the Mile Marker Project in one of their upcoming shows.

Kudos to Dean Ringle, Franklin County Engineer, for his expert calculations in figuring the exact locations that will read on the markers. A lot of time, effort and mathematics went into that work! Also, a thanks goes to Dean's crew for making the necessary repairs to those markers that were salvageable. Lastly, a special thanks goes to Donald Tackett, Franklin County Survey Manager for his detailed mapping and surveying of the mile markers in Licking, Franklin and Madison Counties. His expertise and knowledge is invaluable.

Cathy Nelson met with Shyna Gawell in November to inquire about seeking another ODOT grant to continue the Mile Marker Project. Shyna stated that another Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant could be used to further this project. Unfortunately, ONRA did not learn of the requirement to submit a letter of intent (LOI) prior to February 1, 2014, indicating our interest in applying for the 2015 round of grant funding, until after the fact. Thus, we will apply next spring for the 2016 grant application round. In the interim, local funding in the form of contributions from businesses and organizations may be sought to enable the replacement and restoration of additional markers along the Road.



*Picture of one of the replacement mile markers that were recently manufactured and will be delivered to ONRA in the coming weeks.*

*Article by Cathy Nelson*

## Where the heck is this?



The Lentz Tavern in Belmont County, circa 1900 at Great Western. This drovers' tavern still stands, albeit without the upper and lower front porches. The shed is long gone, though the summer kitchen visible behind the tavern and shed remains!

## 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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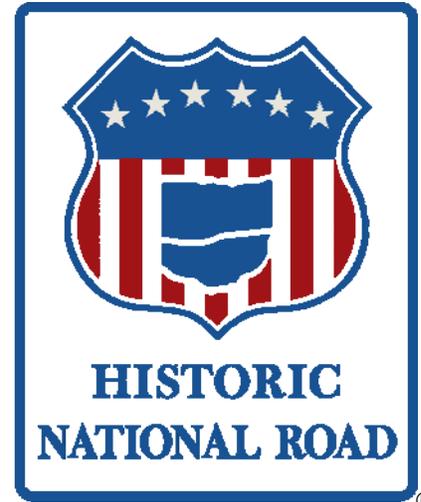
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- FAMILY: \$50.00
- BUSINESS: \$100.00

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

- SPECIAL PROJECT  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ENDOWMENT FUND  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ART PRINT, PIN, CARDS  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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