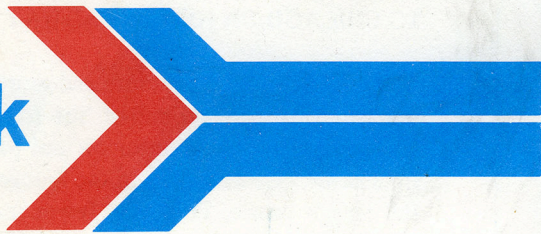


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As we concentrate on our day-to-day tasks of organizing and operating a national intercity rail passenger system, our ultimate goal sometimes grows hazy and indistinct in our minds. We should never lose sight of the fact that step by step, act by act, we are building a transportation service that will bring untold benefits to Americans for many generations to come.

The need for an efficient passenger rail network linking our important cities is with us now. It will become even more vital to Americans as our population increases and our need for mobility increases correspondingly.

Our vast interstate highway system and our superb air transport service also will become increasingly important, but their growth must be accompanied by the development of a passenger rail service second to none. Our goal, then, is clear — to develop a rail passenger service that will be efficient, modern, and self supporting; will serve the greatest number of people possible at a fair price and will not create problems for our already overburdened environment. It is indeed a goal worthy of our efforts and our dedication.



Roger Lewis
President

AMTRAK TRANSPO EXHIBIT TO FEATURE TURBOTRAIN

The world's most advanced passenger train in revenue service, the turbine-powered, all aluminum TurboTrain, will be on display at Transpo 72 as part of the Amtrak exhibit.

With Amtrak passenger service representatives aboard to welcome visitors, the TurboTrain will be parked on track adjacent to the "Man In Motion" geodesic dome located in Transpo's main theme area. The train's special audio system, its air conditioning, and all other special features will be in operation. Visitors will be able to tour the entire train including the engineer's modern cab where the controls to the train's five powerful engines are located. A "cut away" display will illustrate the TurboTrain's unique suspension system which permits it to "bank" around track curves much as an airplane changes course.

In the dome itself, Amtrak will be exhibiting a modern, computerized ticket and reservations facility staffed by Amtrak personnel trained to demonstrate its speed, efficiency and accuracy.

Also on display in the Amtrak exhibit will be an electronic map of the United States displaying the 22,000 miles of Amtrak right-of-way and those cities served by the intercity rail system. Models of modern passenger trains will be exhibited with the map display.

Transpo 72 will be held at Dulles Airport May 27 - June 4.

FLORIDA-BOUND AMTRAK PASSENGERS LIKE FREE WHEELS PROGRAM

The convenience of having an air-conditioned automobile waiting when they arrive in Florida is catching on rapidly with Amtrak passengers headed for a vacation in the sun.

AMTRAK's advertising announcing the Free Wheels program started running in a number of cities on April 17th. Less than two weeks later, Amtrak offices in New York, Chicago and Boston had received more than 9,000 responses to these ads.

Free Wheels is a splendid bargain for Florida-bound passengers. By purchasing three or more full-fare, round-trip tickets, a family may have the use of a free automobile for a week. All the Amtrak passenger has to pay for is the gas he uses and a small tax.

It's a great way to go to Florida and its new from Amtrak!

AMTRAK PROFILES

Amtrak's bit of Britain is Sally Edgar, late of London, now secretary to Gerald Morgan, Vice President of Government affairs.

Sally came to the United States seeking her fortune in 1968. She worked in Washington for private firms until March 10, 1971, when she joined Amtrak as a secretary to the incorporators. "Working for Amtrak," she says, "has developed into one of the most interesting experiences of my life. I know how valuable Britain's intercity rail system is to England and I am delighted to be taking part in restoring America's system to its proper place."

While Sally is from London she considers herself half Dutch. She lived with her parents in The Hague for eleven years and the friendly Netherlands left a deep impression on her.

Sally is fluent in Dutch, speaks French, and her hobby is saving her money so she can make periodic trips back to Holland and London.



Sally Edgar

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PASSENGERS CAN SING THEIR WAY TO CHICAGO ON NEW BROADWAY

As AMTRAK brings more and more innovations to its newly renovated Broadway Limited, the trip to Chicago seems to be growing shorter and shorter for our passengers. When they get tired of the television sets in the lounge cars, they can take in a full length movie. If a song fest is more to their liking, they can gather around a piano for some friendly harmonizing. And to make the trip even nicer, there is always a courteous, helpful passenger service representative aboard.

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AMTRAK HONORED BY IOWA CITY

The Ottumwa, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce presented Amtrak with a plaque last week in recognition of Amtrak's efforts in maintaining effective rail transportation service for the city. The Denver Zephyr stops at Ottumwa going both East and West, providing the Iowa city of 30,000 with service to Chicago and other points. The presentation was made by Gerald Brody, President of the Chamber, and Delbert White, Executive Vice President.

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