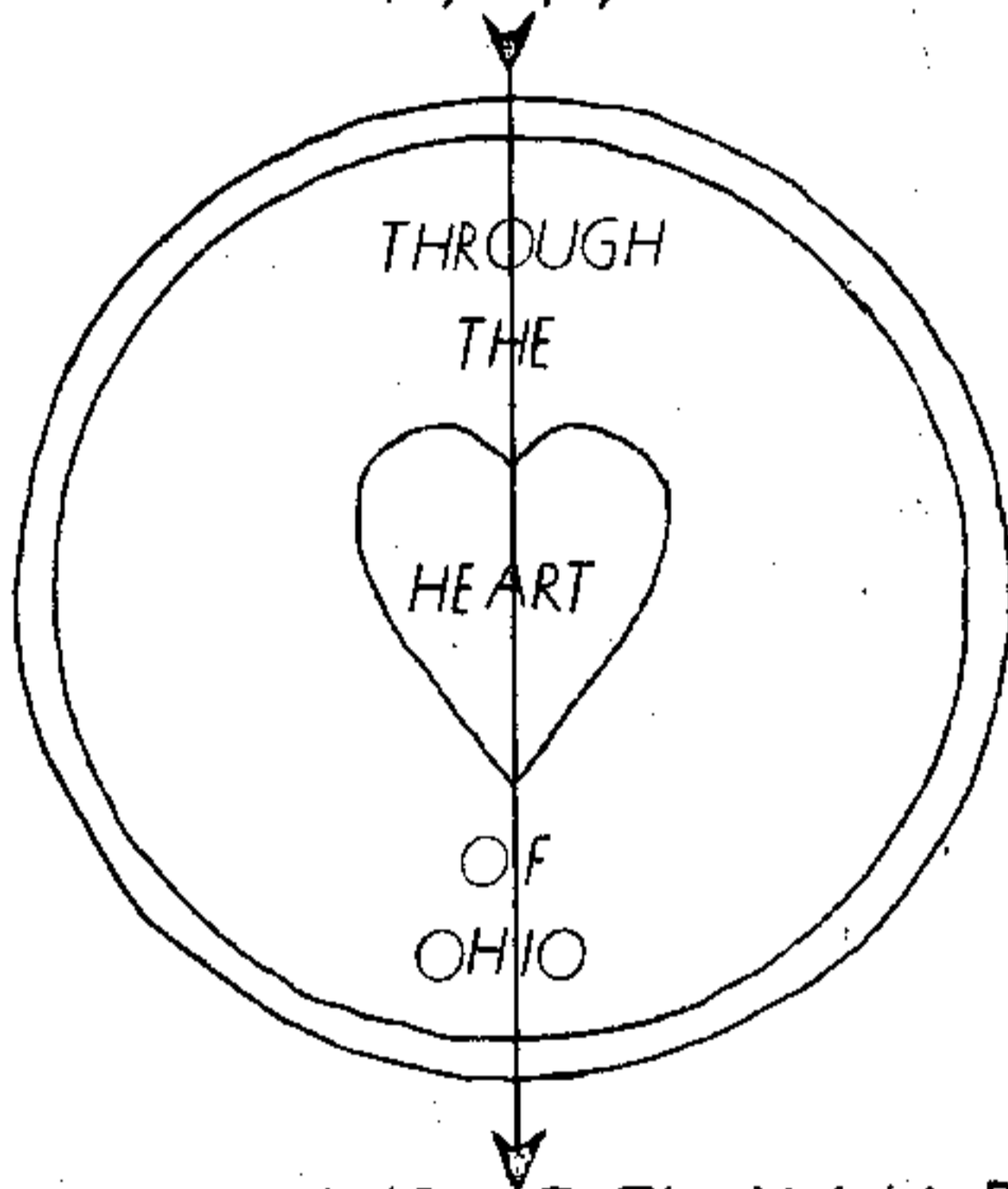


CENTRAL OHIO RAILFANS
ASSOCIATION

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COLUMBUS, DELAWARE &
MARION
RAILROAD COMPANY

CENTRAL OHIO RAILFANS ASSOCIATION

Owner of the

C.D. & M.R.R. Co.
at Worthington, Ohio

Founded 1948

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A non-profit organization operated by its members for the creation of a historical railroad museum.

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General Offices

Hobby Mart, 73 E. Gay Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

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Officers

- President Bernard J. Kern
- Vice President Louis Kleinlein
- Secretary Charles F. Glander
- Treasurer Vernon C. Underwood
- Trustee George R. Silcott
- General Counsels Kenneth Agee
 Victor A. Ketcham, Jr.

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Editorial Staff

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Charles F. Glander

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About the Association

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Membership

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Any person wishing to be a member of our association may apply through the treasurer of the Central Ohio Railfans

Association at 73 E. Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. Dues are \$2.00 per year for a non-voting out-of-town membership or \$1.00 per month for a regular membership. For further information write the Secretary at 1651 Barrington Road, Columbus 12, Ohio.

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Intentions of the Association

Members of the Association are composed of people from all walks of life who are interested in railroads in general. Although at the present time the association does not have any steam equipment, we hope to acquire some steam equipment. In the way of electric traction cars, we hope to acquire a representative group of mid-western cars.

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Visits to the R. R.

Those who wish to visit either for active construction or to inspect the property should follow State Route #161 east from Worthington, Ohio, turning left on Proprietors Road continuing north to the second house on the right side, which is the Black's residence. The property is immediately behind the Black's house. The property is open for inspection to all, although all equipment is kept locked. Keys may be obtained from either V.C. Underwood at the Gay Street address or from George Silcott at the Worthington Coal & Supply Company on Route #161.

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Equipment, Maintenance, and Right of Way Improvement

Car #21, a wood combine built by The Niles Car Company in 1904, was given to the Central Ohio Railfans Association by the Eastern Ohio Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society in 1946. In April 1946 the car was moved from the Ohio Public Service Company shops at Oak Harbor, Ohio, to the Ohio State Fairgrounds at Columbus, where it was stored on a siding of the Ohio Department of Highways until April 1948. Car #21 was then moved to the present property at Worthington. The car was in very poor condition due to vandalism. Thus extensive repairs were necessary, including

the complete replacement of windows (except the gothic arches which were covered with wood until art glass can be obtained), seats, and partial replacement of the roof and side. The old hot water heating system was also removed, and the truck journals rebabbitted. The first coat of finish paint was also applied.

The car repairs were made during the earlier months of the year and at the advent of warmer weather, track construction was begun. Rail was obtained from the Federal Glass Company and the farm of Victor A. Ketcham, Jr., a member of the Association. A hand car was donated by Robert A. Young of the Chesapeake and Ohio R.R. The cinders for ballast and part of the used ties were donated by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The rest of the ties were donated by the Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company and Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. At the present about 460 feet of track have been laid and ballasted, part of which was old Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Company right of way. A shed has been obtained from the Black's for storing parts and tools. Trolley ears, span wire, and overhead poles have been donated by the Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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Rail and Line Extension

As we have about 1000 feet of old Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Company right of way plus adjoining land purchased, we expect to extend our track at least another 300 feet on the north end of the main line. Overhead poles have been set and even now we have a surplus of these poles. 1000 feet of 000 gauge copper trolley wire has been purchased. The brackets for the poles have been made by the Club, and wire is expected to be strung in the very near future.

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Car Barns

Several methods of construction have been considered for the car barns, but no certain one has been decided upon. Plans for the barns, which will be single track temporarily, are now being made.

The most probable material for construction will be concrete block. An alternate method would be to purchase a four car car barn from the Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company, and move it to Worthington.

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Power Supply

Although we have no power at the present, the Ohio State Museum of the Ohio State Archeological Society has taken an interest in the Club, and it is believed that we may be able to procure an electrical generator from them.

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All persons desiring to be put on our mailing list for Fantrips should write to Charles F. Glander at the address below.

If any other information is desired please write to Charles F. Glander, 1651 Barrington Road, Columbus 12, Ohio.

