

# B&O BAGGAGE-DORM-LOUNGE 1302

This baggage-dorm-buffet lounge combine was once part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's "National Limited," which ran from Jersey City (New York City) and later, Baltimore, to St. Louis. It



was built about 1920 by Pullman as a "heavyweight" combine.

On April 20, 1932, the "National Limited" became the first long-distance train to be fully air conditioned. The B&O had tested a unit in 1930 designed by Willis Carrier on the dining car *Martha Washington* operating

on the "Columbian" between Washington DC and New York City. While Carrier's machine worked in the test, there was an electrical problem that prompted the the B&O to contract instead with the York Ice Machine Company to supply the remaining units.

Car 1302 was modernized in 1940. The CNY Chapter NRHS acquired it in 1969. The rest of the "National Limited" train is on display at the B&O Museum in Baltimore MD.



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**BUILT: c.1920 – Pullman**

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