

Below is “Winnie,” the 1986 Winnebago in which the “Mad As Hell Doctors” departed from Portland, Oregon on September 8, 2009 for a cross-country trip ending in Washington, D.C. on September 30th.



During their three-week odyssey they made 28 stops to attend rallies and media events in hopes of raising awareness about the health care crisis and the need for single-payer. Their last stop in Ohio was on September 29th for a community breakfast at Beachwood Public Library, sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of SPAN Ohio. Each member of the panel of doctors (and a nurse) spent a few minutes telling their individual reasons for being “mad as hell.” There was also great entertainment by [Bob Wickline](#), a professional singer, songwriter, poet, public school teacher and public speaker, who has presented musical keynotes at numerous rallies, conventions, and conferences throughout the United States and Canada. Below are some photos from the breakfast.



At left is **Dr. Paul Hochfeld**, Emergency Room Physician, who produced the video [“Health, Money and Fear”](#) which is being used as an educational tool by health care reform advocates around the country.

“I’m mad as hell because we have a broken, non-system for health care in this country designed and implemented around profit, not people.”



Dr. Katherine Ottaway, left, is a Family Physician.

“I’m mad as hell because I think every U.S. citizen deserves good health care, not a desperate emergency room visit because a patient couldn’t afford to see a doctor. Good health care is about taking the anxiety and worry out of the doctor-patient relationship so they can both focus on the true goal — good health.”



Dr. Michael Huntington, left, Radiation Oncologist

“I’m mad as hell because Americans aren’t getting the information they need to make an educated decision about health care. The reality is that a single-payer health care system has been working in other countries for decades and it can work here. But there is so much misinformation, so much undue corporate influence, that the truth doesn’t penetrate. People need to know that single-payer is not Socialism, it’s not Communism, it’s sound medicine for a sick system. Plain and simple.”



Above: The panel of doctors applauds as they are presented with the cartoon poster shown above. The Cleveland Chapter of SPAN presented the gift to the doctors as a memento of their visit to Ohio and a token of appreciation for their extraordinary contributions to the movement for single-payer health care.