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KEEP COOL AT THE JULY MEETING

Our annual "Keep Cool" meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21st. Meeting will be held aboard a 6000 series PTC car to Willow Grove and return. A stopover of about an hour will be made at the Grove.

The trip is free to Chapter members and a charge of 50¢ will be made for guests. Special car will leave 49th & Woodland Carhouse at 7:30 PM EDT. Times enroute will be given in your meeting notice.

COMING FAN TRIPS

JULY 21 -- Phila. Trans. Co.
Annual Meeting in a trolley. This year to Willow Grove. Details in your meeting notice.

JULY 24 -- Pennsylvania Railroad
See enclosed flier for details of our mid-summer trip. Get your tickets early.

JULY 17 -- Hagerstown & Frederick Ry.
Covers all H&F trackage in Frederick also where they have rights over PRR & B&O. Write R. S. Crockett, 6319 Blair Rd., N. W., Washington, 11 D. C.

JULY 31 -- READING STREET RAILWAY
Special car leaves Penn Square at 12 noon EDT and covers the Mohnton line. Fare \$1.25 from John F. Endler, Jr., 23 Hughes St., Forty-Fort, Pa.

AUG. 7 -- Laurel Line-Scranton Rys.
Covers all trackage of Laurel Line and Scranton Transit. Fare \$2.75, send to John F. Endler, Jr., 23 Hughes St., Fort-Fort, Pa.

SEPT. 3-4-5 -- CONVENTION
NRHS Annual Convention in Rochester covering railroad interest in that area. Details later.

SEPT. 18 -- Reading Railroad
Covering the Stony Creek Br. and the coal region lines terminating at Gordon where the large motive power of the Reading Co. is kept. Returning via Reading, Pa. and the main line. Details Later.

OCT. 16 -- Penn-Reading Seashore
Covering Gren Loch, Williamstown, Mullica Hill, Elmer and Daretown Branches. This trackage is practically unknown to today's railfan. Your one and only chance to ride these branches. Equipment will be gas car and trailer. Fare \$4.00 (tax included). Other details later from the Trip Committee.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

After June 25th, Rt. 38A discontinued operation. The shuttle on Parkside Ave. has finally given up its ghost.

Even before the annual summer schedule changes, PTC, beginning Memorial Day weekend instituted a number of equipment shifts. Modernized 8000's appeared on Rts. 18 & 30 on weekdays, on Rt. 12 & 20 on Sundays... Rts. 57 and 63 have received straight 8000's and one-man type 6000's are currently being shipped... Many are also in storage at Germantown and Southern Depots.

The track gangs are working a seven day week, and are making remarkably fast progress on the Erie-Torresdale renewal, scheduled to extend from Front St. to Margaret... They're removing rail from Spruce & Pine Sts. and all the north-south crossings on those streets... They also face a heavy program of work that includes Market St. in mid-city, Amber St. and Jefferson St. on Rt. 5 and stretches of north 6th & 7th Sts. to mention a few

The new Rt. 23 cut via 13th & Vengano is expected to be in operation by Sept.... Plans are underway for improvements at the north end of Bridge St. Station on the El.

When Detroit recently opened bids for 106 PCC's, the price was up to \$30,000 a unit.... Rough!!!

Red Arrow is planning to keep the 3 ex-PTC cars on its roster, renumbered 25-26 and 27 and make some mechanical improvements to them which may include the substitution of trucks from some center-door cars. Cars scrapped or in the process are Jewett types #40 to #44 and center-door cars #55, 64, 67 and 69.

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We need desperately a Pennsy correspondent. Our steam news is sadly lacking. Only one item this month.

The PRR has discontinued passenger trains #486 and #487 between Harrington, Del. and Franklin City, Va.

NEW EQUIPMENT ARRIVES ON READING

The 1st pair of Reading Co. new MU cars were placed in operation in June on the rush-hour Doylestown Local. New equipment consists of 1 power car and 1 trailer car, operated as bride and groom unit with controls at one end only of each car. Trailers were rebuilt from suburban steam coaches.