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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A MEETING LATELY? If you haven't please try and make an effort to do so. Remember, a good member is one who makes this fact known by being present at our meetings. In the past we have tried to give you the type of program we thought would interest you. I will be glad to hear of any suggestions you may have to offer on the problems of future meetings. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.

FUTURE FIELD TRIP DATES

Sunday, March 2nd, has been set for our trip to Atlantic City leaving Camden on PRSL No. 111 in an RDC. Two types of cars will be used to cover the ATC plus an inspection trip at the Inlet Barn. Members will be free to return on any regular PRSL train. Notices will be mailed shortly but reservations must be made soon as the trip is strictly limited to forty-eight persons.

Just a reminder that plans for Sunday May 4th are being made for a Reading Co. trip to Hershey Park. Train will operate via Subway, West Side Frt. Line, Reading Belt Line, Schuylkill Haven, Tremont, Pine Grove, and the Lebanon Valley Branch. The return will be via the main line through Reading. More details will follow.

AT THE LOOP

More and more PTC cars are being painted- quite a few now on Route 33.

Down Baltimore way the street cars are again out of the barn following a seven-teen day strike of the BTC.

On Jan. 8th the Reading St. Ry. discontinued the Mohnton Line, the last rail line in Reading. By the way, we learned just recently that the rails of the Reading St. Ry. have been removed from back of Wissahickon Station where they have remained for so long to remind railfans of the time when cars of this company came to Phila.

Twenty-five PCC cars, single end, have been received in San Francisco from St. Louis Car Co.

Third Ave Transit Co., successor to the vast trolley system, has recently been faced with staggering losses and forced to curtail many of its Bronx runs. This has meant a large reduction in personnel. If these economies are not successful the NY Courts will order liquidation. The co. has filed application to shut down its Yonkers rail line but at this writing it is still operating.

LVT 1030 has been sold to the Seaboard Electric Ry at Kennebunkport, Maine.

CONGRATULATIONS, BALTIMORE AND OHIO, ON YOUR 125th ANNIVERSARY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1952.

JIM SCRIBBINS NIGHT

It was indeed a pleasure for our Chapter to be host to Jim Scribbins, the founder of our Milwaukee Chapter at a special meeting held in his honor Feb. 2nd. Visitors from Lancaster, Baltimore, Lehigh Valley and West Jersey Chapters were present to enjoy the excellent color films he brought and to greet Jim personally.

OUT ON THE HIGH IRON

Florida winter service is now in full swing with long Seaboard and Coast Line trains parading through North Phila. on each others block every afternoon. This year the Orange Blossom sports a most attractive red and white livery. Members got a preview of these Pullmans as they were used on some of the Army-Navy game specials to the stadium.

Six more RDC's for the PRSL have been ordered from Budd. The Boston & Maine has ordered three which will be used from Boston to Troy, Boston to White River Jct. via Concord, and between Springfield and White River Jct.

Do not forget to join your friends on Sat., Feb. 9th when the Hatboro-New Hope gas cars make their farewell runs. A Reading gas car was recently seen being used as a switcher and hauling one of the new Congressional coaches down from the Red Lion Plant of Budds.

Lucius Beebe is the latest "Voop" of the Lancaster & Chester. His title is Vice President In Charge of Internal Audit!

The New Haven has received a Mack bus type coach with PCC trucks for Cape Cod service and if successful ten more will be ordered. An Advance Merchants Limited has been put in service making no passenger stops between N. Y. and Boston.

On Nov. 25th diesel operated CNR trains began using the M&SC between Granby and a point near Montreal giving service between Waterloo and Granby direct to the Central Station, Montreal. M&SC electric trains continue to operate from McGill St. to Marieville as usual.

Pre-cooked, quick frozen meals served complete on one platter at about one-third regular diner prices are now a feature of the NYC's Upstate Specials and may be extended to other NYC trains.

The Hudson & Manhattan may soon purchase new cars to provide direct service between Newark and 33rd St to eliminate changing cars at Journal Square.

For your collection, special B&O commemorative stamps at your PO after 28th.