

CINDERS

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE BUT....

In mailing out CINDERS each month we have come across name after name that is unfamiliar to us. This served to drive home a point we've been conscious of for a long time. We have a large membership, but how many members are actually participating in the operation of the chapter? You have demonstrated your interest in the chapter by again rejoining for a year; be something besides a sideline sitter this year.

"What can I do," is a question all too frequently accompanied by a shrug of the shoulders and a feeling that you can again safely drift off into oblivion. We're ahead of you this time; here is an answer. The recounting of some of your experiences, sharing your knowledge, or a display of your movies or slides could provide an evening's entertainment. The bulletin board is a swell place to show off segments of your collection; everyone is interested. CINDERS could develop into a real publication with the expenditure of little more than hard, determined work by more than just your two present editors. The trip committee can always use suggestions and it is generally swamped with work which awaits willing hands to help. The above is just a starter, but we are sure you get the idea.

Last, but not least, comes the meeting itself. This is supposed to be a time to exchange ideas, news, items of all kinds; not just a place to be amused and then leave again. Do you know what the person next to you collects; in fact do you even know his name? Many of us trade transfers with Tom in Topeka and pix with Pete in Pawtucket, while sitting right next to us, although we may be unaware of it, may be an expert on the very subject in which we are most interested. Make yourself known to the person next to you, his friends, and his friends.

We appreciate your patronage but it's you we want to know better. Come out and help us expand into the largest, most active chapter in the society. See you at the next meeting. (DWK)

PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Apparently we need a PTC strike during every meeting. Over 50 persons enjoyed the evening's entertainment supplied by the CPR, in the form of a historical talk by Mr. J. R. Akin of CPR's New York office, and an excellent movie on a coast to coast trip thru Canada.

February brings us a most locked-for talk by our own Jim Dillon. Just what his topic will be we do not know at present, but you can be sure it will be worthwhile.

STEAM WHISPS

PRSL steam is puffing toward an uncertain future. With 4 rd units due in April and 6 road switchers to follow shortly thereafter steam, at least in winter time, will pretty much fade from the pix.

Duluth, Miss. & Iron Range, long a haven for U.S. Steel steam from other company properties, has suddenly been bitten by the diesel bug and is converting with anything available.

The Reading's King Coal was soon recently sporting 3 road switchers. At this rate there soon won't be enough diesels to go around. Meanwhile more and more rebuilt cars keep appearing.

CONTROLLER CLICKS

The LVT is finally nearing the end of a long downhill trail. Two weeks ago 15 45-pass. (we presume GMC) buses were ordered to replace the remaining cars, and last week the final step was taken in an application to abandon Minsi Trail and Fairview, the only two routes not applied for.

Capital Transit will soon drop its four husky freight motors and the Kenilworth Ave. trackage on which they operate. Pot. Elec. will replace them with a rented PRR diesel, later a fireless cooker.

Perhaps we can whisper it and get away without disastrous effect. Locust St. Sub. finally saw the official test train Feb. 4th. Regular service to start the 15th???

Riddon the P&W St. Ry. recently? No overhead wires or paved streets yet. The new name, probably developed as a means for complete assimilation into the PST, came to our notice around the 15th of January.

PTC has received permission to abandon rt. 65 but no date has as yet been set. The rt. 18 hearing turned out to be a terrific dud as far as opposition went, thus making its demise almost certain

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Still puffing thru our town at last word is the afternoon Rvy Exp & Mail express New York to Harrisburg, powered by a Pennsy K-4

The recent PTC strike really had the fans hopping. At one time five 8-car GGL powered trains were clumping out of Suburban Station, replacing MU's which were doing yeoman duty in shuttle service. Even a diesel switcher appeared on the West Chester local.

The Reading also was doing a prolific business, but even the strike couldn't bring the old 4-6-2's back into play.

PCW's Gulph Mill station is to be relocated to provide parking space for patrons. Don't ask us where they can put it, please.

Atlantic City is in a terrible turmoil over their cars with seemingly everyone wanting buses but no one willing to pay the ACTC what the company wants for the roadbed. The outcome is inevitable, we fear, but certainly not by this summer.

And still they go. Detroit has decided to "bus" Jefferson while Kansas City has permission to take off the 33rd & Parallel line to a cutback at Central & James.

Ever wondered just what books are in the NRG's library? We have.

Below is the result of our curiosity.

Across Canada - Pacific to Atlantic

Ambassador on Rails

Boiler Shop Practice

British Railways

Cable Car Carnival

Car Builders Cyclopedia

Centennial History of the Pennsylvania Railroad

Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western - Pencil Sketches

Early British Railways

Edaville Railroad

Fall of a Railroad Empire

Fares Please

Grand Central

Hear the Train Blow

Handbook of American Railroads

Interurbans of the Empire State

Iron Horses

Iron Trail

Lackawanna Story

Mail by Rail

Main Line

Manual of Statistics 1922-1923

Men of the Eric

Mileposts on the Prairie

Mixed Train Daily

Modern World Book of Railways

Official Railroad Guide (two a year)

Our First Fifty Years

Pennsylvania Railroad

Principles of Urban Transportation

Reading Company Motive Power.

Rails over the Horizon

Rails that Climb

Railroads of America

Railroads of New York

Railroads of Today

Railroad Avenue

Railroad Panorama

Romance of the Rails

Santa Fe, the Railroad that Built an Empire

Scottish Railways

Short History of American Railroads

Singing Rails

Slow Train to Yesterday

Steel Trails to Santa Fe

Story of American Railroads

Trains

Toonervilles of the Empire State

Virginia and Truckee

Westward the Course of the Empire

Working on the Railroad

In addition we regularly receive Railway Age, Trains, Passenger Transport, The Pennsy, Reading Railway Magazine, Railway Progress, and the Baltimore and Ohio Magazine.

MAKE USE OF THESE BOOKS AND PERIODICALS - THEY WERE PURCHASED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT
