

CINDERS

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WITHER GOEST THOU, WANDERER?

Have you ever stopped to wonder what's in a name? While pouring over some old maps and railroad guides, recently our thoughts were drawn to the mental pictures created by some of the railroad names mentioned, and the accuracy of those pictures. The Cammal & Black Forest Ry., and the Slate Run R.R. are perfect descriptions of the wild timberland and rushing mountain streams of northcentral Pennsylvania where those lines operated. The Dismal Swamp R.R. clumped through the mosquito infested, waterlogged, mysterious depths of its Virginia and North Carolina namesake. The Mt. Washington Ry. assaults the very summit of New Hampshire's highest mountain, while the Death Valley R.R. suggests the white hot, sub-sea-level wastes of California where the line once oked a meagre existence.

All except the Mt. Washington cog railway are now gone, but many lines with scenery just as interesting, but names less descriptive, remain. The plaintive wail of a small ten-wheeler through the mountain night, the roar of mighty motors pulling a crack express down the main line, an arch roof car clattering up a shaded street, a fast PCC on well-maintained PRW; all are still yours if you look hard enough. Add a few more rattling residents to your piggy bank, and thumb through that well-worn Guide again, for summer is here, wanderer, and it's time to travel.

PERKIOMEN JUNKET

YOU are cordially invited to join the Chapter in an informal trip on the Reading's Perkiomon local, Friday June 5th. The schedule is as follows:

Reading Terminal		5:45 PM
North Broad St.		5:52 PM
Perkiomon Jct.	Arr.	6:29 PM
Perkiomon Jct.	Lv.	6:35 PM
Allentown		8:23 PM
Allentown (bus)	9:00 or 10:00 PM	
Phila. (bus)	11:15 or 12:15 AM	

All times are daylight. There's no diner, so eat first. Be sure to buy ticket VIA PERKIOMEN JCT.

STEAM WHISPS

May 30th will see the last of Western Md. passenger service Cumberland to Hagerstown. Service still remains on the eastern end of the line, though greatly curtailed, thus ensuring a little more time for the H&F trolleys.

The Pa. PUC, in a surprising shift from allowing all abandonments turned thumbs down on PRR's Brownsville branch discontinuance for the for the second refusal in as many months. Not so for the same line's Oil City-Corry line which will go early in June.

Down Eastville, Va. way the PRR removal of steamer service is keeping the courtrooms hot, with more people getting into the act all the time. No action yet on either removing the night peninsula train or a new one for the mainland.

Be on the lookout for a Talgo train at the Atlantic City Railroad Suppliers Convention. It will be shipped from St. Louis on flatcars.

HER MAJESTY'S MINISTER OF TRACTION

Hugh Gibb delivered an excellent talk at the last meeting on the electrification of British railways. Starting with the first line on the Isle of Man Hugh brought us completely up to date with today's large-scale electrification program of the British railways.

CONTROLLER CLICKS

Birmingham lost its last car line when "Old PCC" 812 turned into West-side car barn April 19th. Old - well, we wonder about that.

PST #9, out of service since Oct. 1951 after a collision with #07, has finally reappeared on the active roster in a new paint scheme of all red below the windows, all cream above them including the roof, and no trim anywhere. Your editor also had the dubious privilege of recently seeing a 4 car PST train formed when #73 and 61 broke down inbound from Sharon Hill and #72 & 74 had to push them in. Reversing ends at 69th St., 72 & 74 towed the cripples, albeit none too rapidly, up West Chester Pike toward Llanerch.

No more cars to Front & Arch Sts. in Catasauga. Cars 900 & 908 made the last Allentown-Northampton trip early May 11th. We were very unhappy to notice "Ed Wisser, chief dispatcher, issued orders to Operator Morgan and warned him to watch the souvenir hunting trolley fans." This is indicative of recent fan conduct on the LVT and we don't like it one bit. Putting active cars out of service because of looted parts is no joke. We hope all Phila. members will stymie any such stunts he sees pulled.

A MINIATURE VACATION GUIDE

Taking a hint from TRAINS we decided to work out some short one-day trips from Philadelphia, especially designed for those idle Summer Saturdays. Most of the trips can be varied in one form or other, bearing in mind that the feature portions of each trip are usually one-a-day lines, with no other service than that in the direction shown. Before taking any of these jaunts we urge you to check the effective timetables, for schedules do change and even your editor has occassionally missed up on some obscure symbol shown inconspicuously in a schedule.

<u>TRIP NO. 1 - WEEKDAYS</u>		<u>TRIP NO. 5 - SATURDAY ONLY</u>	
30th St. Phila.	4:11 PM 1	30th St. Phila.	6:50 AM 1
Trenton	4:47 PM 1	Penn Sta., New York	8:39 AM 1
Trenton	5:15 PM 1	W 42nd St. Ferry (NYC)	9:15 AM 4
Phillipsburg; NJ	7:00 PM 1	Roscoe; NY	1:31 PM 4
Phillipsburg; NJ	7:05 PM 2	Roscoe; NY	5:10 PM 4
Allentown, Pa.	7:40 PM 2	W. 42nd St. Ferry (NYC)	7:25 PM 4
Reading, Pa.	8:48 PM 3	Liberty St. Ferry (CNJ)	8:00 PM 3
Reading Pa.	10:54 PM 3	Phila., Rdg Term.	10:51 PM 3
Phila., Rdg Term.	12:26 AM 3	OR	
<u>TRIP NO. 2 - WEEKDAYS</u>		New York, Penn Sta.	8:30 PM 1
North Phila.	9:38 AM 1	Phila., 30th St.	10:07 PM 1
Lancaster; Pa.	10:59 AM 1	<u>TRIP NO. 6 - SATURDAY ONLY</u>	
Lancaster, Pa.	11:20 AM 5	Phila. 24th & Chest.	10:59 AM 7
York; Pa.	12:10 PM 5	Elizabeth; NJ	12:23 PM 7
York, Pa.	2:10 PM 6	Elizabeth, NJ	1:44 PM 1
Baltimore; Md.	6:20 PM 6	Via Jamesburg	
Baltimore, Md.	6:51 PM 7	Trenton; NJ	3:08 PM 1
Phila. 24th & Chest.	8:55 PM 7	Trenton, NJ	3:33 PM 1
<u>TRIP NO. 3 - SATURDAY ONLY</u>		Phila. 30th St.	4:13 PM 1
Phila. 24th & Chest.	10:59 AM 7	<u>TRIP NO. 7 - SATURDAY ONLY</u>	
New York (Liberty St)	12:55 PM 7	Phila. Rdg Term.	1:45 PM 3
New York (Grd Cent)	2:57 PM 8	W. Trenton, NJ	2:39 PM 3
Via Harlem Div.		Change Trains	
Brewster; NY.	4:37 PM 8	Trenton; NJ	2:57 PM 3
Brewster, N.Y.	5:00 PM 8	Trenton, NJ	4:19 PM 1
Via Putnam Div.		Via Delair	
New York (Grd Cent)	7:57 PM 8	Haddonfield; NJ	5:11 PM 1
New York Penn Sta.	8:30 PM 1	Haddonfield, NJ	6:23 PM 1
Phila. 30th St.	10:07 PM 1	Phila. 30th St.	6:52 PM 1
<u>TRIP NO. 4 - SATURDAY ONLY</u>		<u>TRIP NO. 8 - WEEKDAYS</u>	
Phila. 30th St.	1:00 PM 1	Phila. Rdg Term.	7:01 AM 3
Trenton; NJ	1:35 PM 1	Reading; Pa.	8:41 AM 3
Trenton, NJ	1:49 PM 1	Reading, Pa.	9:11 AM 3
Red Bank; NJ	3:48 PM 1	Allentown, Pa.	3
Red Bank, NJ	3:43 PM 1	New York Liberty St.	12:59 PM 2
Elizabeth; NJ	5:22 PM 1	New York, Penn Sta.	2:00 PM 1
Elizabeth, NJ	6:12 PM 7	Phila., 30th St.	3:36 PM 1
Phila. 24th & Chest.	7:36 PM 7	<u>ALL TIMES SHOWN ARE DAYLIGHT SAVING</u>	

RAILROADS INVOLVED

- 1 - Pennsylvania
- 2 - Central Railroad of New Jersey
- 3 - Reading Company
- 4 - New York, Ontario & Western
- 5 - Pennsylvania Greyhound
- 6 - Maryland & Pennsylvania
- 7 - Baltimore & Ohio R.R.
- 8 - New York Central

TRIP FEATURES

- #1 - PRR Phillipsburg Br.
- #2 - Maryland & Pennsylvania R.R.
- #3 - NYC Putnam Br.
- #4 - PRR Trenton-Bay Head Br.
- #5 - New York, Ontario & Western R.R.
- #6 - PRR Jamesburg Br.
- #7 - Rdg Trenton, PRR River branches
- #8 - CNJ main line.

STEAM SHIPS

East Broad Top recently discontinued Saturday passenger service, thus eliminating it for weekend fan visits. Its next door neighbor, the H&BTM, is down to 1 rd. trip daily originating in Huntingdon.

The B&O still sports 1017 steam engines as of January 1st this year including three moguls.

CONTROLLER CLICKS

PTC's new trackage is about 2 wks from completion with all but 1/2 block of Locust St. cemented and all other work nearing completion except 36th to Woodland which hasn't been opened up yet.

Market St. wigglo opened May 14th and already the macadam is badly scarred from derailments.