

# C I N D E R S

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NRHS

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### MEETING NEWS

The Philadelphia Chapter will hold a special meeting on Saturday, November 13, usual time and place. The entertainment will consist of movies by West Jersey chapter members Lee Avis and Ed Burch; the title of the film is "Steam and Steel". All are invited, especially NRHS members from out-of-town who intend to be present at the national meeting.

The national meeting will be held the next day, Sunday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend.

The regular Philadelphia Chapter meeting on November 18 will feature a talk by Mr. William T. Gaynor, Assistant Advertising Manager, New York Central System. His subject: "New York Central Looks to the Future". We can assure all that both the November 13 and November 18 programs are of unusual interest.

We would also like to remind everyone that the chapter holds informal meetings on the first Tuesday of each month -- no formal program, but a chance to talk to other railfans. If you want more railfan talk, a small group of members usually meets for lunch on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at the downstairs cafeteria, Whelan's drug store, 13th and Market. All are invited to any and all of these functions.

### THE STORY ON TRIPS

The Trip Committee has two trips planned for January.

On January 9, we expect to have a trip on PTC, out of Germantown Depot. (The date may be subject to change; if so, announcements will be made).

On January 23, a trip is planned on the Reading. This will be an unusual trip. More about it later.

In view of the fact that there will be two regular trips in January, and that many members will be occupied with Christmas shopping, there is no planned Trip of the Month for December.

### THE LIBRARY

May we remind all members once again that the price of library books is now only 10 cents per month, and that all money taken in goes to purchase new books for the library. Use it.

### HURRICANE DAMAGE

We regret to announce that a victim of last month's hurricane was the Shenandoah Central Railroad, which many NRHS members visited in connection with the Washington convention. The line was washed out, and the signal system destroyed. However the rolling stock -- ex-ET&WNC ten-wheeler, ex-ET&WNC baggage car, ex-East Broad Top coach, and ex-Linville River observation -- was spared, and although the cost of repairs is prohibitive, the management would like to dispose of this equipment to someone who would give them a good home.

The editor can only say that he feels himself fortunate that he had occasion to visit this pike during the all-too-brief years of its existence, and is sorry not everyone could have done the same. In passing, we recommend the description of "The Tweetsie Route" by two local members in the current NRHS Bulletin.

### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

The Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines' Sunday excursion rates to Atlantic City ended October 31. From our own observation, these tickets were very popular.

The national election held November 2 involved three items of particular railfan interest: (1) the voters of Philadelphia approved a city loan which is intended to insure speedy completion of the Market Street Subway project, (2) San Francisco voters turned down a proposal to restore now-abandoned cable lines, and (3) Mr. Richard L. Neuberger, well-known writer on railfan topics, was elected U. S. Senator from Oregon, the first railfan, so far as we know, to ever be a member of the Senate.

New Haven's Mack-built "Little Shoreliner" railcars are in dead storage at Readville, Mass. The road has decided against using them, and is looking for an interested buyer.

New York Central wants to take up two tracks of its four-track main line and one track on the West Shore, now double-tracked. The road explains that with modern signalling and faster trains the additional tracks are not needed.