

CINDERS

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 1955

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of chapter officers will take place, as required by chapter by-laws, at the April meeting. All members are urged to be present. The officers are yours -- be there and vote.

The entertainment portion of the meeting will be given over to 35-mm Kodachrome slides by chapter member Lew Hoy, featuring steam and electric shots in this country and in Europe.

GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

We wish to remind our readers that we have a lot of photographs we don't want, and they will be given away at the April meeting on a first-come-first-served basis. Come early and get 'em.

The meeting date -- April 21.

THE BANQUET

The annual chapter banquet will be held at the Penn-Sherwood Hotel on April 23. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Announcements have already been sent out; further information can be secured from Bill Hooker, banquet chairman.

Entertainment after food will be provided by Lehigh Valley chapter member Howard Sell, whose railfan movies and slides are excellent.

On the subject of food, may we also remind readers of the Lehigh Valley chapter banquet on April 16. Those interested should contact Charley Houser, 734 St. John St., Allentown.

TRIP NEWS

The following trips are in the works:

April 24 (same weekend as the banquet): Trip on PTC using ex-Missouri PCC cars.

June 12: Trip on the Pennsylvania to Wilkes-Barre and return. (We may get steam for this trip).

June 24: Trip on the Reading's Perkiomen mixed train to Allentown. This date is dependent on passenger service lasting that long.

July 31: RDC trip on the B&O to Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Announcements on all these trips will be out shortly.

MORE ON FOOD

CINDERS' food editor has given us information on how the meals on our January 23 Crusader trip were prepared. The turkeys were cooked in the diner of the King Coal on the trip up to Pottsville the Friday preceding, and on the same diner back Saturday morning. Some more were cooked in the same diner on Saturday in Huntingdon Street coach yard. The editor was of the firm opinion that the job was very well done.

THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SCENE

Hearings on PTC trolley-to-bus conversions have been halted, at least temporarily, because of a disagreement concerning whether the city or the company is to pay for street repaving. We believe this won't hold things up very long.

The local railroads have announced a 10% increase in commutation fares, effective May 1, unless the PUC disapproves.

ANOTHER INTERURBAN BITES THE DUST

Grand River Railway and Lake Erie & Northern Railway, Canadian Pacific subsidiaries, will end passenger service April 23. The Syracuse Chapter NRHS will run a fan trip over the line on April 24 and the Buffalo Chapter NRHS on May 1. Details of both trips are on the chapter bulletin board.

FAN TRIP PICKETED

We understand a railfan trip over the Third Avenue elevated in New York was picketed by the local of the Transport Workers Union, CIO. Union president Michael J. Quill objected to the group sponsoring the trip using the city's transportation facilities as a "circus"; nevertheless, a TWU crew operated the train.

Abandonment of the line has been postponed until some time in May because of the need for new signals in the adjacent Lexington Avenue subway.

THE CONVENTION

Our annual convention will be held Labor Day weekend in Milwaukee, Wis. All are urged to attend if possible.