

# CINDERS

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

### NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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#### MEETING NEWS

The regular December 15 meeting will feature two commercial railroad films -- "Men of Maintenance", made by the New York Central, and "Operation Fast Freight", made by Minneapolis & St. Louis.

Plans for the January 13 meeting include movies by chapter members. More details in our next issue.

May we also remind our readers of our informal meetings, on the first Tuesday of each month, same time and place.

#### TWO TRIPS THIS MONTH

Sunday, December 11, trip on PTC using an unmodernized 3000 car, leaves Ridge Depot, 42nd and Dauphin, at 10:40 a.m. Fare, \$1.75; no tickets, but please make reservations.

Monday, December 26, trip on the Atlantic City Transportation Co. using two types of cars. Trip leaves the car barn at 11 a.m. Fare, \$1.75 in advance or \$2.00 on car.

Announcements for both trips are in the mail. For further information, write to Bob Abrams, 5480 Moras St., Philadelphia 21.

More trips are planned for the forthcoming season.

#### TELL THE SECRETARY PLEASE

According to our usual custom, light refreshments will be served at the December meeting. Please return the postal cards that came with the meeting notice to the secretary, so that we can know how much goodies can be expected to be consumed.

#### THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

The annual railroad show of which the Army-Navy game is a regular highlight took place on schedule. PTC used 45 trolleys, the same as last year. Pennsy operated 28 trains and B&O operated 9. Social note: Visiting sleeping cars included cars owned by Louisville & Nashville, Southern Pacific, and Gulf, Mobile & Ohio. One train on the B&O consisted of Reading and RF&P equipment, and one on the Pennsy consisted of New York Central stainless steel coaches.

#### DOINGS ON PTC

We were unable to learn the identity of the last nearside car to go to the torch, but it was one of the following seven: 6224, 6413, 6486, 6549, 6657, 6673, and 7183.

On November 27, Route 60 moved from Allegheny Depot to Luzerne. Two tracks have been laid to accommodate the cars.

We learn Route 5 is to go bus on December 25, and Routes 3, 26, and 52 on January 29. Dates of other conversions have not yet been announced. The PCC's on Route 5 will go in regular service on Route 50 on January 28.

The company has proposed skip-stop service on the Market-Frankford elevated. Full details are not yet available.

Fare boxes have been installed at Walnut-Locust station on the Broad St. subway. Installations at other stations is planned in the near future.

#### ERRATUM

Last month's CINDERS announced Red Arrow Lines' request to abandon the Stratford line had been withdrawn. We have since learned that this is not correct, and the petition is still hanging fire.

#### NEWS ELSEWHERE

Street car service in Atlantic City will end on Wednesday, December 28. Buses take over Thursday.

PRR GG-1 No. 4880, formerly painted silver, has been repainted black.

#### THE BOOK

There isn't much we can add to our prior eulogies of the chapter publication "Rail Transit in Philadelphia" except to repeat that it's cheap at the price of \$1.50. Send orders to Phila. Chapter NRHS, 801 Kinglet y St., Phila. 28.

#### THE LIBRARY

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