

CINDERS

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Philadelphia Chapter picnic, previously announced for Saturday, July 16, has been postponed. Plans are to hold the picnic, same hours and place, one week later, July 23.

On July 16, all Philadelphia Chapter members are cordially invited to a special movie meeting of the Lehigh Valley Chapter, NRHS. This will be held at 3 p.m. at 1145 Walnut Street, Allentown. Private transportation will have to be arranged for, since visitors to this meeting will miss the last public transportation back Saturday night. The meeting will feature movies of 800-series LVT cars.

MEETING NEWS

There will, as usual, be no formal meeting in July.

The August meeting will feature an inspection tour of the Railway Express Agency facilities in Philadelphia. Be on hand at the usual place on August 18 at 8 p.m.

TRIP NEWS

Remember our July 31 RDC trip to Harpers Ferry, W. Va. The trip will leave on B&O Train 85 in the morning and return in the evening on Train 8. Trip Committee announcements will be in the mail this week.

A major fall trip on the Reading over long stretches of freight-only lines is in the works for October. More news on this later.

RAIL TRANSIT IN PHILADELPHIA

"Rail Transit in Philadelphia" is the title of our picture story of the Philadelphia Transportation Company. The book, put out by the chapter, contains 52 pages, size 8½"x11", with 70 photographs and accompanying text. Most of the pictures were taken by railfans, and some by company photographers. Please purchase copies in advance, to insure receiving yours. The book will be ready for distribution about Labor Day, and will be mailed to those having orders in. The price is \$1.50. To order yours, see John H. Francis, or mail your remittance to Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS, 601 Kingsley St., Philadelphia 28, Pa. No telephone orders, please.

We are assured there are no pictures of buses in the book.

REMEMBER THE NRHS CONVENTION
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

With the summer schedules going into effect on June 19, PTC equipment made considerable shifts. Route 15 now sports PCC cars seven days a week; before this equipment only ran here on weekends. The only 6000-series nearside cars remaining in active service are on Route 64, Monday through Friday; the line was downgraded from 8000-series cars. Informed opinion believes these will keep running only till Route 38 goes bus.

None of the ex-St. Louis cars are in service, but ex-Kansas City cars are now on Route 5, and on Route 3 Saturday and Sunday. We understand these cars will not operate in the subway. The company believes air-equipped cars are preferable to all-electrics in this service. The Market Street subway and subway-surface extension will probably open in about another month.

Pennsy GG-1's are being repainted in a dazzling aluminum-gray color scheme.

END OF AN ERA

Our last genuine authentic mixed train will end July 15, on the Reading's Perkiomen Branch. All are invited for the last ride; connection leaves Reading Terminal at 5:45 p.m. D.S.T. Buy your ticket to Allentown via Perkiomen Jct.

NEWS ELSEWHERE

B&O has applied to discontinue Buffalo-Pittsburgh passenger service.

Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto, one of two remaining Ontario interurbans, was still operating rail passenger service on July 4, although the Official Guide and CN timetable shows bus only. Another Canadian interurban, Montreal & Southern Counties, no longer operates into the city of Montreal. We fear the end is near for both.