

CINDERS

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 1955

MEETING NEWS

The regular chapter meeting will be held Thursday, May 19. It is expected that we will present a movie made by the Louisville & Nashville, with a speaker from that road. The L&N, as everyone knows by now, has been plagued with a lengthy strike, but as we go to press we learn that a settlement is expected within a few days, and full passenger service should be restored by May 18. The L&N program is contingent upon the strike being settled. If it isn't, a very interesting railfan movie program will be presented. If it is, the Led program May 19, and the alternate program at a fall meeting.

For the June meeting, we plan a talk by a widely traveled railfan -- chapter member and national treasurer Hugh Gibb.

TRIP NEWS

Our April 24 trip, due to unexpected difficulties, and we never got to ride in a Kansas City car, but this will be done on Saturday, May 14. The trip will leave Frankford Depot at 1:30 p.m. and will go to Kensington Shops, with passengers picked up in mid-city. Trip announcements are going out about the same time as this CINDERS. Fare, 50 cents.

On Sunday, May 22, the Baltimore Chapter NRHS will operate a PTC trip using a 6000-series car. Trip will leave Allegheny Depot, 26th and Allegheny, at 11 a.m. Fare will depend on the number of persons present; cost will be divided. All Philadelphia Chapter members are invited. No reservations needed. For details, get in touch with Bob Janssen, Baltimore chapter.

West Jersey chapter NRHS will have a weekend in Atlantic City May 14-15, including a trip on the trolley as far as Douglas Avenue. For details write to George Springer, 329 Market St., Camden 2, N. J., chapter secretary.

Don't forget our trip on the PRR to Wilkes-Barre on June 12, and to Harpers Ferry July 31.

THE CONVENTION

The annual NRHS convention will be held in Milwaukee Labor Day weekend. Details as far as are now known are in the current NRHS Bulletin. All members are invited, so start saving for it now. Everybody has a good time at conventions, and those who can should go.

SOCIETY NEWS

CINDERS' society editor reports that on April 15 some of the Canadian Pacific's "Canadian" equipment went up the Reading to New Hope on a jaunt sponsored jointly by the Budd Company and Wanamaker's, complete with fashion show. The dome cars only operated east of Wayne Junction, since they couldn't clear the catenary under Broad Street. Above Wayne Junction the juice was turned off in sections as the train went by. The affair was thoroughly covered in the society pages of the newspapers, and we understand there was plenty of drinkin' licker available.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

PTC's fare increase came through suddenly on April 21, and 15-cent tickets are no longer in use. However, tickets already sold at that time were accepted through the week.

PST at the same time secured a fare increase to 18 cents, 2 tokens for 35 cents.

Local commuter railroads applied for a 10% increase in commutation fares but this was turned down by PUC pending further study.

PRR has inaugurated Family Fares to New York on Saturdays. They go into effect May 14.

As this is written, PTC non-operating clerks are on strike following a layoff, but interference with service has been minor.

The Crusader's midday trip to Jersey City has been discontinued. The stainless steel equipment, like the Wall Street equipment, now makes only one round trip.

New Haven has decked out its new electric locomotives, and also its timetable cover, in a startling red, white, and black color scheme.

NYC's Third Avenue Elevated quits -- for real this time, they say -- on Thursday, May 12.

Pennsy has installed ticket machines at 30th Street, Suburban, and North Philadelphia stations, but the Pennsylvania Station in New York is still without them.

THE LIBRARY

The library has acquired "Steelways of New England". We also hope to have the May Official Guide in time for the meeting. All members are again urged to use your library.