

CINDERS

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MEETING NEWS

The program for the November 17 meeting will be "West Virginia Whooperee" featuring movies by chapter members Don Kehl and Don Riegel last Memorial Day weekend on the Louisville Chapter's three-day weekend. The meeting program promises to be one of unusual interest, complete with narrow-gauge geared engines on logging roads and C&O Kanawhas on coal drags.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

All members are invited to attend the annual NRHS national meeting on November 18, at 10:30 a.m., at the B&O Station. Attending this meeting will show your interest in the organization.

On November 12, a PTC trip and a banquet at the Penn-Sherwood Hotel will be held in conjunction with the meeting. Reservations are necessary for the November 12 events -- \$1.00 for the trip and \$5.00 for the dinner. For reservations contact William D. Hooker, 8001 Lore St., Philadelphia 28, and make remittances to him, not to the chapter. Please do NOT place reservations by telephone.

STEAM OVER THE PINE WOODS

As CINDERS goes to press, two Reading G3 Pacifics, Nos. 211 and 218, are still on active duty in passenger service on the PRSL, although no steam runs on the Reading itself. Assorted PRR engines are still running in the Camden area, although steam days appear to be almost at an end. We also learn that a K4 takes the freight down to Millville occasionally.

THE OCTOBER 23 TRIP

The trip projected on the Northern Central never got there on account of a wreck on the line, but went from Perryville to Columbia on the Columbia & Port Deposit branch instead. There were, however, few complaints, since it allowed a longer ride behind a silver GG-1.

MORE ON THE BIG WEEKEND

We have just learned that the entertainment at the November 12 banquet will be railfan movies by Mr. Hermann Rinke, of New York, featuring rails of the U.S. and Europe.

EVENTS ON PTC

Our list of lines to go bus, listed in the last issue, inadvertently omitted Routes 31 and 62. Our apologies.

All Allegheny Division car lines except Route 60 are currently running out of Ridge car barn -- displaced by busses that needed the room -- so that Ridge, after many years of storing nothing but trackless trolleys, has come back into its own, if only temporarily.

The last 6000-class nearside car -- one of a fleet of 1500 -- went to the fires on October 18, that day being, by coincidence, the editor's birthday. Unfortunately, we were unable to ascertain the number of the last car. Does anyone know?

As of this minute, we are in the middle of the subway opening program. Eastbound subway-surface cars began operation in the subway October 17. During the weekend of October 29-30 the elevated went in, with shuttle busses operated like this: Friday 7 p.m. to midnight between 32nd Street (on the elevated) and 15th; midnight Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday between 52nd and 15th, 6 a.m. Saturday to approximately noon Sunday between 30th (in the subway) and 15th. The latter job was scheduled to open Monday morning but was finished ahead of time. November 7 westbound subway-surface go in. During these weekends, subway-surface cars operated to City Hall on the surface, creating some of the finest traffic jams Chestnut Street on Saturday ever knew. Route 38 went bus coincident with the first of the three operations.

A rumor persists that Route 60 will have PCC's soon, operating between 27th and Richmond Streets only. Bus Route R will be extended east on Allegheny Avenue to provide a connection.

Route 81 has gone bus, but a route called 79-S operates between Snyder Avenue and the Navy Yard, weekday rush hours only.

NEWS ELSEWHERE

In the face of strong opposition, P&N's plan to discontinue service to Strafford has been dropped.

October 23 was the last day of steam operation on the Long Island Rail Road.

Street car service in Atlantic City is expected to end in the near future.