

# CINDERS

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

### NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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#### MEETING PROGRAMS

The meeting of October 20 will feature a 42-minute sound and color film, "Pacific Northwest Holiday", starring the Milwaukee Road's Olympian Hiawatha.

The November 17 meeting program will feature movies taken by Philadelphia Chapter members during the West Virginia weekend the Louisville chapter sponsored last Memorial Day.

Any who want to see a preview of the latter program are invited to a movie meeting of the Lehigh Valley Chapter on October 8 at 8 p.m. at 1143 Walnut St., Allentown. Movies of this affair taken by LV members will be shown. Sorry, you will have to arrange for your own transportation.

In addition, all are invited to our informal bull sessions on the first Tuesday of each month.

#### FALL TRIP

Remember our trip on the Pennsy on Sunday, October 23 on the Northern Central. Tickets, \$5.50. Trip fliers will go out about the same time as this issue of CINDERS giving full details.

#### RAIL TRANSIT IN PHILADELPHIA

Lots of copies of the chapter publication "Rail Transit in Philadelphia" are available. We have seen it and assure everyone that it is one of the finest special publications yet put out in the railfan field. Price, \$1.50, from Philadelphia Chapter NRHS, 301 Kingsley St., Philadelphia 28, Pa. It's cheap at the price.

#### THE NATIONAL MEETING

The annual NRHS national meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, at the B&O station. All NRHS members are invited to attend.

In connection with the meeting, on Saturday, November 12, there will be a trolley trip on PTC, followed by a dinner and entertainment Saturday night. Details of places and times will be announced shortly.

Although this is not a Philadelphia Chapter affair as such, all chapter members are invited.

#### APOLOGY

We're sorry that the September issue didn't get out on time, but we ran into a couple of snafus, mostly on account of the editor's being out of town for the convention. The editor did penance, though, by writing the convention story for the forthcoming NRHS Bulletin.

So we are combining two months' editions in one and hope it won't happen again.

#### NEWS DEVELOPMENTS

Extension of the Market Street subway has been postponed until later in the year due to floods resulting from the hurricane, but the PTC put PCC cars on the subway on September 11.

Ex-St. Louis PCC's 2201-2250 are now operating out of Luzerne Depot. They began on Route 6, but all-electric operation to Willow Grove didn't work out too well, and they are on Route 56. Ex-Kansas City cars 2251-2290 are in Frankford.

Route 81 goes bus October 2. The line will operate only between Broad Street and 32nd Street.

PTC requested permission to convert the following to bus: Routes 8, 39, 26, 52, 64, 33, 48, 9 (to operate only between Strawberry Mansion and Front and Arch), 3, and 5. PCC's in the subway ended operation of 6000-series cars, and our guess is that these conversions will end operation of unremodeled 8000-series cars. Route 5's PCC's are scheduled to go on Route 50. This plan would make Allegheny an all-bus depot except for Route 60, which would probably operate out of Luzerne; Frankford would also become all-bus and trackless.

Conversion to bus of Routes 13 and 42 was also asked, but the company estimates this is a year or so away.

Elsewhere: B&O has ended passenger service between Pittsburgh and Buffalo, and Pennsy wants to do the same between Williamsport and Canandaigua, N. Y. Reading announced the opening of a cutoff near Reading which will eliminate the grade to Temple. UP trains into Chicago will soon begin using Milwaukee instead of C&NW tracks east of Omaha. PRR's Delmarva Express no longer has a bus connection to Norfolk.