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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

*** JUNE - JULY 1959 ***

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The reappearance of "Cinders" is a welcome sight to all our members. In the future it will contain news about folks you know as well as items of chapter and local railway and transit interest. Any contributions from our members will be most welcome, so please keep us informed of any interesting trips taken or sights seen, getting married, expecting a new little railfan in the family??? Keep us posted.

ELECTION RESULTS

President: Walter A. Zackon. A life-long railfan, Walt claims to yield to no one in his great love of railroads.
Vice President: Rodger W. Fredrick. In charge of programs, Rodger has produced so many fine meetings in the past that we all look forward to more fine ones to come.
Secretary: Theodore M. Meyers. Ted was recently appointed Construction Inspector for the new Market-Frankford subway-car cars soon to be built by the Budd Company.
Treasurer: Donald R. Riegel. Modest, hard working in the chapter's behalf, Don has long been a spark in our chapter's long and successful career.
Director: John H. Francis. A former chapter president and now serving as the convention secretary for the coming NRHS Convention in Pittsburgh, John is our capable liason officer with the national organization.
Historians: Carl F. Landock; A radio station engineer, having a very lovely family, Carl is keenly interested in railway history, train movements, signals and general dispatching problems.

THOUGHTS WHILE RIDING

Our officers inform us that our most urgent need is still a suitable meeting room, so any of our members that might have something along this line please call any of them. Since the Reading Company has informed the public that their North Broad Street Station is now for sale perhaps our chapter's Real Estate Department should investigate-what a fine place for us!

As GG1 4800 rolled us over the New York Region's "High Iron" recently we could not help recall a cold February Sunday in 1955 when your editor watched it pull the first regular train #152, Congressional Limited in electrified service from the St. Paul St. bridge, Baltimore. Again, that rainy night when it pulled the last train out of Broad Street Station-the special of the Philadelphia Orchestra. The old 4800 really gets in on "the big ones."
 See you in Pittsburgh??

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

This position is a considerable honor and responsibility and is accepted with thanks and humility. The chapter's future success will spring from the same source as in the past-that is, the active participation in the chapter's affairs by those who enjoy the friendly and personal contacts made possible by its existence.

Within the past few years some very capable "live wires" have joined our group but have not been accorded the recognition to which they surely are so entitled. To them, I extend the warmest of words: "WELCOME." Fresh blood and fresh ideas-those have been our chief assets. To you who would like to help our chapter by helping pilot some of our activities just let us know. Drop the editors of CINDERS a line to that effect or tell me about it at the next meeting. If you can't make the next meeting drop a line to me at my home, 519-C Park View Apts., Collingswood, 6, New Jersey.

NEWS FROM THE DISPATCHERS CIRCUIT

When Pennsy GG-1 4800 backed into 30th St. Station Upper Level May 17th 1959 to haul our New Haven special to New York it sported two shiny new bronze plaques. These commemorated the 25th Anniversary of these fine electric locomotives.

William D. Hooker III, retiring from the Presidency of the Philadelphia Chapter formally presented these plaques to Mr. Harry Decker, PRR Mechanical Dept. Officer. The 139 GG-1's are known and admired by railroaders all over the world and our Chapter's observance of their silver anniversary is believed to be the first time anywhere that a railfan group has taken this sort of action. Truly a fine "Philly First."

Your Co-editor, a block operator on the Pennsy Chesapeake Region is presently manning "PARK" tower at Delaware Park. Need any tips on the "bangtails?"

Harry Myers is off for Colorado-he seems to be a regular commuter to anyplace-BY TRAIN-of course!

Winfield Gross is another member who is a Pennsy block operator on the Phila. Region-he is kept busy these days at "ZOO", NORTH PHILA" and "ARSENAL."

Our CRUSADER trip will leave Rdg. Tern. 10 AM July 19th, fare \$10.25 includes full course Roast Turkey dinner in diner, a tax and tip. No half fares, limit 225. Route is via Oreland, Plymouth Branch, Reading Belt Line, Pottsville, Tremont, Lebanon, loading, West Side freight line arriving 8 PM. "ALL ABOARD."
