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MARYLAND & PENNSYLVANIA TRIP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29th

The Special Train for the Ma & Pa trip leaves Broad St. Station at 8:00 AM DST, rain or shine. The train will proceed directly to Baltimore via the main line instead of the Octoraro Branch. This move will give us more time on the Ma & Pa. Five dollars will cover the cost of the trip. Flyers will be out soon. Watch for them.

NEW MEMBERS

During the past months the Chapter welcomed the following new members:

Robert T. Heard,
410 Albany Ave.,
Westmont, N. J.

Loron W. Leonard
1870 E. Mohican St.,
Phila. 38, Penna.

T. H. BATEMAN PRESENTS PICTURES TO CHAPTER

Thomas H. Bateman presented to the chapter some very excellent pictures on both steam and electric subjects. One interesting subject is Market St. looking west from City Hall showing the old street cars. These pictures will be on view in the meeting room as soon as they can be hung. The Chapter has gained a valuable asset.

PTC TO SUBSTITUTE BUSSES ON RTS. 14 & 78

The PTC has announced that buses will be replacing the Birney cars on Rts. 14 and 78 on June 22. The last Route 14 car will leave 42nd & Chester Ave. at 11:45 PM on June 21. The last Route 78 car will leave Darby, Pa. at 11:52 PM the same date.

Chapter members interested in making the last trip over the only all-suburban line left on the PTC will meet in Darby at 11:30 PM on June 21.

NORTH JERSEY CHAPTER HOLDS EAST BROAD TOP TRIP

Hugh R. Gibb and James F. Dillon made the long trip to Mt. Union on May 18th to enjoy the thrills of riding the East Broad Top RR. The train was made up of the wooden open end coaches famous on the EBT. The business car was attached to the rear of the train. One coach was equipped with wooden shutters on the windows reminiscent of the days when it was against the law to shoot buffalo from a moving train.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RR

The Atlantic Coast Line RR. is trying to consolidate the Florida East Coast lines with their own through the purchase of FEC stock. This move is being blocked by a group of five FEC stockholders.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 19th

The next regular meeting of the Chapter will be held on Thursday, June 19th, at 24th & Chestnut Sts. convening promptly at 8:00 PM.

Feature of the meeting will be a talk on the future of Philadelphia's transit system by James F. Dillon. As an added attraction the Chapter will visit "A" Tower of the PRR at Broad St. Try to make this meeting promptly as we will be pressed for time.

Plans are now being made for the July meeting of the Chapter. The date is July 17th and the time is again 8 PM sharp. The place will not be 24th & Chestnut Sts. so watch for announcements from the Chapter secretary. Our motto for July will be "Keep Cool"

WEST PENN RYS SYSTEM

Your correspondents went west this last week-end to ride and report on the West Penn System. Patronage is excellent on all lines of the company. The cars are in good shape mechanically but could stand a coat of paint and a little work inside. Roofs leak very badly as was evident in the heavy rains of the week-end.

Only two air brake cars are in operation the rest being equipped with magnetic track brakes and the big brass hand brake lever reminding one of Fairmount Park days.

Both the lines to Greensburg & Latrobe were washed out north of Hecla Jct. during the heavy rains. A long detour was made by Penn Transit (bus) to get around the deluge area.

Abandonment is one word that does not seem to be in the West Penn's future. Rail and ties are being renewed over the whole system and both are in good condition.

A roster of the equipment owned by the company will be posted on the Bulletin Board for the next meeting.

VACATIONS

Many members are getting ready to take their vacation trips to points of rail interest. We hope to hear from them at our meeting when they return.