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Meetings are held the third Thursday at 24th and Chestnut Sts. with an informal meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

COMING FAN TRIPS

- JUNE 12 -- Lehigh Valley Transit Covers Allentown, Bethlehem & Easton. Fare \$2.00 in advance from John F. Endler, Jr., 23 Hughes St., Forty Fort, Penna.
- JUNE 26 -- Pennsylvania Railroad Covers 3 engine houses, "Zoo" Tower, Delaware Ave., Greenwich Point, Girard Point and both Trenton Ave. and 25th St. elevated lines. Fare \$2.50 before June 20 from Joint Railfan Trip Committee, Inc., 296 Henderson St., Jersey City, N.J.
- JULY 24 -- Pennsylvania Railroad Covers Otararo Branch, Columbia and Port Deposit Branch, Enola Yard and the Low Grade freight line. Photo stops at Safe Harbor Dam and Harrisburg. BIG steam motive power. Train leaves Broad St. Station at 8:45 AM DST returning at 8:55 PM DST. Fare \$5.25 (tax incl.) for 262 miles of railroading thrills. See either James Myers or Henry Dickinson for tickets.
- SEPT. 3-4-5 -- Convention Covering railroad interest in Rochester. Details later.
- SEPT. 18 -- Reading Railroad Covering the Stoney Creek Br. and the coal region lines terminating at Gordon where the really large motive power of the Reading is kept. Returning by Reading, Pa. and the main line. Details later.
- OCT. 16 -- Penn-Reading Seashore Covering Gren Loch, Williamstown, Mullica Hill, Elmer and Daretown Branches. This trackage is practically unknown to today's railfan. Your one and only chance to ever ride it. Fare \$4.00 (tax incl.). Details later.

KEEP COOL AT

THE JULY MEETING

As usual our July meeting will be held in a moving car. This time, a PTC car to Willow Grove via a very interesting route through the city. Details in our next issue.

JUNE MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting for June will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 24th & Chestnut Sts.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

Due to the unfair competition offered by New York City tax-subsidized busses, the Staten Island Rapid Transit has applied for abandonment of all rail service.

Transit changes have been happening so rapidly in our town that the current PTC map is as obsolete as one printed ten years ago. Rt. 12 is now on its new abbreviated route coming in Grays Ferry to South and proceeding east on South to 13th. It turns north on 13th to Lombard and goes west to 22rd where the original route is resumed. This has resulted in complete abandonment of trolley service on Spruce & Pine Sts. Incidentally, the trolley pole on both streets were painted after the cars were removed. The much wandering Rt. 31 car now terminates at 46th & Market. All service east of that point having been stopped due to subway construction. Rt. 40 also experienced some major changes. Service on Lombard & South Sts. has reversed in direction. Service is temporarily single track on South St. Bridge during track renewal. Filbert st. from 38th to 41st now has trolley cars. Rt. 40 detoured from Market St. now runs west on Filbert. Rt. 30 joins Rt. 40 at 40th & Filbert.

The Red Arrow Lines have now received almost all 14 new cars. Many are already in service on the West Chester Div. Cars are numbered from 11 to 24 and follow the diesel busse in their paint scheme. The old center door Brill cars are being repainted to match the new PCC cars from St. Louis. It was found impossible to have a pre-inaugural trip on the new cars but a fan trip will be run in the very near future, details of which are now being formulated. Two-car trains are no longer being operated on the PST, at least for the summer. We expect the winter schedule to bring them back with even two-car trains on West Chester Pike.

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