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CONVENTION PLANS MOVE FORWARD

A definite O.K. has been received from the Reading Company on the operation of the convention trip. Other plans are taking definite shape. The convention promises to be your biggest railfan bargain of the year. Remember, it's Philadelphia in '50!

OUR MAY MEETING

The May meeting was made most interesting by Hugh Gibb's rapid summary of his New Orleans trip of this year, and the races to Scotland of the latter part of the 19th Century. We were all amazed to learn that even in these early days there existed at least one tried and true railfan who, with stop watch in hand, spent several wild days riding the racing trains. Most of these trains were handled by the famous old high pressured singles.

"S. O. S." HELP NEEDED!

The multiple causes of our first trip cancellation do not need discussion here. The point of importance that this cancellation brought out was the lack of cooperation from chapter members. Only twenty members had purchased tickets by the time of the deadline meeting. The NRHS is not an occupation for anyone-it is rather a collection of railfans banded together to further their hobby. The club therefore can amount to only as much as you, each individual member, are willing to put into it. With the convention fast approaching, and other trips and plans afoot, it is clear that we all must pitch in and help, or the job will not be done. Remember this when you are asked to join a committee to help with the convention.

ELECTRIC NOTES

Although not operated by this chapter, the recent Lohigh Valley Chapter's trip over the IRT deserves mention. The trip, from the first click of the controller to the last hiss of the airbrakes eight hours later, was an all-round success. Hats off to the boys from up-country way.

The Hudson & Manhattan is going to build a new station at Broadway in Jersey City. It is to have facilities for 5000 autos, plus bus and auto turn-around space.

The signals were turned off at 11:55 AM, the rail cut and the spikes pulled at 12:25 PM, and at 12:42, June 13th, #07 leading Brilliner #3 clumped onto PST's new double track between Aronimink and Drexelbrook. All former Aronimink locals will now go through to Drexelbrook.

P. E. will drop the Newport line June 30th, and Santa Ana beyond Belleflower July

LIBRARY NOTES

The library will be closed on both meeting nights in July-the first Tuesday to allow the librarian to go on vacation and the third Thursday, when the regular meeting will be held on a PTC trolley. No charge will be made for this period.

RAILROAD NOTES

With the placing of orders for thirty-four 1500 HP diesels the B&O expects to dieselize its Buffalo Division for thru freight service. Two Budd RDC1's went into trial service between Baltimore & Washington. It is noted that nearly all B&O passenger coaches are now in the attractive blue and gold livery. Especially nice looking are the two Philadelphia-Dela. Pk. Race trains made up of all blue cars, one of which has been powered by blue 5300, the ex-President Washington, first of the famous P-7 series.

The Reading's Crusader and Wall St. no sport burbling diesels 900-903. These four "A" units were supplemented by 904 & 905 which arrived June 10th. Darby Creek Engine house will go smokeless with the advent of more road diesels. The four tracks between Glenmore and Weston-Manville will be reduced to three, one track being signaled both ways. Towers and interlocking plants at GH, Belle Meade, Hopewell, and Yardley will be operated by CTC from N. Trenton. The Company plans to move 30,000 people in seventy specials and forty extras to the scout jamboree at Malley Forge. Roaming road diesels are now seen going through 24th and Chestnut St.

The Pennsy will likewise have a Herculean task moving 20,000 people into Botzwood with 50 trains, 150 engines, and 600 cars as its part in "Operation Boy Scout." Our Lancaster reporter advises that steam is still in use on the Quarryville Br., although diesels now do most of the Lancaster yard work and on that part of the New Holland Branch still in use. One of the K-5's have been reported back in Baltimore-Harrisburg service.

PRSL will shortly be an excellent testing ground for the new Budd RDC-1's. The company has ordered six now and will order six more shortly. Two "name trains", "The Sea Breeze" from Phila. and the "Nellie Bly" from New York will be added to the new summer schedule as will be through weekend sleeping cars from Pittsburgh. Through coaches and Pullmans will be operated from Washington. Eleven MAs, recently acquired for frt. service on Millville and other branches, have been available.