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AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting featured "Baltimore and Ohio Night" and a very large crowd was on hand to hear our own Chapter member Larry Sagle, of B&O Public Relations give a most interesting talk on B & O motive power. Our National President, Mr. Hooper introduced the program of the evening. Mr. Baker, also of the B & O showed two excellent films; "Meeting The Challenge" and "Washington-Shrine of American Patriotism."

OUR COMING RED ARROW TRIP

Watch your mail fellows-the flyers are now out giving all details of the coming PST field trip on Sunday, November 4th. All four divisions will be covered. Send in your coupons early. See you at 69th Street!

ELECTRIC ITEMS

While riding the El have you ever noticed that new number plate on car #555? New rail is being installed just east of 30th Street Station on the curve near the bridge approach. New track work on Routes 47 and 65 is progressing nicely including all the special work. Double track on Germantown Avenue between 7th and 8th Sts. is now completed. The City will shortly accept bids for the 36th Street extension of the trolley-subway.

The Reading Street Ry, Mohnton trolley now operates on weekdays only with buses operating on Saturdays and Sundays.

Up in Anaconda, Montana the last street car lines of the A. C. & M. Co's Street Ry. will very shortly cease operation.

Several of our chapter members who have visited Baltimore and suburbs recently were gratified to see quite a lot of new rail being installed. Equipment, much of which is PCC operated, has all been painted.

Philadelphia & Western "Stratford" type cars 163 and 168 are now back on those shiny rails looking very nice in their new coat of paint.

Recent press releases inform us that the purchase of the Rockaway Branch of the Long Island has been completed by the City of New York. These lines will no doubt be merged with the city-owned transit system. Shades of the New York, Westchester & Boston! Our Chapter members will want to watch their transit maps of the New York area from now on.

THRU THE KEYHOLE

.. JIMMY MYERS now has a driver's license. This will enable HENRY DICKINSON to train his 8mm on some fast moving birney, while Jimmy makes like a chauffeur at the wheel....ED GRAF made a one-man fan trip over the last remaining electric line in Montana-the Anaconda Street Railway....Good Luck ROGER FREDERICK-he recently left for the USAF....Shades of the Valkyries; get WALT ZACKON to tell you about his thrilling night on Twin Mountain....BOB HEARD has an excellent set of Kodachrome slides of his recent trip to the West Coast....We are happy to announce a new arrival at the MANNIX home. She signs all her checks NORMA JO MANNIX....

MAIN LINE NEWS

New B&O schedules showed little change in basic passenger service. Trains 11/12 Washington-St. Louis train was extended on to Jersey City replacing No's 511/528. Butterfly sheds have now replaced the familar shed at Camden Station, Baltimore and gangs have now moved on to Mount Royal. Here a new concrete platform has been laid and the trackage both reduced from five to three and altered. Mt. Royal Tower is to be controlled from North Ave. Tower by CTC. Chapter members will want to watch this action as work will soon begin on a new bridge over Jones Falls Valley spanning the Pennsy Harrisburg line and the Ma & Pa tracks.

With the new timecards out on the Pennsylvania our members were pleased to see the Washington section restored to the Buffalo Day Express. This connection also handles the thru cars for Pittsburgh since 75 swapped place 4/25. The General has been put back on the board after a summer's absence although combined with The Trail Blazer... "General Blazer" once more in command! As usual, The Juniata plays tag with The Gotham Limited over the mountains and on to New York. Steam is back on the Sunday Only Reading Local. Seen that new station out Media way?

Reading Co. alterations saw the morning run to Shamokin cut back to Pottsville. The King Coal still goes through. Diesels now work the Black Diamond, Interstate Exp., the two Newtown trains and the 10.30 AM to Pottsville.

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