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RAIL NOTES

The coming of Daylight Saving Time brought many changes to the Pennsylvania RR, but both Reading & B & O look the same.

Pennsy dropped a number of "name" trains to the West including the Red Arrow to St. Louis and the Indianapolis Ltd. The Red Arrow has been combined with the Liberty Ltd, operating from both New York and Washington to both Detroit and Chicago. The Pennsylvania Ltd. now operates on the schedule of the former Gotham Ltd, while The Duquesne now runs on the former Metropolitan's schedule.

New Reading RR timetable for New York Branch has eliminated Janney and Ewing stations.

Last day of service for the Pennsy Aerotrains is May 25th. Afterwards the new GM train will be exhibited by the B & M, C.N., N.H., Southern, Seaboard, B & O, Wabash - then run experimentally on the M.P.

Rail fares were increased 5% on May 1st; in addition Pullman space received a 7½% boost. No change was made in commutation fares to suburban Phila. points.

TRANSIT NEWS

Surface car abandonments in Phila. hit a new low in April when only one line, Route 64 on Ellsworth & Wharton Sts. received new air suspension buses on April 15th.

R. F. Tyson, PTC Executive Vice Pres. disclosed to a group of city officials the 12 surface routes which are to remain in rail operation, being served entirely by PCC equipment. The five subway-surface routes, 10, 11, 13, 34 and 36 plus routes 15, 23, 47, 50, 53, 56 and 60 will stay. All other routes will be converted to bus operation later in the year when the final order of 350 new buses is received.

The Red Arrow Lines has changed the name of the first station on the Norristown Br. to Radnor, with the recent abandonment of the Strafford Division.

Recent issue of Passenger Transport reveals that MTA in Boston has requested bids for 100 new rapid transit cars to be placed in service during next three years on the El line between Everett and Forest Hills.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following persons were elected to serve as officers of the Philadelphia Chapter for a term of one year, at the regular meeting on Thursday, April 19th:

PRESIDENT	John Francis
VICE PRESIDENT	Walter A. Zackon
SECRETARY	Milton E. Pricskett
TREASURER	Harry S. Myers
HISTORIAN	Roger W. Frederick
DIRECTOR	Lloyd Glass

At the conclusion of the election, the group was treated to a double-feature movie night. Roger Frederick showed his pictures of both this country and Scotland, while Bill Blakslee took us on a tour of Ontario and Quebec.

NEW MEMBER

The welcome mat is extended to:
Henry Abbott
West Phila. High School
Philadelphia, 39, Pa.

FIELD TRIP PREVIEW

FAREWELL TO STEAM trip over the PRR and New York & Long Branch RR on Sunday, June 3. For tickets or additional flyers contact Alan Hunn, 5713 N. Camac St., Phila., 41, Pa.

After waiting all winter, our spring trip promises an interesting ride to Asbury Park and Bay Head Jct. Feature will be PRR K-4 locomotive between Rahway and Bay Head Jct. The diesels are arriving, and passenger service is now being converted. This may be your last chance to ride behind a K-4 to North Jersey Coast resorts. In addition, don't forget the side trip to the Pine Creek RR, a real 3 ft. gauge outdoor line with two steam locomotives in operating condition.

GONDOLA SPECIAL over the Stewartstown RR sponsored by our Baltimore Chapter will run on Sunday, May 20th. Join the local chapter fans on this unusual trip. For details contact John R. Eicker, 322 E. 25th St., Baltimore, 18, Md.

WEEKEND IN JOHNSTOWN provides a varied two day railfan holiday on May 12-13, 1956. If you have forgotten, here's the schedule of events:

1. PRR Aerotrains to Johnstown & return
2. Visit to Conemaugh & Black Lick RR enginehouse.
3. Thrill ride on Westmont Incline.
4. Chartered car over all rail lines of Johnstown Traction Co.

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