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NEWS OF THE RAILS

The PRSL has resumed one day Sunday excursions from Phila, & Camden to Atlantic City. Last year, the excursions were run every Sunday in the summer. Same line has again applied to PUC for permission to discontinue winter service to Wildwood, using the station at Rio Grande for connections to Wildwood. Presumably, train would continue to Cape May terminal.The Pennsy Aerotrain will continue in regular daily service bet. Phila. and Pittsburgh until October 28th....The PRR new split level Budd-built coaches now operate on two round trips bet. New York & Washington. Known as the Morning, Midday, Evening and Midnight Keystones, the new cars have been placed in trains with standard diners, parlors and sleepers.... The Baltimore & Eastern RR (operated by PRR) has abandoned their 13 mile line bet. Love Point and Queenstown, Md.

TRANSIT NOTES

Since our last issue of "Cinders", three additional PTC lines have been converted to bus operation. On June 17th Rt 31 received buses, followed by a surprise move on July 5th for change-over of Rt 43. Lastly, on July 22nd, Rt 12 was converted to rubber tire vehicle. Next route change will probably be Rt 40.... Trolley-coach Rt 61 will soon go Diesel, marking the first conversion of this type of vehicle in Phila. This could mean a temporary reprieve for a rail conversion if GM vehicles are diverted to Rt 61.... Reports have reached us that our PCC cars may soon sport carbon shoes in place of trolley wheels....The scrapping of old cars (including rail sweepers) now takes place at a junk yard near Bordentown, NJ since city ordinance forbids burning on open dumps in the city. Cars are hauled on open flat-bed trailers from Luzerne depot. The same junk dealer purchased the Atlantic City equipment.

PHOTO CONTEST

Watch for an announcement of the forthcoming photo contest for members of the Phila. Chapter. The summer vacation time is an excellent chance to obtain some choice pictures to enter in our contest. Details later.

TRIP OF THE MONTH

Our August trip has been arranged over PTC lines in the Northern section of the city on Sunday, August 12th. Fare is \$2.00; lv from 49th & Woodland Depot at 10.00 AM (DST), using double-end 5300 series car for entire trip. This may be your last opportunity to ride this type of car on a fan trip since Rts 31 and 79 (only remaining lines with double-end cars) are on the list for early conversion to bus.

Special car will run to Loops at Torresdale & Cottman, 5th & Godfrey (your Editor thinks this is first NRHS trip to this loop), Wayne & Carpenter and Willow Grove. Convenient lunch stop at Willow Grove for new H & H restaurant.

For reservations contact Robert L. Abrams, 5480 Morse St., Phila, 31.

CLEVELAND CONVENTION

The Philadelphia Chapter hopes to have a record turnout for the 1956 Convention to be held over the Labor Day weekend in Cleveland, Ohio. Our host, the Midwest Chapter has sent out detailed literature to all members. Sounds good, doesn't it! Be sure to send in your reservation early.

Among the events listed are a steam trip over the B & O to Lorain, a tour of the new Cleveland Rapid Transit, a ride over Shaker Heights Rapid Transit line, a sightseeing boat trip on the Cuyahoga River, plus a banquet meeting and visits to model layouts and other rail points of interest. Total cost for all events listed above is only \$13.00. For \$2.50 additional you can ride an ex-interurban freight motor over Shaker Heights system.

If you plan to participate, please drop a post-card to the Editor of Cinders so we have some idea in advance of those representing the Quaker City.

CHAPTER ITEMS

Our regular August meeting will be held as usual at 24th & Chestnut Streets on Thursday, August 16th, featuring a program of interesting motion pictures taken by John Francis. Make a note of the date and join us for a pleasant eve.

If you have not attended a meeting of the Chapter during the past season, why not plan to attend an informal First Tuesday or regular Third Thursday meeting. Get to know other fellows who share the same fascinating hobby.