

# CINDERS

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

### NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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#### B & O RENUMBERS ALL LOCOMOTIVES

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is busy repainting the numbers on its entire fleet of 1144 diesel and 444 steam locomotives. Steam locomotives will be assigned new three digit numbers, grouped by simple blocking into general types, eliminating many missing numbers in the present arrangement.

Each diesel locomotive will bear a new four digit number and a new letter classification which will help to identify the class of service (passenger, freight, switching or all-service), the unit's builder, horsepower, model, etc.

From now on, railroad men and rail hobbyists will be able to tell practically all there is to know about a B & O diesel or steam locomotive by quick reference to its number and class designation. The new numbers will also be used in new electronic calculators which will be put in use for keeping records.

The 444 steam locomotives on the present-day roster will be renumbered as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>NEW NUMBER</u>
P-7, P-7a, P-7b, P-7c		
P-7d and P-7e	17	100 - 110
P-6a	3	150 - 152
E-27ca, E-27da	28	200 - 227
Q-3, Q-3t	97	300 - 396
Q-4, Q-4a, Q-4b, Q-4c	84	400 - 483
S-1, S-1a, S-1b, S-1c	39	500 - 538
EM-1	30	650 - 679
T-3, T-3a, T-3b, T-3c		
and T-3t	35	700 - 734
T-4, T-4a	8	750 - 757
L-1a	23	800 - 822
L-2, L-2a, L-2b, L-2c	72	823 - 894
L-4	3	895 - 897
L-3	5	900 - 904

(The Budd RDC's will be 1900 series)

#### PRR APPLE BLOSSOM TRIP

Final arrangements have now been completed for the PRR "Off the Beaten Track" trip to Winchester, Va. on Sunday, May 5, 1957. This date coincides with the famous apple blossom festival time, and should be of interest to both railfan and those interested in a scenic ride.

It's not too early to start telling your friends and neighbors about our spring trip. Remember, pleasant spring weather will soon be with us.

Special train will operate via PRR to Baltimore, WM Ry to Hagerstown, PRR to Winchester. Return is via PRR through Hagerstown, Harrisburg to Philadelphia. Round trip fare for the 450 mile, 13 hour trip will be \$11.00. A dining car serving meals and sandwiches will be operated on the train for entire trip.

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#### RAIL NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Latest New York Central timetable shows all trains entering Chicago's LaSalle Street Station. Service of Michigan Central trains to Central Station has been discontinued with all trains now using LaSalle St.

The Reading RR has experimented with a heat-sensitive gadget along the tracks near Weston-Manville, N.J. to detect hot boxes on freight trains. If the heat of a journal box is too hot, an electric impulse is immediately flashed to a control tower so train can be stopped before further trouble begins.

The Santa Fe Rwy. has placed an order with The Budd Co. for 15 stainless-steel baggage cars to be used on their famous passenger trains.

The London & Port Stanley Rwy. in Ontario, Canada has finally ceased passenger service. Freight operation by electric locomotives continues north of St. Thomas; by diesel power, south of that point.

#### A WORD OF WELCOME

Three new members joined the chapter during the past month. It is with great pleasure that we welcome:

F. M. Davis, Jr.  
James J. Murphy  
John R. Schultz

#### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Enclosed with this paper is an announcement of our special Spring Dinner-Meeting to be held Saturday evening, April 6, 1957. Remember, if you cannot attend the banquet, you are cordially welcome to attend the meeting in Room 261 Penna. Sta. - 30th Street at 8.30PM.

On Saturday, March 9, 1957, the Trip Committee will sponsor a "Trip of the Month" to Baltimore, Md. Group leaves B & O Sta. on the "Daylight Speedliner" (RDC) at 8.00 AM. Upon arrival in Baltimore, we will visit B & O Transportation Museum, return to town for lunch, then a ride to Sparrows Point to view new private right-of-way of Baltimore Transit line. Returning to Baltimore, we visit Balto. Soc. of Model Engineers at 225 W. Saratoga St. for "Open House".

It was most gratifying to see over 80 members and guests present to honor Dr. Thomas Conway, Jr. and the Cincinnati & Lake Erie RR at the February meeting.