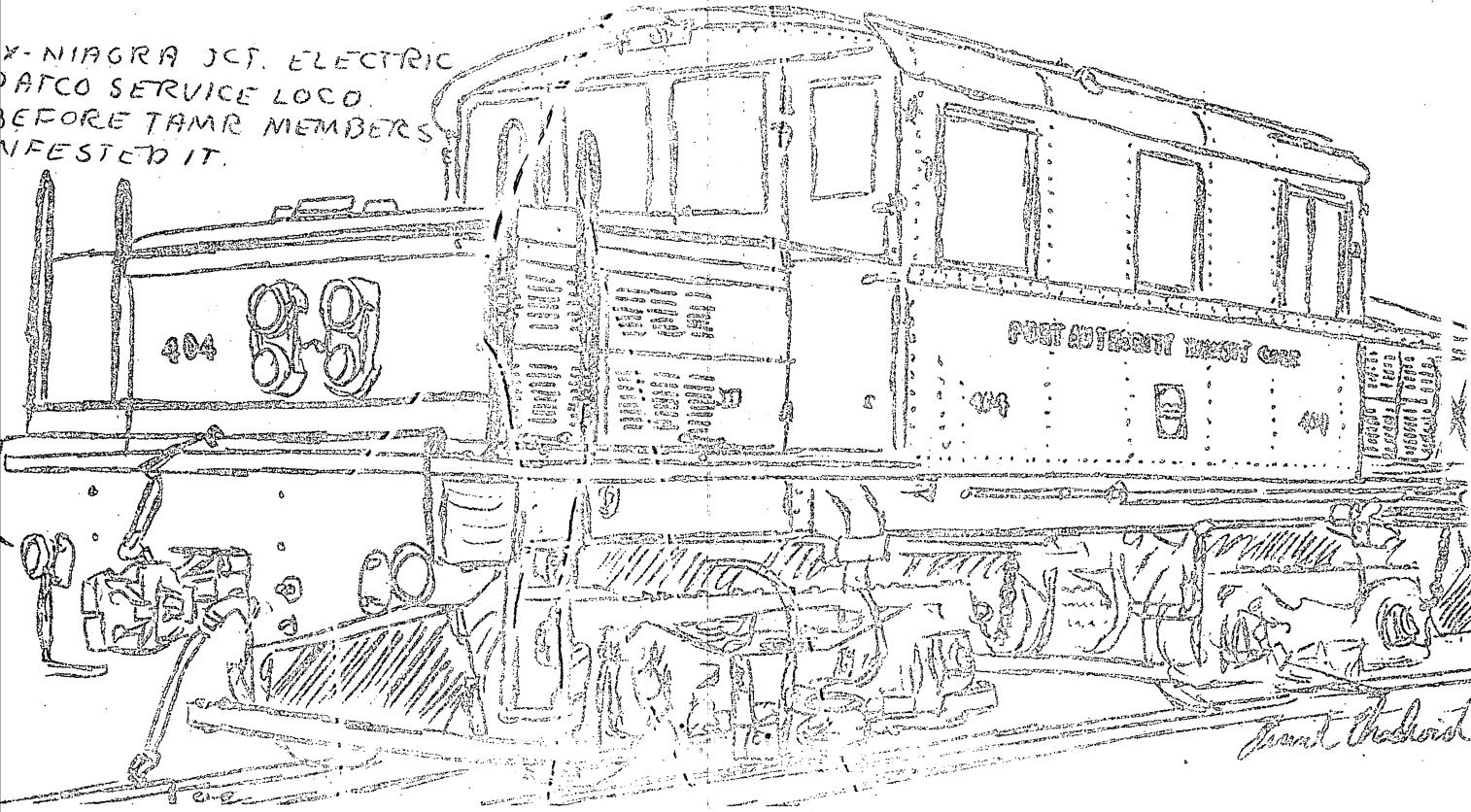


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AS STRAIGHTFORWARD & REPORTING Paul J. Manton

Greetings once again my friends and colleagues of the AR. I'd just like to say at this time that our dues drive of the past few months has shown some success and some failures. We have lost a few members and the treasury is down to a low mark, but still we have managed to pick up a few new members in the meantime. One last time, please, if you have not paid your dues mail them to Betsy today. The deadline for any member's dues, in case he doesn't know himself, will be the last day of the month of renewal listed on the AR members' list (published in this issue).

And now to the real business at hand: as I'm sure all of you know by now, Bob Syrage has formally resigned as your editor, and since we could not come up with anyone to replace him as yet, I have taken over the post myself on strictly a TEMPORARY basis. I cannot emphasize any further that I am doing it only as a temporary measure, until we find a new, full-time editor. Bob has done an excellent job with the Dispatcher, and I pledge to try to keep it up to its normal standards. However, your help is imminent if we are to continue to provide an interesting and informative publication. So please do something about it by sending me an article. It's YOUR paper, and YOU'RE the ones who are going to make it work out for the better or the worst.

until next time,

PAUL J. MANTON

SHE STRAIGHTFORWARD & REPORTING Betsy Sumner (uscoft)

In case you haven't noticed Bob Syrage is no longer acting editor of the Dispatcher. I'd like to take this time to say thanks for a job well done Bob and AD will miss you. Acting as temporary editor is our president Paul J. Manton, and I do say TEMPORARILY Paul can not be expected to do everything in this region so please, somebody out there speak up and lend us a hand. We won't kid you, being editor is not easy and it takes a lot of time but if you want Dispatchers you'll have to help.

There are two new features in the AD this issue and depending on your interest and participation these features will continue to be a part of the AD. They are "Pass of the Month" and "Membership Review", and I believe they can add a little interest to our region. Please send your passes and interests to Paul so we can keep these features going.

AN welcome John H. Gibbons, 615 Arbor Rd, Cheltenham PA 19012. Also, we offer our apologies to Chris Buckley for losing his name in our files and not mailing his Dispatcher.

FROM THE EDITOR'S CIRCULAR FILE--Editor's report:

Paul J. Manton, Temporary editor Allegany Dispatcher
Bob Syrage, former editor

I'd like to say thanks to all of you who have contributed articles for this and other issues of the past, and especially to those of you who have been regular contributors. I hope that this trend will continue always for as long as the Dispatcher is published. Also Betsy is the one behind those two new features that will be starting this issue, and if they work out it will be a feather in her cap. So let's keep 'em rolling. The next deadline for material will be December 1, 1971. I would like to put together for you a special Christmas edition of the AD, so please get those features coming in.

Bob Syrage would now like to have the time to say a few words to you all on his recent resignation as editor, so please lend him an ear:

As I have threatened for over a year, I have officially resigned the post of AD editor. School work has made it impossible to continue, and I think it is high-time

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Editor's report (con't)

to get some new people involved in the TAMR.

President Paul Muntan has appointed himself temporary editor, and I think he will do a fine job. We are still looking for a permanent editor, however.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone that has helped out by contributing material, doing publishing, providing consolation, and tolerating my fits of existential agony. I did enjoy editing the Dispatcher, and I intend to continue contributing. I hope all of you will do the same.

--BOB STRAUE

Thanks, Bob, for a tremendous farewell speech, and may we all wish you lots of luck in your private life.

STATE OF THE UNION

As you can see by our membership listing since the last renewal drive AR membership has been cut in half. There are only 26 members now and the treasury balance is down to a record low of \$21.74. Just reminding Tim Tonge and Mike Napolitano that your memberships ran out the end of October. Please, I beg you, renew now!

LAST MINUTE BUSINESS

Don't forget to send in any articles you can come up with including passes and interests. Also, any gripes and/or compliments can be sent to "Letters to the Editor".

Bob Sprague reminded me that we have to start thinking about a Spring Convention. Any suggestions for a site will be welcomed. Lastly, to the silent majority, please make yourselves known. You can have all the space you want to say anything you want.

Until next time, take care, and keep those cards and letters coming.

From your sec/treas.

Betsy Summers

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

John H. Gibbons
615 Arbor Road
Cheltenham, PA 19012

John is a member of the NRRA, 6 historical societies, NRHS, the RRC #170 of Portland, Maine, and is associated with the Lehigh Valley that is in the process of restoring Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson #2839 and the Atlantic Central Steam Co. and New Hope & Ivyland railroads. (What else is left to belong to?—ed.)

John also trades model railroad passes. He is featured in this month's Pass of the Month. For you slide buffs he will buy at 40¢ per slide (2x2 color) any round house, big hoods, or steam, weather in or out of service, in the US or Canada. He wants the following information with any slides he buys: location, date, in or out of service, and roadname.

Anyone wishing to contact John please don't hesitate. Is there anyone out there who would like to send in an article on his own interests and affiliations? Just send your info to either Paul or Betsy.

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POINTS OF INTEREST IN THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

by Dait Manton

What I would like to do each issue or so is to provide the membership with some information or facts as to where they can get some pretty good pictures, if that's their bag. I've been a rail photographer for quite a while and in the course of my travels I have come up with some pretty interesting spots for picture-taking, and I would at this time like to share them with you all.

One very good place to take lots of action is at the RDG's Lansdale Station, for at this point three of the Reading's branch lines come together: The Bethlehem, Doylestown, and Stoney Creek branches respectively. Most of the action at this point is handled by the MU trains out of Philly, but there is also lots of freight action coming thru here. Along the Stoney Creek branch RDG runs a wayfreight out of Abrahams yard twice daily, and it's always fouling the main at Lansdale around late afternoon. Then the highball freights come through the station with green signals all-the-way down the pike, and this provides lots of beautiful action for the movie buff.

Besides the MU runs (which operate along the line about twice every hour) there are about six to eight RDC runs up the Bethlehem branch every week day. This provides an opportunity for one to study the various RDC's RDG has in its possession; for example several of their cars are ex Lehigh Valley, and you can still see the LV readname creeping out from under that RDG paint. Same holds true with RDG's former Boston and Maine RDC's. I've always been a fan of the RDG and if you want to see 'em this is the place to go. The reason for running the RDC's up the Bethlehem is that they are needed to operate to all points North of Lansdale. The MU overhead stops here, and all of the MU trains must return to Philly. (Except for those which continue on to Doylestown, a separate branch merging off the Bethlehem branch along a cut-track right-of-way).

So if you're ever in this area don't pass up the opportunity to visit this spot along the Reading. It's easy to get to from center city Philadelphia and you can take all the pictures you want without any hassle from "the man".

CLEARING THE RECORD

This is the third and hopefully last time for this subject as it concerns me. The subject of course stems from the election issue of the HOTBOX.

In the last AD I made my opinions clear as to where I felt Special Delivery Postage and the TAMR stand. Now, through a series of correspondence, I've gotten what seems to be the correct story.

According to Art Milligan, TAMR treasurer, records received by him from Bengt Nuten do not show any special delivery expenses, leaving Art, and now myself, with the opinion that Bengt had paid for the postage from his own pocket.

I'd like to offer Bengt my humblest apologies, and stand corrected.

Al Tillefson

PASS OF THE MONTH

Member John Gibbons of 615 Arbor Road, Cheltenham Pa 19012, suggests that we run a pass of the month in every issue of the Dispatcher. (I credit John with the idea, but Betsy's the one who pushed it through, as stated earlier--Ed.) Any member wanting to submit his pass for publication please forward it to Paul Manton, temporary editor of the Dispatcher.

This month's pass is John Gibbons' Cheltenham Valley Shortline R.R.

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Issued to P. A. Manton

PROTOTYPE PATTER

Lately many Northeast railroads that have been tagged for inclusion in the Consolidated Rail Corporation have made attempts to free themselves from possible merger. The Boston & Maine has led the minor bankrupts in the defense. It, CNY, RDC, and to a lesser extent the EL and LV have expressed the will to reorganize under the Bankrupt Railroad bill and/or merge, or sell out to profitable lines instead of being pressured into the mythical "supermerger." All that would be left to ConRail if the former lines are not included will be the Penn Central and the Ann Arbor, the latter having a major portion of its tracks abandoned.

The American Steel Foundries is distributing free "We Believe in the American Railway" bumper stickers. If you want them in quantity (about two or three dozen) send a neatly typed letter or card saying that you want a few dozen stickers for your "employees" and send it to: Harold J. Schneider, Public Affairs Dept., Penn Central Transportation Co, Room 1010, 6 Penn Center Plaza, Phila. PA 19104. Be sure to address the letter as if you were the head of a company.

Frank Chadwick

On Saturday, September 14, 1974 the Erie Lackawanna ran its last Port Jervis train to have E-8's and Stillwell Coaches. This action had been rumored for more than 18 months. The last train to run East had all the equipment that had been used on the Port Jervis runs: three E-8's and 15 Stillwell coaches. It was a very impressive, and sad, sight. The last train to run West had one E-8 and two Stillwell coaches. The Stillwells are being left at Port Jervis for use on work trains. The 23 Stillwell coaches that were left in Hoboken have all been sold. Where, or to whom, is not known.

While talking to a conductor at Croxton Yard I learned that the Erie Lackawanna will be reassigning its geeps and RS units. It seems that the state of Pennsylvania requires all locomotives operating in that state to be equipped with anti-pollution devices, and the railroad didn't install them in the two-year period allotted for the change. So the RS units will be coming East and the geeps will be going West. This seems to be true as RS-2's 1042 and 1047 have already showed up at Croxton, and fewer geeps are being seen.

Tim Tenge

Reading's repainting of their freight units is coming along at a moderate rate. More and more units are starting to show up in their new "sea green" scheme, and I have already come across two of RDG's ancient GP-7's in the new paint. Also they are taking delivery of ten new SW-1000-2's for shunting along various points of the system, but one can also catch them out on the main now and then.

Paul J. Manton

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NOW ALL OF YOU PICK UP YOUR PENS AND WRITE TO THESE INDIVIDUALS TODAY!!

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JOIN THE BERGEN COUNTY RAILFAN SOCIETY
by Ray Hakim

It's been about a year now since the Bergen County Railfan Society has been in operation, publishing a newsletter which comes out more frequent than other publications I subscribe to. After some initial flaws and problems which hampered our efforts, we've finally succeeded in getting our publishing down to a standard schedule. Our newsletter now comes out every month at the end of the month. One thing to note is that most of our subscribers are TAMR and AR members, and our newsletter is the main attraction of which I am quite proud because I receive a lot of help from the contributions of the subscribers (which I could say the same—Ed.).

The newsletter is an up-to-date informant of almost all rail news in the Northeast, and sometimes covers different parts of the country. We first made the copies using the Xerocopy process, but later came across a way to have it printed rather inexpensively using a different method. This is the way it appears today, and it averages 4 to 6 pages per issue (one side printed) and sells for 15¢, or two for 25¢. People wonder how we make money on that, but we do (not much) and we can't be specific with our costs.

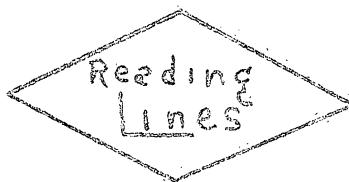
Many of you reading this may have seen our name in some of the national magazines; May '74 RMC, Sept. '74 RMC, and Aug '74 Railroad Magazine. Right now I'm thinking of the possibility of organizing a BCRS fantrip when it is convenient for all members, and that probably won't take until next summer. Hopefully by that time we will have more money in the treasury with renewals and more subscriptions. If anyone is interested in the BCRS (you don't have to live in Bergen County or New Jersey) please contact either me or Al Tillotson. If you want to join immediately send your money to me, since I'm in charge of subscriptions. Thanks for listening.

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ALL MEMBERS SHOULD check to make sure all information pertaining to them is correct. Any renewal date changes or changes of address should be sent to Betsy Summers, AR Treasurer. If your name is not listed at all, please get in touch with Betsy immediately.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

John Gibbons tells us that there is an old roundhouse at Beaver PA with 4 stalls left standing, for all you Erie Lackawanna buffs. He says that usually on a Sunday you can find three or four Erie units parked there. This is a very old roundhouse and chances are it won't be standing too long, so all you photographers better hurry on this one.

Also the editor would be interested to know a few of the various ways in which to manufacture HO scale bear cans (mass produced, that is). One of his standard methods is to use dow rods about 1/16th inch in diameter, but he was looking for something of more accurate dimension which could be produced quickly and inexpensively. Any suggestions should be sent to the editor's office.

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THE ALLEGHENY DISPATCHER now comes to you from the presses of Tim Tonge, 42 Outlook Ave., Hawthorne NJ 07506 and is now edited by your president Paul J. Hantzen, 29 Grove Ave., Flourtown, PA. Any questions, comments, or profundities (or even articles!) should be sent directly to the editor.

I apologise for the rather brief issue this month, but we have just undergone a transition period between editor's and I am just now getting my material together. Also there is a tremendous lack of material bandy in editor Sprague's files. So please get some articles, news, and features in to me by December 1---Paul J. Hantzen

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From The Publisher's Desk

I would also like to take this time to thank Bob for his time and work with the Dispatcher. I am sure we will all be hereing from him in the future. As usual, the fall foliage was as beautiful as ever here in the Northeast and I hope you all took advantage of it. One of the better spots I found this year was Tuxedo Rocks, N.Y., on the E.I.. It combines a rock cut, a stream and bridge, and a mountain backdrop all in one. This spot can be found on Route 17, just North of Tuxedo at the first rest stop. If any of you would like to trade 35mm slides, please drop me a line. I am looking for someone to trade with. I hope the next issue will be out by Christmas, but if not we all wish you a Merry Christmas....

The Publisher Himself!
Tim T.