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BULLETIN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The New York Division has been issuing its own newspaper for fifty years. The May, 1958 issue, the first one, was a three-page mimeographed issue. A year later, the **Bulletin** expanded to eight pages featuring the latest transit news in addition to historical articles.

Our first editor, Henry Raudenbush, served for about a year. His successor was Arthur Lonto, who was on the Headlights staff before joining the **Bulletin** in 1959. After he was promoted to Editor in 1960, he provided an interesting and informative publication until our present Editor-in-Chief was appointed in 1981.

News Editor Randy Glucksman compiled interesting statistics about our publication. The April, 2008 **Bulletin** was the 485th issue. The maximum in any year was 12 and the minimum was 3 in 1958. As of April, 2008, we published an amazing total of 5,565 pages. The maximum in one year, 2001, 2004, and 2005, was 232, and the minimum, the first year, was 13. There were two jumbo issues. In October, 2004, we published a 52-page issue commemorating the 100th anniversary of New York City's first subway. It was the only one that included several color pictures. The 42-page March, 2006 **Bulletin** featured Eric Oszustowicz's history of the R-1 to R-9 cars.

The April, 1986 issue, the first one produced using a computer, was different from the previous mimeographed publications. Everybody admired the new look on the Oc-

tober, 1996 issue produced with a desktop publishing program. With this new technology, Production Manager David Ross is able to adjust the size of pictures, track plans, and transfers to produce an advanced layout.

Many years ago, we tried to publish pictures. But we found that they were usually out of focus or lacked contrast because they were printed by the photo offset process. Recently, Production Manager David Ross found a printer whose computer prints the pictures. At the present time, we transmit the pictures electronically from our computer to David's computer. He produces a balanced layout, types the captions, and transmits the **Bulletin** and its accompanying items electronically to the printer's computer. The pictures published in the **Bulletin** are just as clear as the originals. Sometimes, they have better contrast because our computer can adjust the contrast.

We will continue publishing track plans and the history of IND subway lines. Our trolley fans will be happy to learn that we have lots of information about Brooklyn trolley cars. In addition to rare pictures of Brooklyn trolley depots, we will publish pictures and detailed rosters of the different types of Brooklyn trolley cars.

The Editor-in-Chief thanks his staff for helping him publish every issue on time for more than two decades. We hope that we will be able to keep publishing information that cannot be found in any other publication.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE IS 125 YEARS OLD

To commemorate this anniversary, a celebration will be held. Although the bridge

opened on May 24, the cable railway did not

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