

NEW YORK DIVISION, ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSN., INC.

MEETING

NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the New York Div., ERA will be held 8 pm, Friday, June 19, 1959 at the 4th Floor YMCA Auditorium, Penn Station, New York. Doors open 7 pm. (Use elevator at 8th Ave. and 32nd Street entrance.

ENTERTAINMENT

A professional movie on the Third Ave. El. Mr. Carson, the photographer, will be present.

Also a movie on the French National Railroads (including Paris "Metro" or subway). Both are 16 mm. color-sound movies.

Slides by member H. Datsch, if time permits.

WASHINGTON TROLLEY TRIP SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1959

A trip, tailored for the convenience of New York members will cover trolley and conduit lines on D.C. Transit system Saturday, June 27 in non-PCC streamliner 1053. Our leaving time of 12:40 pm, EDT from Union Station allows you to ride down on the Penn. train leaving New York 8 am, EDT. We return to Union Station in time to come home on the 6 pm train (arr. N. Y. 9:55 pm).

	Member	Non-Member
Fares paid in advance	\$3.00	\$3.25
Fare on the car	3.50	3.75

Tickets obtainable directly or by mail from committee members.

You can't afford to miss this trip. The few dollars it will cost will be repaid many times over in irreplaceable memories of beautiful Washington, our National Capital.

MAIL AUCTION SALE ON TRANSIT HARDWARE

1. IRT subway kerosene running light (the former lower end lights now replaced by electric lights) (One roundel broken).
2. IRT Sprague High-voltage brass controller handle
3. H&M conductor's bell to signal through cars and to motorman.
4. H&M Sprague builders plate from C-35-B type controller case.
5. H&M whistle
6. IRT whistle
7. Phila. Trans. Co. controller handle from 8000 series Peter Witt

Bidding will be accepted on the individual items. Bids should be addressed to Herman Rinke, Chairman, ERA, 145 Greenwich St., N.Y.C. 6 New York Division, and must be in his hands at or before the meeting of July 17. Proceeds will go entirely to the New York Division treasury. In case of ties, those involved will be notified that they are tied for top bidding and should submit another bid. Items donated by Bruce Lane.

POWER PLANTS SOLD The City of New York has sold the three subway power plants to Consolidated Edison. Con Edison was set to take the plants over on July 1 but it has been postponed to the first of August. Mike Quill and T&U are fighting the sale in court. The sale was first proposed by B.of T. Chairman Charles Gross in January 1946.

MILEPOSTS ON THE SUBWAY

About a month ago, mileposts began to appear on the Rockaway line, and by now they can be found almost anywhere on the IND and IRT divisions (by the time this appears, they may also have started on the BMT).

On both divisions, the mileposts are numbered from the southern most point on each division. (All lines are considered as running north and south.) On the IND, this is Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway (although technically the Rockaway Div.). On the IRT, it is New Lots Ave. The mileposts have the signal line letter, but also show the Track Department track number (which is different from the track numbers shown on the signal number plates).

It is not very clear just what purpose these mileposts will serve, since the signal numbers, which are already there, give distance to the nearest hundred feet. (HTR)

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SAMPLE MILEPOST

JAMAICA "SKIP-STOP" DETAILS ANNOUNCED.

The "skip-stop" service on the BMT Broadway-Jamaica line is starting June 18 and the service is similar to announced in last month's BULLETIN. The #15 Jamaica Exp. trains (also called "A" trains) will leave 168 Street 7:06 - 8:23 am and will operate as previously from Eastern Pky. to Broad St. The other (or "B") service will be the Broadway-Bklyn. Local -#14 and will leave 168 St.-Jamaica 7:08-8:24 am. It will operate as the present local from Eastern Pky. to Canal St. Only 3 am trains will leave Rockaway Pky., Canarsie: 6:21, 6:39 and 6:54 am. Four will start at Crescent at 6:34, 6:49, 7:05 and 7:13 am. The TA has issued leaflets describing the service and with a complete timetable of all "skip-stop" trains. All-stop stations will have three minute service during the peak of the am rush-hour. The PM service will remain the same as it is now. The #14 trains will have only 5 R-16 cars in am.

BOSTON TO OPEN "NATION'S NEWEST TROLLEY LINE"

The Metropolitan Transit Authority is planning fitting ceremonies on July 4 to celebrate the opening of trolley car service on the Highland Line to Riverside, a Boston suburb. It will be the first new trolley line to open in the United States in many, many years.

NEW YORK CENTRAL PAINTING STATION, POLISHING COMMUTER CARS

Following approval of the state's plan to aid commuter service, the New York Central announced that it would painting of nine stations from 125 St., Bronx to Harmon. Three cars will be painted each week and a special "spruce-up and polishing" of 5-cars per day is planned.

ONE WAY STREETS - BOON OR BOMER?

Although Traffic Commissioner Wiley and the New York Automobile Club are asking for more one-way streets, there is much opposition from the bus companies. The TA says that it lost \$9182 in the first 5 weeks of one way operation on the DeKalb Ave. line. The city is allowing outside ads on the buses to induce Fifth Ave. Coach to agree to the one-way plan.

BMT SUBWAY SERVICE CHANGED ON MAY 28.

After last month's BULLETIN contained a complete listing of BMT services, probably the only such listing ever published, the BMT services were greatly changed to render most of the list obsolete. The list was pretty accurate as of April 15 but there were a few minor errors: The extra Brighton Local trains (#1A) from Forest Hills to Whitehall St. were discontinued several months ago. Also 7 cars trains on the 14 St.-Canarsie line were eliminated sometime ago. Two obsolete route numbers were also omitted: 8 was the BMT Astoria Line and #9 was the BMT Flushing line. A complete listing of new BMT services will appear in a future BULLETIN.