



Meeting Notice

Friday, February 15, 2019, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Eric Oszustowicz

The February meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019 on the second floor (Vanderbilt Suite) of the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th Street (at Madison Avenue) in Manhattan. The Hotel is convenient to the 42nd Street stations of the Lexington Avenue and Sixth Avenue Subways, the Grand Central station of the Flushing Subway, and Metro-North's Grand Central Terminal. The doors open at 6:30 PM, and the meeting commences at 7:15 PM.

Program

Eric Oszustowicz, author of *The Elevated Railways of Manhattan*, will be the presenter of our February meeting. We will begin with an extensive review of the New York Subway during the last year. This will include many unusual behind-the-scenes views. We will also take a brief look at the newest buses to hit the streets of New York City during 2018.

Then it is on to a very special part of the presentation. Since there would be no ERA without its members, both past and present, we will take a look back at scenes of our membership over the last 50 years. Photographs exist of membership meetings during the 1970s and early 1980s and even earlier photographs taken during various fantrips. We will see these photographs in addition to the many views taken by Eric over the years.

As a follow-up to last month's program by Jack May, we then move on to eastern Ukraine and Poland. The January program emphasized trams while this program will emphasize commuter, intercity and freight railroading. For those who missed Jack's program, Eric will review the tram systems in Kharkiv and various remote cities in eastern Ukraine plus Odessa. The tram views will be different from those shown in January. While in Poland, Warsaw and Lodz will be highlighted.

Finally, it is on to the ERA's 2018 tour of southern Germany. We will look at the cities visited by the ERA with an emphasis on commuter, intercity and freight operations while Eric was away from the main group. And Eric will focus on Leipzig, which still operates many Tatra T-3s along its extensive network of tram routes, and where he made a major side trip on his own.

Please join us for a fascinating evening.

Next Three Presenters

March 15, 2019: Jeffrey Erlitz

April 12, 2019: Noah Caplin (this is the SECOND Friday of the month, not the usual third Friday)

May 17, 2019: Ron Yee

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Information & Updates

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Regional Trip Plans for 2019

Here are the trips planned for 2019, subject to change.

Saturday, June 1: The Museum of Bus Transportation in Hershey, Pa., and The Manheim Historical Society Trolley in Manheim, Pa.*

Saturday-Wednesday, August 10-14: Pittsburgh and Cleveland*

Saturday, October 5: Westchester County and Trolley Museum of New York*

Date to be determined: Long Island Rail Road shop tour

*Sponsored by the Metropolitan New York Bus Association

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Reminder to Membership

Any current member of the Electric Railroaders' Association can invite another person to attend our monthly meeting as their guest. Welcome aboard! – THE BOARD

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