



Meeting Notice

Friday, February 21, 2020, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Eric Oszustowicz

The February meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020 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

The February program will consist of videos and slides by Eric Oszustowicz and will be different from any presentation we have ever seen.

During early 2001, Eric took VHS videos at stations on the New York Subway system through which the now retired "Redbird" R-26 through R-36 subway cars traversed. All of these videotapes were converted to digital media. We will see many of these videos, complete with sound over high-quality speakers, at the February meeting.

Besides the Redbirds, Eric took videos on the IND and BMT during the same period, so we will also see videos of the now-retired R-38, R-40, R-40M and R-44 subway cars in regular service.

During a 2001 trip to Buenos Aires, he also produced videos of the original 1913 wooden subway cars operating there that were finally retired 7 years ago. Of course, we will see these videos.

All of the above videos were taken in such a way to provide the full experience of both the interior and exterior sights and sounds.

Eric is known as a still photographer. During the last 20 years, Eric would take still photographs while his wife, Mary, would be by his side taking videos. We will see many of her videos. Included is spectacular footage of the Union Pacific steam locomotive 4014 (the Big Boy) and of Iowa Interstate's steam locomotive 6988. Footage from around the world during various excursions will also be shown.

After the video portion of the presentation, we will see slides from 2019 trips to The Hague, Rotterdam, France, Toronto, and the western United States. As with all of Eric's presentations, we will see behind-the-scenes views of the New York subway system.

Please join us for an interesting evening.

Next Three Presenters

March 20, 2020 – Jeffrey Erlitz; April 17, 2020 – Ron Yee; May 15, 2020 – Peter Ehrlich.

Regional Trip Plans for 2020

We are working on tours of the NJ Transit Meadowlands Maintenance Complex, Penn Station, and Grand Central Terminal. Watch this space for details.

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