



Meeting Notice

Our next Zoom Meeting is on
Friday, September 25, 2020 (note date change)

Presenting This Month: Russ Jackson

This month's Zoom presenter is Russ Jackson, ERA #1859. Russ's storied career includes being a major contributor to getting the PATCO line into operation in 1969 as a consultant employee, 20 years working for major transit consultants, and 17 years working for SEPTA as manager of new car engineering, retiring in 2010. When Kodak came out with Super 8 sound film and cameras in 1973, Russ immediately started making use of them. Russ' all-video Zoom program will start with 'First Generation Subway Cars' and then Lackawanna, Pennsylvania Railroad, and Reading 'First Generation MU Cars' in service in the 1970s, all from digitized track-side films. If time permits, Russ will finish with some shots on the Northeast Corridor and New Jersey Transit from the 1970s. Russ, a PCC devotee, runs the website www.tractionresource.com. This is an extra-special program not to be missed!

How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

Please go to ERA's website at www.erausa.org for the Zoom link to join. The home page with the evening's program will have the link for joining the Zoom meeting. The Zoom meeting becomes available for signing on at 7:15 PM. The show begins at 7:30 PM.

If you have any problems, email Bob Newhouser at bnnyc1955@aol.com, or on the night of the meeting call or text Bob at **917-482-4235**. On the night of the program, Bob's time to assist you may be limited, so our apologies in advance if we have to move on. Most first-time Zoom users have been able to get on with little or no difficulty.

Other Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

2021 Meetings — We will have 10 meetings in 2021 as usual, but with a major change! The January, March, May, September, and November meetings will take place at the Roosevelt Hotel (unless the hotel is still closed). Our February, April, June, October, and December meetings will be held on Zoom. For the first time, all meetings will be recorded and posted on the website, www.erausa.org. We have found that Zoom meetings have had spectacular attendance and made it possible for our many non-NYC-area members spanning Australia, Japan, N. America, the UK, and Germany to participate!

Forthcoming Brooklyn EI Book by Eric Oszustowicz — Barring any extraordinary circumstances, the first volume of this long-awaited multi-volume work is targeted for distribution to our paid-up members by the end of 2020. Volume 1 will represent *Headlights* for 2019 and 2020, though at 400-plus pages, it is equivalent to five typical annual *Headlights* issues! There are ultimately plans for three volumes, and each volume will be extensively illustrated with complete histories. Volume 1 covers the history of the BMT and its predecessors from 1864 to the 1940 takeover by the NYC Board of Transportation. Volume 2 will cover BMT post-1940 to 1969 and will include photographs of every former BMT elevated station in route order. Volume 3 will contain a plethora of high-quality color photographs from the 1950's and 1960's and a detailed roster for all equipment in existence from 1864 to 1969.

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