



Meeting Notice

Our next Zoom Meeting is on
Friday, October 16, 2020

Presenting This Month: Carl Jackson

The presenter of our October show is Sun Metro's **Carl Jackson**, chief streetcar officer for the City of El Paso. Carl's presentation, "El Paso Streetcar: The 21st Century PCC," will cover three distinct areas in the restoration of El Paso's streetcars: the cars' exterior, motorman's station, and modified Clark B2 trucks. Carl documented every step of the rehabilitation process with his own detailed before and after photos. The cars featured in the presentation are original El Paso PCC units, purchased from San Diego Transit System in 1950 and lovingly restored by the Brookville Equipment Corporation of Brookville, Pa. nearly 60 years later. As the title states, these units have become "21st Century" PCCs.

Carl's career spans 31 years in the transit industry. After a stint as operations and maintenance supervisor for Seattle's South Lake Union Streetcar, Carl served as general manager of the Atlanta Streetcar, then technical support consultant for the Kansas City Streetcar. He then accepted the position of project manager officer for the new El Paso Streetcar project, which opened last year. As project manager, Carl planned, organized, directed and coordinated the project's construction and on-time delivery of the rehabilitated streetcars. This included the development of all functional and administrative aspects of a contemporary street railway. Carl was recently promoted to chief streetcar officer for the City of El Paso's Sun Metro transit agency, which operates the streetcar.

We are honored to have a senior transit executive presenting to the ERA this month. Carl graciously hosted our 2019 ERA convention in El Paso. He will answer questions at the conclusion of his presentation. This is a "must attend" presentation!

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 "Zoom Login" button for joining the Zoom meeting posted about five days before the 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 to our 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, Germany, UK and North America to participate!

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Thank you very much to those of you who have already made a generous contribution last month to support our programs along with your dues renewals! If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation this year to help ERA continue its 86-year record of traction education and entertainment. Our new online form makes it much easier to donate!