



Meeting Notice

Our next Zoom Meeting is on **Friday, November 20, 2020**

Presenting This Month: Mark Kavanagh

Join us on Zoom for our November presentation. Please login about 5-10 minutes before the meeting so we can start on time.

There will be a brief Annual ERA Meeting at 7:15 pm. The show begins at 7:30 pm.

The presenter of tonight's show is ERA member **Mark Kavanagh** (ERA #6317). Mark will share photos from his many travels to Japan over the past 30 years. He has seen a lot of change over the years and is pleased to share them with ERA members and guests from around the world.

Tokyo is a traction and transit fan paradise. The city is full of many different rail operators featuring many forms of traction — subways, frequent commuter service, long-distance, and high-speed trains. If that's not enough, there are monorails, trams and rubber-tired guideway trains.

When people think of Japan, many think of Tokyo's crowded subway trains, but there is a quieter side to Japan, too. As a bonus, some of Japan's smaller city tram systems will also be featured. Mark will answer questions at the conclusion of his presentation.

Mark grew up in Brooklyn near the elevated Culver line. He transferred to Oregon in 1980 where he has lived ever since. His job has afforded him travel all over the world, fueling his passion for rail systems. Mark's website, www.ktransit.com, features photos of transit systems around the world.

All ERA members and friends **anywhere in the world** are invited to attend this exciting online event!

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

The Bulletin will continue to come to you monthly! We heard from many of you saying that you really enjoyed receiving *The Bulletin* monthly. So we will continue to publish it monthly!

2021 Meetings — As many of you may have heard by now, the historic Roosevelt Hotel, ERA's meeting venue since 2014, will be closing at the end of the year, another sad casualty of the depressed Covid-19 economy. We will be looking for new venues for future in-person meetings. In the meantime, meetings will remain virtual on our highly successful Zoom venue until further notice. With the speaker's approval, all meetings are recorded and posted on ERA's website, www.erausa.org. ERA's Zoom meetings have had spectacular attendance (148 in September!) and made it possible for our many non-NYC-area members spanning Australia, Japan, North America, the UK and Germany to participate!

ERA Has Made It Easy to Donate — Thank you very much to those of you who have already made generous contributions to support our programs along with your dues renewals! The membership's response to date has been outstanding!

As we explained in our 2021 dues renewal letter, even with our streamlining program and dues adjustments, our expenses are projected to exceed revenues by approximately \$40,000 per year, making it difficult for ERA to continue beyond the 2023 membership year. If you have not already done so, please consider 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! ERA is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. Your donations are fully tax deductible and can be made using the new donation form on our website:

www.erausa.org/donate. As of March 2020, the **CARES Act** allows individual taxpayers to **deduct donations to charity of up to \$300** on their 2020 federal tax return, even if they take the standard deduction.