



Meeting Notice

Our next Zoom Meeting is on
Friday, July 16, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Presenting This Month: Russ Jackson

This month's Zoom presenter, **Russ Jackson** (ERA #1859), returns with another in his series of great historic videos. 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 cameras and film in 1973, Russ immediately started making use of them. He is also a PCC devotee and runs the website www.tractionresource.com.

Russ will open his show with an earlier silent film of the Princeton Junction area in 1968 and 1969, when things were quite different from today. This will be followed by silent films he took of the Northeast Corridor anywhere grade crossings were involved. He will conclude his show with a silent film history of the Skokie Swift operation in Chicago as assembled by Walter Keevil of the CTA. Many changes have occurred during the 57 years since it began service.

These historic videos of a bygone era not to be missed!

How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

A "Zoom Login" button will be posted on our homepage about five days before Churella's presentation. Please go to ERA's website at www.erausa.org to join. You can sign in at 7:15 p.m., and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. If you have any problems, email Bob Newhouser at bnnyc1955@aol.com, or even better, on the night of the meeting text or call Bob at 917-482-4235.

Other Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

Brooklyn EI Book is Now Available! By now, all ERA members whose dues are paid up through 2020 should be receiving a copy of Eric Oszustowicz's "The Elevated Railways of Brooklyn and the BMT Subway, Volume One: 1864-1940." This incredible 436-page book counts as the 2019 and 2020 issues of *Headlights*. Copies are also available for sale at www.erausa.org/publication-sales/brooklyn-el. If you haven't received your book by July 15th, or you have any other problems, please complete the contact form at www.erausa.org/contact.

Save the Date! To avoid conflicts with some other national traction events, our August meeting will be one week earlier, on Friday, August 13 (not August 20). It will feature a guest presentation by retired Atlanta MARTA chief operating officer, ERA member, and Ohio native Rich Krisak and cover the fascinating history of Cleveland electric traction, focusing on the early 1950s when the last streetcars ran, the new rapid transit line opened and the wires came down on the Cleveland Union Terminal electrification.

ERA Convention Announced! The 2022 convention will be based in San Diego, July 7-10, with trips throughout Southern California. We will have more details soon. The 2021 convention has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

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