



Meeting Notice

Our next Zoom Meeting is on
Friday, October 15, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Presenting This Month: Dr. Rich Allman & Charles Long

Dr. Rich Allman and Charles Long, longtime members of the East Penn Traction Club, will tag team for two presentations. Rich will present "A Feast of Deck Roof Cars," including black and white photos from Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, West Chester, Philadelphia Rapid Transit, Fairmount Park, Hershey, York, Wilkes Barre, Conestoga, Pittsburgh, and Lehigh Valley), as well as photos from Baltimore, Boston, Washington, Brooklyn, Third Avenue and Public Service, plus rapid transit cars in Boston, Chicago, the BMT and Staten Island Rapid Transit. Charles will be presenting rare photos of 1950s PCC car operation on the Philadelphia Transportation Company network, many of them of charters.

Rich joined ERA in 1956 (Member 2080) at age 12. He has been member of several organizations, including the East Penn Traction Club since 1984, and served as president from 1989-1991 and 2001-2003. His traction interests include historical and modern light rail operations worldwide, preservation, collecting photographs, and HO scale traction modeling. Rich is a physician in clinical practice and education, having served on the clinical faculty of Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia since 1992, and was associate director of the residency program in internal medicine. He was medical staff president from 2006-2009 and again from 2015-2016. Rich is currently associate professor of medicine at the Sidney Kimmel School of Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University.

Charles, a native of the Philadelphia area, had an interest in model railroading starting about the age of three in 1951 which continues to the present day. In the early 1970s Charles attended the organizing meeting of the East Penn Traction Club and is now the group's secretary/treasurer. He was active in multiple operating trolley museums over the years. Charles's professional career was with Bell of Pennsylvania/Bell Atlantic from 1968-1999, primarily in network planning.

How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

A "Zoom Login" button will be posted on our homepage about five days before Rich'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 **Paul Grether** at grether@mindspring.com, or even better, on the night of the meeting text or **call Paul at (404) 434-0453**. Bob Newhouser is out of town for this meeting.

Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

Save the Date! Our next Zoom meeting will be on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 7:30 pm. Our presenter will be none other than ERA's Program Chairman Andrew Grahl. His program will be announced in the next meeting notice.

It is that time of year for renewing your ERA membership for 2022 and voting for the 2022 ERA board of directors. We have mailed each of you a printed form for your renewal. OR, if you prefer, **renew quickly online as well as vote for your 2022 directors on the following pages of the ERA website:**

- 2022 membership renewal can be found at: <https://erausa.org/renew/>
- 2022 membership e-card can be found at: <https://erausa.org/card/>
- 2022 candidate bios for board of directors can be found at: <https://erausa.org/vote/>
- 2022 voting page can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/5ev7ejn9>

ERA greatly appreciates your prompt membership renewals and your donations. It's our primary source of income and makes possible the monthly programming, *Bulletin* issues and the *Headlights* magazine that we all count on and enjoy!