



Meeting Notice

Our next Zoom Meeting is on
Friday, February, 18 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Presenting This Month: Eric & Mary Oszustowicz

Our February Zoom program will consist of videos by both Eric and Mary Oszustowicz. Footage shot in 2021 and 2022 of the New York subway system and New York City-area commuter lines will be shown especially for the benefit of our non-New Yorker viewers. A sample video is on the ERA website at www.erausa.org/monthly-meetings/2022/02.

During road trips in 2021, Eric and Mary visited the light rail systems of Charlotte and Norfolk in addition to the historic New Orleans trolley system. An extensive section of the presentation will include scenes of the Chicago elevated and subway lines taken in May.

Videos were also taken of various freight and passenger railroads. Of special importance in the freight category was a trip along the Kansas City Southern (KCS) main line in Louisiana and Texas. Due to the merger with CP Rail, the KCS system may undergo major changes.

During early 2001, Eric took videos at all stations on the New York Subway system through which the now retired "Redbird" R26 through R36 subway cars traversed. Eric also took videos on the IND and BMT of the now retired R32, R38, R40, R40M, R42 and R44 subway cars in regular service. All of these videotapes have been digitized, and we will of course see many of them.

Eric presented a similar program in February 2021 that was viewed by a record setting 175 participants. Some "best of" videos may also be included for those who didn't see that presentation. You don't want to miss this interesting meeting!

How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

A Zoom login button will be posted on www.erausa.org about five days before Eric's presentation. You can sign in at 7:15 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. If you have any problems, email **Bob Newhouser** at bnnyc1955@aol.com, or on the night of the meeting, text or call Bob at **917-482-4235**.

Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

ERA Trips Are Back! Our 2022 convention, based in San Diego from July 7-10, will be headquartered at the Best Western Plus Hacienda Hotel Old Town in San Diego's historic Old Town district. We have planned several exciting trips throughout Southern California. Check www.erausa.org/conventions/2022 and our convention flyer for details! **If making hotel reservations by phone, the correct number to call is 619-298-4707.** The phone number on the flyer is incorrect.

ERA international tours also return in 2022 with an exciting trip to Greece, starting and ending in Athens from September 8-17 (leaving the U.S. on September 7). We will travel on high-speed railways, a narrow-gauge steam train, and a luxury tour coach. Check www.erausa.org/international-tours/2022 and our tour flyer for details!

Save the Date! Our next Zoom meeting will be on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. ERA's board director and *Bulletin* editor Jeff Erlitz will be our next speaker. Jeff's content will be announced. Check www.erausa.org/monthly-meetings/2022/03 for further details!

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