



MEETING

Eric Oszustowicz

Friday, February 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Our February program will be presented by **Eric Oszustowicz**, who has been requested to show photographs of the tram systems in Ukraine in addition to views of its metros and mainline railroads. Eric and his wife Mary traveled extensively throughout Ukraine in 2017 and 2018.

Eric's program will start in the capital, Kyiv. Kyiv is home to an extensive tram, metro and trolleybus system, all of which will be covered. Then it is on to Lviv, Ukraine's westernmost large city, followed by the historic Black Sea port city of Odessa.

We then head east to Ukraine's second city, Kharkiv, home to a large tram system in addition to a metro system. While in Kharkiv, an MTV-82 tram car was chartered (arranged by Jack May) and taken around most of the tram system. This tram car, one of only four operable MTV-82s that were left in the world, was destroyed in February 2022 at the start of the currently raging war. Other cities to be visited briefly will include Dnipro, Kamianske, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia and Kryvyi Rih.

If time permits, and enough participants are still present (at least 100), videos taken during Eric and Mary's travels during 2022 will also be shown. Videos of the unique Florida East Coast Railway, the Chicago Transit Authority's 75th Anniversary, in addition to other subjects will be shown.

Eric's presentations usually run well over three hours. Please join us for a special evening.

How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

A Zoom registration button will be posted on www.erausa.org about five days before the meeting. 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](tel:917-482-4235).



1985 Tatra T3 operating in the city of Dnipro. The tram is crossing the Amurskyi Bridge over the Dnipro River, 296 miles southeast of Kyiv via road. The city of Dnipro has 14 tram lines that utilize approximately 275 trams. Photo by Eric Oszustowicz, September 29, 2018