



Meeting Notice

Friday, October 16, 2015, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Ray Berger

The October meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, October 16, 2015 on the second floor (Vanderbilt Suite) of the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th Street (at Madison Avenue) in Manhattan. The Hotel is convenient to the 42nd Street stations of the Lexington Avenue and Sixth Avenue Subways, the Grand Central station of the Flushing Subway, and Metro-North's Grand Central Terminal. The doors open at 6:30 PM, and the meeting commences at 7:15 PM.

Program

This month's entertainment will be a 35 mm slide show of the six electric railway networks in France and shots of an ERA Mini-convention in the United Kingdom. Almost every slide to be shown is taken between June 11, 1977 and July 5, 1977, 38 years ago. Three operations in Britain, including London Transport's Neasden Maintenance Shops, the railways on the Isle of Man and at Blackpool will be seen. The French portion of the presentation will show equipment that is no longer in use on the six 1977 networks, save historic museum pieces. The 1977 ERA Mini-convention in the UK emphasized behind-the-scenes maintenance and operations center facilities, not usually seen by enthusiasts. In Blackpool we see cars used only during the Illuminations in service at the end of the summer season only. Traditional cars, including George Milnes's double truck IOM cars #1-3, will also be presented. These are the world's oldest electric railway cars and are still in regular use since 1893.

France is noted for its decisions to expand urban electric operations in the 21st Century and to modernize their first generation tramways. Since January, 2000 there are 30 locations where trams can be found. Additionally, seven more will start in new cities by December 2015. That is quite a record, but their large number preclude a comprehensive presentation. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for a most unusual show at the October Meeting. You won't be disappointed!

Next Three Presenters

November 20, 2015 – Gary Grahl; December 18, 2015 – Andrew Grahl; January 15, 2016 – Jack May

Information & Updates

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Regional Trip Plans for 2015

The remaining trip scheduled for 2015 is Saturday, October 24–25 – Pennsylvania Weekend with visits to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, Steamtown in Scranton, and the Electric City Trolley Museum in Scranton.

As always, please refer to the ERA website for the most up-to-date information on these trips and all other ERA related topics.

Meeting Room Reminder

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Reminder to Membership

Any current member of the Electric Railroaders' Association can invite another person to attend our monthly meeting as their guest. Welcome aboard! – THE BOARD

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