



2027 Dues Renewal Notice

Don't let your ERA membership expire. **Renew today!**

Dear Member:

The ERA Board of Directors would like to express our sincere gratitude for your loyal support over the years. Access to our monthly meetings was greatly expanded for viewers and presenters everywhere in the world when we launched live Zoom presentations in 2020. Under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Jeff Erlitz, the *Bulletin* has expanded its high quality and on-time standards. Volume three of Eric Oszustowicz's highly successful *Elevated Railways of Brooklyn* series, covering BMT photographs and rosters, has been distributed. Another volume of ERA's *Elevated Railways* or an issue of *Headlights* magazine are in development for 2027. ERA's ongoing project to scan and post PDFs of all pre-digital issues of the *Bulletin*, *Electric Railroads* and *Headlights* continues, as well as uploading our Zoom presentations to ERA-TV, our popular YouTube channel.

All of this new online content advances our founding principles of educating and informing the public about electric traction. These archives are truly a wonderful trove of information spanning decades that cannot be found anywhere else. It has been well received and along with the readily accessible Zoom meetings, encouraged new membership signups.

Thanks to our members' unprecedented generosity in providing substantial tax-deductible contributions during 2026 and the continuing controls on our operating costs, our financial picture continues on a favorable path. However, increases in Post Office rates and increased printing costs make it necessary to increase the dues cost for those who choose to receive the ERA *Bulletin* in print form, which will now feature color photographs to match those already provided in PDF form for e mail recipients. **There will be no increase in dues for 2027 for those electing to receive the ERA *Bulletin* by e mail.** In addition, LRTA is offering ERA members a reduced-price digital subscription for *Tramways & Urban Transit* PDFs.

ERA's 2025 Kansas City-St Louis convention featured tours of their transit systems, historic traction operations in St Louis and the Old Threshers meet in Iowa, and shop tours and briefings with senior transit managers and executives. Our 2026 convention is planned for the Chicago area. From April 29 to May 14, 2026, we operated our bi-annual international tour of Scotland, Northern England, and the Isle of Man. In addition to our annual convention and bi-annual international tour, we are continuing to offer two in-person dinner meetings as well as our immensely successful Zoom meetings.

How can you help? First and foremost, please renew your membership, and select the e-mail option if you can. Nearly 70 percent of our members already opt for receiving the *Bulletin* this way. Printing and mailing the *Bulletin* costs nearly \$14,000 per year.

Second, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the ERA and, again, thank you for your generosity this year. Any amount is welcome and can easily be added to your membership renewal payment (online at erausa.org/membership/joinrenew, or by mail). The ERA is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Finally, you can remember the ERA by making a significant donation as part of your estate planning at any time. We would have been in an impossible financial situation several years ago if the late James Mattina, our long-serving office manager, hadn't generously donated \$157,000 to our organization in his will. We also received a very welcome \$20,000 donation from the estate of Harold Golk; a long-time and very active member. See the next page for details on donations and estate planning.

This will be our only notice requesting renewal. Please take a moment now to complete the **2027 Dues Renewal Form** on line at www.erausa.org/membership/joinrenew or on the back of this letter to renew by mail at the address shown by January 31, 2027. We look forward to your continued support of the ERA's long record of traction education and entertainment. Please be aware that a renewal for 2027 is necessary to be entitled to future books and *Headlights* magazines. Also bear in mind if you choose to pay by check that banking regulations continue to be more stringent and the banks insist that checks be made payable to our full legal name; **Electric Railroaders Association, Inc.**

And a note about our long-term subscription relationship with LRTA of Great Britain: They operate on a strictly calendar-year basis and set their next-year's mailing list by December of the current year. So, if you are subscribing to either *Tramways & Urban Transit* or *Tramway Review*, you must be renewed by November 30, 2026 to avoid interruption of those publications.

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☐ PDF Bulletin and Print Headlights _____ \$90

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☐ Print Tramways & Urban Transit (T&UT) _____ \$212

☐ PDF T&UT _____ \$64

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☐ PDF Tramway Review _____ \$22

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