



Meeting Notice

Friday, January 15, 2016, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Jack May

The January meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016 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

The first show of 2016 will be presented by Jack May, who continues his survey of North Africa with his trip to Morocco last spring, in which he traveled much of the country by rail, and visited the streetcar systems in Rabat and Casablanca. At the end of the journey he took the ferry from Tangiers to the south of sunny Spain. Thus this segment of the program will finish with surveys of various cities that are included in ERA's forthcoming tour of Spain, including Seville, Granada, Malaga, Murcia, Alicante, and Valencia -- a preview of what the participants will be enjoying next May.

We have all heard that electric traction is coming back to Milwaukee. But in 2015 it actually arrived in Milwaukee. The slide show will proceed with views of Portland, Oregon's most recent extensions to both its streetcar and light rail operations over the Tilikum bridge -- and beyond to the suburb of Milwaukee. The evening's entertainment will conclude with slides of the tramways in a half-dozen cities in the eastern part of Germany.

Please join us for an excellent show with very interesting subject matter!

Next Three Presenters

February 19, 2016 – Eric Oszustowicz; March 18, 2016 – Jeffrey Erlitz; April 15, 2016 – Dwight Long

Information & Updates

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Message from ERA President Bob Newhouser: Save the Date! September 3-6, 2015, ERA Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.

ERA's 2016 Annual Convention will be held in Greater Washington, D.C. This is ERA's first time back since the 1987 Annual Convention in Baltimore. Our scheduled events include rides on the Washington Metro,
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Baltimore light rail, and ERA's first visit to Norfolk, VA and ride on the 7.5-mile light rail line The Tide, opened in 2011 and visits to the renowned Baltimore Streetcar Museum and National Capital Trolley Museum. Our host hotel is the Crystal City Marriott. The hotel is a 2-minute walk from an underground shopping arcade and the Crystal City Metrorail station. The trains whisk you in 15-20 minutes to most parts of central Washington, D.C. and in five minutes to Reagan National Airport (one stop). Look for details in our upcoming Convention Flyer! As always our hotel rate plan allows bookings prior to and after convention provided you book early!

Regional Trip Plans for 2016

Here is our tentative list of trips for 2016: (a) Grand Central Terminal Tour – Saturday, March 19; (b) SEPTA Shops Tour – Saturday, April 23; (c) Black River & Western Railroad (Flemington, New Jersey) – Saturday, June 18; (d) Penn Station Behind the Scenes – Saturday, July 16; (e) Weekend Trip to Buffalo, Cleveland, and Syracuse – Saturday-Monday, October 15-17; (f) NYCT E. 180th Street Yard Tour – Saturday, November 12.

Meeting Room Reminder

If you carry a cell phone or beeper with you, we must ask that you not use it in the meeting room. This is very rude and inconsiderate to the speaker and everyone else in the room. PLEASE KEEP IT OUTSIDE.

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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