



Meeting Notice

Friday, April 15, 2016, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Dwight Long

The April meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, April 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 April meeting will be presented by Pittsburgh native, Dwight Long. Pittsburgh Railways Company operated one of the larger and more interesting tram systems in the United States. The combination of industrial development with the hills and river valleys of the surrounding area provided a network substantially different from systems in the flat terrain of most American cities. Operating over 600 miles and over 100 routes at its peak, it also boasted the second largest fleet of PCC cars in the USA, but also operated obsolete deck roof "Jones Cars" well into the 1950s. Dwight rode and photographed Pittsburgh "trolleys" for many years in the 1950s and 1960s -- a time when the system was largely still intact. His presentation, "Pittsburgh from 1 to 99--Pittsburgh Railways in the PCC Age," is a departure from the usual "slide show" in that it combines maps and photos, covering each route (from the 1914 renumbering scheme) sequentially. Because of the length of the complete presentation, tonight's show will cover the first half of the routes, with a subsequent show portraying the balance. Come enjoy an interesting look at a very interesting system!

Next Three Presenters

May 20, 2016 – Harry Pinsker; June 17, 2016 – Peter Ehrlich; September 16, 2016 – John Pappas (no meeting in July or August)

Information & Updates

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Regional Trip Plans for 2016

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

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Message from President Bob Newhouser

If you've been thinking about attending our 2016 Annual Convention in Greater Washington, D.C., now is the time to book! Our discounted room block of \$115 per room per night (single or double occupancy including hot and cold buffet breakfast) at the Crystal City Marriott at Washington National Airport is already more than half sold after being sent out not quite two months ago! This convention not only will cover the new D.C. Streetcar but include trips on the new Washington Metro Silver Line, Norfolk and Baltimore's light rail lines, and visits to both the Baltimore Streetcar Museum and National Capital Trolley Museum. Don't miss out; book today online through www.erausa.org or send in your hard copy form!

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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