



Meeting Notice

Friday, January 18, 2019, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Jack May

The January meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 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

Jack May will show slides from two trips to Europe in 2018. The first part will consist of a visit to Paris and certain other cities in a triangle to the north and east. It will mainly feature modern trams operating over new lines and extensions, but historic cars will also be included, as Jack inspected several museum tram operations in Belgium. It is amazing how light rail has caught on in the City of Lights, with a series of 9 lines in now in operation (and more abuilding), with an assortment of LRV equipment. This four-country journey to 12 different tramway cities also includes some areas visited by fellow electric traction buffs in ERA's 2018 tour of southern Germany.

The second part of the slide show will take us to Poland and Ukraine, where tramway operations contrast sharply with those in the west. In Poland, we will visit Warsaw, Olzstyn, Upper Silesia (Katowice), Poznan and Lodz, and see how older trams dating from the communist era have been modernized, with many replaced by low-floor units that are as up to date as any in the world. The tramways in the Ukrainian cities Jack visited can be characterized as a step back into the past, to where the PCC car still reigns supreme. Under constant threat from Russia, there has been little money to spend on new trams, but the legacy systems in Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kamianske, Zaporizye, Kryvyi Rih, Mikolaiv, and Odessa provide reliable service with well-maintained rolling stock over a network of lines whose infrastructure is constantly improving. Portions of the networks visited are still quaint, while single track lines, some going through woods and forests, may bring back memories of long-gone American systems.

Two brand new tramways will also be included: Luxembourg and Olzstyn. If time permits there may be slides of a spring trip to Scotland and Dublin.

Next Three Presenters

February 15, 2019 – Eric Oszustowicz; March 15, 2019 – Jeffrey Erlitz; April 12, 2019 – To be announced
Please note that the April meeting will be on the 12th (the SECOND Friday of the month).

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Regional Trip Plans for 2019

Here are the trips planned for 2019, subject to change: (a) Saturday, January 26 – Amherst Railroad Hobby Show*; (b) Saturday, June 1 – Hershey, Pennsylvania/Museum of Bus Transportation and Manheim Streetcar*; (c) Saturday-Wednesday, August 10-14 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Cleveland, Ohio*; (d) Saturday, October 5 – Westchester County and Trolley Museum of New York*; (e) Date to be determined – Long Island Rail Road shop tour

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