



# Meeting Notice

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Friday, June 21, 2019, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:

**Paul Gawkowski**

The June meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, June 21, 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Paul's June show will visit three continents.

Europe – we will take a look at three of France's premier tramways, Bordeaux, Montpellier, and Marseilles; then the Sheffield Supertram and the Crich Tramway Museum in Great Britain; and then the trams and railways in Spain's Palma Majorca. Back on the Continent, we will take a look at light rail in Genoa, the scenic coastal railway in Italy's Cinque Terre villages, the Cologne-Bonn interurban, and trams in Amsterdam.

In Asia, we will ride an overnight train from Hanoi and take a look at the railways in Cambodia and Thailand as well as rapid transit in Bangkok.

Back in North America, we will ride the dome car on Amtrak's *Adirondack* to Montreal, in what may be the final year of the dome's operation. Then on to Quebec on Via Rail. We will also visit the Washington, D.C. streetcar.

## **Next Three Presenters**

September 20, 2019 – Nicholas DiBari; October 18, 2019 – TBD; November 15, 2019 – Gary Grahl

Please note that there will be no meeting in July or August.

## **President's Message by Robert Newhouser**

The ERA international trip will be to Greece and the Balkan countries from May 9-24, 2020. The itinerary is set with the arrival day in Athens, Greece on May 9, 2020 and departure from Belgrade, Serbia on May 24, 2020. As always adding 3 nights before the arrival day in Athens and/or 3 nights after the departure day in Belgrade will be possible.

We will be visiting Athens, Sofia, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Osijek, and Belgrade.

The dates are final and the itinerary above is set. Pricing and more detailed information will be sent out this Fall.

Plan now to attend another exciting international trip!

In other news, ERA for the first time will use its website to publicize trips for our sister group, the Motor Bus Society (MBS), which have trips of rail enthusiast interest, as we have also done with the Metropolitan

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New York Bus Association for some time. MBS is going to France October 12-19 with visits to the extensive urban rail and bus systems in Paris, Strasbourg, and Lyon with travel on the world-famous TGV high-speed trains on several days. If you are interested, you must act quickly! Closing date for bookings is June 11, 2019. See the ERA website, [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org), for more details!

## **Information & Updates**

If any members or potential members need additional information on ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly use the contact form on our website, [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org).

## **Regional Trip Plans for 2019**

Here are the trips planned for the rest of 2019, subject to change: (a) Saturday-Wednesday, August 10-14 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Cleveland, Ohio\*; (b) Saturday, October 5 – Westchester County and Trolley Museum of New York\*; (c) Date/location TBD - Metro-North Shop Tour

\*Sponsored by the Metropolitan New York Bus Association

## **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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