



# Meeting Notice

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Friday, January 20, 2017, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:  
Jack May

The January meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017 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

Jack May made two trips to Europe (or "the continent") in 2016. The first, last April, included visits to new streetcar operations on the islands of Sicily (Palermo) and Sardinia (Cagliari and Sassari). Palermo went whole hog with four lines, while both cities in Sardinia have tram-trains, where light rail cars share tracks with DMUs and locomotive-hauled trains. A few other stops in Italy, including the narrow-gauge Circumetnea Railway circling Mt. Etna, will be shown.

Jack's second trip centered on a Baltic Sea cruise, with a number of shore visits to cities that have trams and metros. Included will be Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Stockholm, Goteborg (Gothenburg), and Copenhagen. Before and after the sea voyage, Jack visited three cities in the Czech Republic where traditional PCC cars still operate, mixed in with new low-floor articulated units: Prague, Brno, and Oloumoc. His last stop was Oslo, which runs a modern electric traction system of streetcars and subway trains.

Please join us for this interesting and informative program.

## Next Three Presenters

February 17, 2017 – Eric Oszustowicz; March 17, 2017 – Max Diamond; April 21, 2017 – Jeffrey Erlitz

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## Regional Trip Plans for 2017

Here are our planned trips for 2017: (a) Grand Central Terminal Tour – Saturday, March 18; (b) Metro-North Harmon Shop Tour – Saturday, April 22; (c) Shore Line Trolley Museum and Railroad Museum of New England – Saturday, June 24; (d) NYC Transit 207<sup>th</sup> Street Shop Tour – Saturday, August 5; (e) Steam Train Ride/Phillipsburg Museum – Saturday, September 16; (f) Pittsburgh Weekend – Saturday-Monday, October 14-16. See notice in this package for details on 2017 trips.

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

SAVE THE DATE! The 2017 Electric Railroaders' Association Annual Convention will take place in two cities—Atlanta, Georgia from July 1-4 and charming New Orleans, Louisiana for July 4 and 5, 2017. ERA had to change the date to avoid a Labor Day mega-convention and problems with hotel room availability and very high prices. We avoid this by meeting in the July 1-5 period instead.

Highlights include the new Atlanta Streetcar through Atlanta's Martin Luther King historic district, Atlanta's Metro heavy rail shop, the famed Southeastern Railway Museum, and a tour of New Orleans' comprehensive streetcar network starting with North America's oldest railroad, the St. Charles Streetcar (1835). This is ERA's first visit to these two dynamic metropolitan areas, a convention not to be missed!

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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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