



Meeting Notice

Friday, May 17, 2019, 7:15 PM

Presenting this month:
Ronald Yee

The May meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, May 17, 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

Last year, the ERA operated an 18-day trip to southern Germany from May 3 through May 20. Join us for Ron Yee's overview of the entire trip covering almost every tram, S-Bahn, and U-Bahn system starting in Frankfurt before the ERA trip, then joining up with the ERA group to cover Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Stuttgart, Freiburg, Augsburg, Nurnberg, Ulm, and Munich with side trips to Basel, Switzerland, Strasbourg and Sarreguemines, France and Zugspitze Peak and Neuschwanstein Castle, the latter being the inspiration for the blue-topped castle which is the centerpiece of all Disney theme parks. There will be a quick review of the 2018 ERA convention in the San Francisco area plus a visit to Los Angeles and then north of the border to see Montreal's newest Azur-class Metro cars plus an update on the conversion process of the former CN Electric commuter rail line from Central Station to Deux Montagnes into an automated rapid transit line known as REM. Then onward to Toronto to see its new Flexity LRVs as they slowly replace the venerable 40-year-old CLRVs and ALRVs. For the NYC area transit fans, there will be an overview of the 2018 NYCT Parade of Trains and Amtrak operations into Grand Central during the summer of 2018. Sunrail extended its commuter line 17 miles to Poinciana last summer and Brightline (now Virgin Trains USA) began serving downtown Miami. If time permits, there may be a quick peek at the rail activities and scenes related to the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony in Utah which Ron will have just returned from to present this comprehensive show.

Next Three Presenters

June 21, 2019 – Paul Gawkowski; September 20, 2019 – Nicholas DiBari; October 18, 2019 – TBD
Please note that there will be no meeting in July or August.

President's Message by Robert Newhouser

Registration for ERA's first annual convention to the great American Southwest continues apace with our discount hotel room space filling up quickly! Our 2019 first-ever Southwest U.S. convention takes us to Tucson, Phoenix and El Paso, all cities with successful post-Millennium streetcar or light rail systems. Our convention features a trip on Amtrak's famed *Sunset Limited*. The Tucson University Park Marriott and Hilton DoubleTree Downtown El Paso serve as our host hotels.

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One catch -- you must book and pay in full by May 24, 2019, if you want to participate on the Amtrak trip in the ERA-chartered car. If you are booking separately or traveling by other modes between Tucson and El Paso, we need your registration no later than July 30, 2019. After May 24, please plan to book your Amtrak travel on your own. **So don't delay, book today!**

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.

Regional Trip Plans for 2019

Here are the trips planned for the rest of 2019, subject to change: (a) Saturday, June 1 – Hershey, Pennsylvania/Museum of Bus Transportation and Manheim Streetcar* (see flyer in this mailing); (b) Saturday-Wednesday, August 10-14 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Cleveland, Ohio*; (c) Saturday, October 5 – Westchester County and Trolley Museum of New York*

*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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