



Meeting Notice

Our Next Zoom Meeting is on
Friday, December 18, 2020

Presenting This Month: Andrew Grahl

The presenter of our December show is ERA Program Chairman **Andrew Grahl**. Andrew will switch gears from showing slides to present this show digitally on Zoom. His show will consist of the following traction topics:

- **NYC Rail Operations News Update:** NYC Transit, Metro-North, LIRR and NJT
- **Pre-Pandemic Road Trip:** February 2020 pictures of Little Rock, Oklahoma City, Dallas and El Paso
- **Vintage Kodachromes of NYC in the 1950s:** Subways, elevateds, trolleys and railroads!
- **Recent Newsworthy Views:** Toronto (December 2019), Boston (2020) and Philadelphia (2020)

Andrew's prior programs were generally year-in-review snapshots. Being that 2020 was so different, Andrew will roll back the clock to a more normal time when we could spend the holiday season with our friends, and he will present a special selection of group photos taken during ERA fantrips. Since our Zoom audience comes from the entire country and around the world, Andrew will show historic traction photos from a wide variety of locations so viewers will be sure to see photos of places near their homes.

This program will be a joint two-part presentation with the **New York Railroad Enthusiasts**. Tonight's presentation, consisting of mostly traction subjects, will be Part 1. Andrew will present Part 2 to the NYRRE on January 22, 2021 when mostly railroad subjects will be covered. ERA members are welcome to join the NYRRE show by visiting www.nyrre.org on that date for a Zoom invitation.

Please join us for the final presentation of 2020 and enjoy a heartwarming slideshow of current and historical traction subjects!

How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

Please go to ERA's website at www.erausa.org for the Zoom link to join. The home page with the evening's program will have the "Zoom Login" button for joining the Zoom meeting posted about five days before the meeting. The Zoom meeting becomes available for signing on at 7:15 PM. The show begins at 7:30 PM.

If you have any problems, email Bob Newhouser at bnnyc1955@aol.com, or on the night of the meeting call or text Bob at **917-482-4235**.

Other Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

2021 Meetings — As the historic Roosevelt Hotel will be closing at the end of the year, our monthly meetings will remain virtual on our highly successful Zoom venue until further notice. With the speaker's approval, all meetings are recorded and posted on ERA's website, www.erausa.org. ERA's Zoom meetings have had spectacular attendance (148 in September!) and made it possible for our many non-NYC-area members spanning Australia, Japan, North America, the UK and Germany to participate!

ERA Has Made It Easy to Donate — Thank you very much to those of you who have already made generous contributions to support our programs along with your dues renewals! The membership's response to date has been outstanding! As we explained in our 2021 dues renewal letter, even with our streamlining program and dues adjustments, our expenses are projected to exceed revenues by approximately \$40,000 per year, making it difficult for ERA to continue beyond the 2023 membership year. If you have not already done so, please consider a donation this year to help ERA continue its 86-year record of traction education and entertainment. Our new online form makes it much easier to donate! ERA is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. Your donations are fully tax deductible and can be made using the new donation form on our website: www.erausa.org/donate. As of March 2020, the **CARES Act** allows individual taxpayers to **deduct donations to charity of up to \$300** on their 2020 federal tax return, even if they take the standard deduction.