



# Meeting Notice

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Our next Zoom Meeting is on  
**Friday, December 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

## Presenting This Month: David Wilson

This month's Zoom presentation by **David Wilson** is "Manhattan Transfer." David's show will trace the purposes, construction, expansion, decline and revival of transportation systems at the Hudson River waterfront from the first railroads to the introduction of present-day light rail and ferry service.

Manhattan Transfer was more than a fictional name for Penn Station immortalized in the titular novel by John Dos Passos. For nearly two centuries, eight railroads, streetcar operations and a subway line surmounted obstacles in northern New Jersey to reach the Hudson River waterfront where passengers could transfer to ferry boats or H&M subway trains to gain access to Manhattan.

David has been riding, observing, documenting, and loving railroads and public transit for nearly 60 years. He began touring transit systems in his teens, including his first visit to New York, Hoboken, and Newark when he was 17. He has since made 14 visits to Hoboken and surrounding communities. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Kent State University (along the mainline of the Erie-Lackawanna railroad) and a Master of Urban Planning and Policy from University of Illinois at Chicago.

In 2015 David retired from his 48-year career in transportation management, having worked in marketing for four railroads, and finished his career as a bus route planner for Chicago Transit Authority. He has since authored a book and various articles on transportation history in Chicago and gave numerous presentations on various aspects of transportation history and operations.

This presentation is comprehensive, with many rare photos. It is not one to be missed!

## How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

A "Zoom Login" button will be posted on our homepage about five days before David's presentation. Please go to ERA's website at [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org) to join. You can sign in at 7:15 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. If you have any problems, email **Bob Newhouser** at [bnnyc1955@aol.com](mailto:bnnyc1955@aol.com), or on the night of the meeting, text or call Bob at **917-482-4235**.

## Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

**ERA Trips Are Back!** ERA annual conventions have returned. Our 2022 convention, based in San Diego from July 7-10, will be headquartered at the Best Western Plus Hacienda Hotel Old Town in San Diego's historic Old Town district. We have planned several exciting trips throughout Southern California. Check the ERA website soon and watch for our convention flyer in the December mailing for more details.

ERA international tours also return in 2022 with an exciting trip to Greece, starting and ending in Athens from September 8-17 (leaving the U.S. on September 7). We will travel on high-speed railways, a narrow-gauge steam train, and a luxury tour coach. Check the ERA website soon and watch for our tour flyer in the January mailing when "Transit and Tourism in Athens and Thessaloniki (Salonica)" will be covered in detail.

**Save the Date!** Our next Zoom meeting will be on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The presenter will be announced soon.

It is that time of year for **renewing your ERA membership for 2022** and **voting for the 2022 board of directors**. We have mailed each of you a printed form for your renewal. OR, if you prefer, renew quickly online as well as vote for your 2022 directors on the following pages of the ERA website:

- 2022 membership renewal can be found at: [www.erausa.org/renew/](http://www.erausa.org/renew/)
- 2022 membership e-card can be found at: [www.erausa.org/card/](http://www.erausa.org/card/)
- 2022 candidate bios for board of directors can be found at: [www.erausa.org/bios/](http://www.erausa.org/bios/)
- 2022 voting page can be found at: [www.tinyurl.com/5ev7ejn9](http://www.tinyurl.com/5ev7ejn9)

ERA greatly appreciates your prompt membership renewals and your donations. It's our primary source of income and makes possible the monthly programming, *Bulletin* issues and the *Headlights* magazine that we all count on and enjoy!