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Entertainment Calendar
December, 2017 – May, 2018

Our monthly meetings are held at the Midtown Hotel, 220 Huntington Avenue, Boston. This is near Symphony station on the “E” branch of the MBTA Green Line; it’s also accessible by the #1 Harvard–Dudley bus, and by Massachusetts Ave. station on the Orange Line. Parking is available for a discounted rate of \$20; ask at the hotel front desk for the “meeting rate”. For more detailed directions, please visit our website www.thebsra.org.

- December 2, 2017** **JIM SCHANTZ’S SEASHORE TROLLEY MUSEUM UPDATE.** Seashore Trolley Museum President Jim Schantz will provide an update on recent progress at Seashore, including restoration of some important Boston cars, Seashore’s activities in Boston, and recent developments in the trolley system in Lowell. Finally, he will report on the museum’s participation in the streetcar activities of the American Public Transit Association and the Community Streetcar Coalition, and involvement with new streetcar projects across North America, with bonus photos of some European transit systems from 40 to 45 years ago.
- January 6, 2018** **SEEKING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE: STREETCARS AND BICYCLES IN THE NEW URBAN ENVIRONMENT.** Franklyn P. Salimbene, senior lecturer in law at Bentley University, presents a paper on a suit in Seattle, Washington, involving bicyclists who sued the city for injuries they sustained resulting from their wheels being caught in the flange of streetcar tracks on the new West Lake Avenue North streetcar line. The presentation includes a brief historical perspective on the development of streetcars and bicycles as means of transportation in the late 19th century, the legal underpinnings and decision regarding the Seattle suit, and methods being developed in three cities to resolve the dangers of the interface between streetcars and bicycles on urban roadways. The paper can be accessed at https://wfulawpolicyjournal.com/files.wordpress.com/2017/06/salimbene_seeking_peaceful_coexistence.pdf.
- February 3, 2018** **TRANSIT IN THE CITY OF ANGELS.** Nick Tomkavage will present a contemporary review of transit in Los Angeles, featuring the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority’s modern light rail system and extensive bus network, plus scenes of preserved historic streetcars at the Orange Empire Railway Museum.
- March 3, 2018** **PENNSYLVANIA TRACTION MUSEUMS.** George Chiasson will show us photos he took in 2015 and 2016 of traction museums and museum lines in Pennsylvania. This will include Electric City Trolley Museum, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Steamtown National Historic Park, the Strasburg Railroad, and a couple of photos of current service in the area, and wind up with a fan trip on SEPTA’s PCC IIs in May 2015. If time permits, we’ll also see some bonus photos of modern service run by the Maryland Transit Administration.
- April 7, 2018** **BUFFALO, PHILADELPHIA, AND SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY.** Donald Nevin will show us photos he took of Buffalo Metro Rail in 1987, followed by views of transportation in Philadelphia and the nearby part of New Jersey in 2003–04. This starts with a fan trip on the former Red Arrow Lines, using two Kawasaki cars, featuring a chase of SEPTA’s diesel-powered work car that functions as both a line car and a snowplow. Next is trolleycoach service (now replaced by buses) on Snyder Avenue (SEPTA route 79), and then the New Jersey River Line running from Trenton to Camden, NJ. He’ll wind up the show with photos of various scenes on SEPTA.
- May 12, 2018** **ELECTRIC TRANSIT OF KYOTO.** Nick Tomkavage will share photos and videos of the various forms of electric transit in greater Kyoto. We’ll see scenes of the Keifuku Electric Railroad’s “Randen” tram line, street running on the Keihan Keishin line, the Japan Railway’s Osaka Loop line, and many of the Japan Railway’s other interurban lines. **PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be on the second Saturday in May due to a conflict with another event in the Midtown Hotel.**

Upcoming 2018 meetings: June 2; July 14; August 4; September 8; October 13; November 3; December 1.

The business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and includes a discussion of current news on the MBTA and other transit systems. The entertainment program begins at approximately 8:15 p.m. and generally lasts about 2 hours. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Saturday of the month. If the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, then the meeting will be postponed to the second Saturday of the month. For last-minute changes or additional information, please visit our website at www.thebsra.org. For cancellation info in the event of extreme weather, see the website.

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