

**Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.**  
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**Entertainment Calendar**  
**November, 2016 – April, 2017**

***New Meeting Location!!*** Our monthly meetings are now 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. For more detailed directions, please visit our website [www.thebsra.org](http://www.thebsra.org). Thank you for your patience and understanding.

- November 5, 2016** **HISTORY OF TRANSIT IN DORCHESTER.** From the Dunmore Brothers’ stagecoach in the 1830s; to the contentious horsecar rivalries of the 1860s; to the arrival of rapid transit in the late 1920s and more: Stuart Spina will trace the history of transport in Dorchester from its days as an idyllic country town to streetcar suburb and up to the modern era. Rare scenes of the many modes that have served Boston’s largest neighborhood will be presented along with a whirlwind tour of current operations. Steam railroads (mainline and street) up to the latest in hybrid bus technology: join us on an adventure across the ages from Savin Hill to Lower Mills to Mattapan Square!
- December 3, 2016** **A LOOK BEHIND THE CURTAIN: CHINA, CUBA, AND NORTH KOREA.** Clive Foss reports on some unfamiliar electric traction from travels in the communist world, mostly in the 1990s: China’s three streetcar systems, then in decline; Cuba’s Hershey Electric Railway, the last interurban, barely surviving; and the world’s most inaccessible streetcars: the then new system in Pyongyang, North Korea, with its Stalinist metro.
- January 7, 2017** **SRI LANKA — RAILWAYS AND CULTURE.** Loring Lawrence presents Sri Lanka, off the southern tip of India. Most of the nation is well-served by the government-owned railway system, now all broad gauge (5' 6"), and all running diesel trains, although some steam is still operable. Loring will take us on a tour of the railway lines, plus a visit to the immense main workshops, and will show us extensive government-owned bus service, supplemented by private operators. We’ll also sample numerous cultural highlights, including UNESCO World Heritage sites. The program will conclude with a brief look at Asia’s smallest nation, the Maldives Islands.
- February 4, 2017** **AMERICAN STREETCARS IN THE LATE 1950S AND EARLY 1960S.** Clark Frazier presents a digital show of U.S. streetcar properties that were still operating in the late 1950s to early 1960s, featuring Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis, El Paso, Los Angeles, and early views of New Orleans and San Francisco, plus Chicago’s North Shore Line.
- March 4, 2017** **MID-CENTURY TROLLEY AND RAILROAD FILMS FROM THE HORSE’S MOUTH.** Donald Nevin presents a variety of moving pictures from the 1930s, ’40s, and ’50s. In *The Vanishing El*, we’ll see the Third Avenue El in New York in the late 1940s. *Ten Seconds to Go* is a Kansas City Public Service Company employee safety film made during World War II. *It’s a Big Job*, an early-1950s worker recruiting film from the narrow-gauge Los Angeles Railway, offers a different type of streetcar company presentation. And in *Flight of the Century*, we’ll experience a ride on the *Twentieth Century Limited*, filmed by the New York Central in 1935.
- April 1, 2017** **TORONTO TRANSIT IN ACTION.** Mike Prescott & Nick Tomkavage offer a cross-section of contemporary transit in Ontario’s capital, sharing photos and videos taken on their recent trip. Featured will be CLRVs (including two that ran in Boston); Articulated CLRVs; new Bombardier Flexity LRVs (and the Leslie Barns built for them); new “Toronto Rocket” continuous-interior subway trains; and much more. Plus, ride along on a Toronto Transportation Society PCC fantrip!

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](http://www.thebsra.org). For cancellation info in the event of extreme weather, see the website.

The BSRA does not permit any video, still, or sound recording of the entertainment at our meetings. This is out of respect for the rights of our presenters and out of consideration for all members of our audience, and to ensure that we are in compliance with copyright laws. We appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.