

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
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Entertainment Calendar
November, 2018 – May, 2019

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. For more detailed directions, see our website www.thebsra.org.

- November 3, 2018** **PORTLAND STREETCARS.** Nick Tomkavage will present a contemporary review of Portland, Oregon’s streetcar network, one of America’s preeminent modern systems. Nick will show images and video clips of light rail and bus operations, including a few historical photographs. Highlights will include views of the Portland Transit Mall, Union Station, the Steel Bridge, the Tilikum Crossing, and many more scenes of streetcars running in the street and in private medians.
- December 1, 2018** **WASHINGTON, D.C., BALTIMORE, AND SARAJEVO.** Clark Frazier will show slides of Washington, D.C., streetcars operating 1958–1961, and 1978 views of ex-Washington PCC streetcars still operational in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Also showing will be some views of nearby Baltimore 1958–1961, including Sparrows Point on the last day of service. Short subjects will include a survey of East German two-axle trams in 1978.
- January 5, 2019** **THE HISTORY OF TRANSIT IN DORCHESTER.** Stuart Spina will trace the history of transportation in Dorchester from the Dunmore Brothers and their stagecoach to Boston in the 1830s, to the contentious horsecar rivalries of the 1860s, to the arrival of rapid transit in the late 1920s and more; 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 what is now Boston’s largest neighborhood will be presented along with a whirlwind tour of current operations. From steam railroad, both mainline and street, to the latest in hybrid bus technology: join us on an adventure across the ages, from Savin Hill to Milton Lower Mills to Mattapan Square!
- February 2, 2019** **ELECTRICS OF PORTUGAL.** Nick Tomkavage will present a photo and video tour of electric traction in Portugal, one of Europe’s richest streetcar countries. We’ll see scenes of Lisbon’s famous yellow cars moving the masses through narrow streets; Porto’s historic streetcar lines and contemporary light rail system will also be featured. We will also visit the comprehensive tramway museums of Lisbon and Porto, plus a few surprises along the way!
- March 2, 2019** **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, winding up with a fan trip on SEPTA’s PCC IIs in May 2015. If time permits, we’ll also see bonus views of modern service run by the Maryland Transit Administration. *This show has been rescheduled from March, 2018.*
- April 6, 2019** **VINTAGE WORCESTER AREA TRANSIT.** Worcester once operated over 300 miles of track and had 550 streetcars. Leo Sullivan will show vintage photographs of through service to Springfield, Fitchburg, Spencer and Webster, and extensive freight, winding up with a sampling of buses.
- May 4, 2019** **DONALD NEVIN’S CANADIAN TRAVELS, PART 2.** Donald Nevin will give a slide show of his Canadian travels in March 1988, starting on the *Adirondack* from Albany-Rensselaer (NY) to Montreal. He’ll show his trip across Canada to Vancouver on the *Canadian* and the *Supercontinental*, with scenes of light rail and trackless trolley operation (including GMC Fishbowl trolley coaches) in Edmonton. He’ll show the SkyTrain in Vancouver, and finish up with a combination bus and ferry ride to the city of Victoria on Vancouver Island.

Upcoming 2019 meetings: June 1; July 13; August 3; September 7; October 5; November 2; December 7.

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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