

**Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.**  
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**Entertainment Calendar**  
**December, 2019 – May, 2020**

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](http://www.thebsra.org).

- December 7, 2019** **CLASSIC STREETCARS AND INTERURBANS OF THE WORLD.** Clark Frazier returns this month to present classic streetcars from around the world that were still in service in the 1980s, in a whirlwind tour of systems from Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, France, Sweden, Isle of Man, Japan, China, and Mexico.
- January 4, 2020** **MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC CITY, AND THEIR INTERURBANS.** Leo Sullivan will present slides he took, plus images he acquired over the years, of traction in Québec province. Montréal had a large city system that lasted until 1959, which Leo visited frequently. Extending 50 miles to the south was the Montréal & Southern Counties Railway, featuring assorted equipment including large wooden interurban cars. The city system in Québec ceased just before Leo was there, but the interurban division lasted until 1959, one of the last interurbans in North America. Leo will also touch upon several other systems in the province.
- February 1, 2020** **ROLLSIGN ARCHIVES.** The *RollSign* archives hold over a century of unique Boston transit images, including many rarely seen views from *RollSign* contributors through the years. Nick Tomkavage will present a collection of scenes that have never been published, or were published decades ago.
- March 7, 2020** **GEORGE CHIASSON’S PENNSYLVANIAN AND MIDWESTERN TRAVELS.** Taken in June 2019, we’ll see the Pittsburgh Light Rail system; the Ohio Railway Museum near Columbus; a little bit of the National Museum of Transport near St. Louis; a few shots of the flooded Union Pacific along the Mississippi River in western Illinois; glimpses of the Delmar Loop Trolley and Metrolink in St. Louis itself; an extensive look at the Cincinnati Bell Connector Streetcar; and finally, views at the Railways to Yesterday trolley museum in Orbisonia, Pa.
- April 4, 2020** **THE EASTERN MASS., DETROIT, AND THE KEY SYSTEM.** Donald Nevin will show a DVD compiled by Seashore Trolley Museum from films taken by various rail enthusiasts, mainly in the 1930s. This will chiefly feature the Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry., with stops at Haverhill, Lynn, Stoneham (with service to Sullivan Square), Quincy (with service from Fields Corner in World War II), and Brockton; followed by Boston Elevated Railway trains in Charlestown with connecting streetcar service. We’ll also see ferries of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn RR; switching on the Union Freight Railroad (featuring a Climax locomotive); and other scenes. Next will be *Getting About*, filmed around 1936 by the Detroit Street Railway to show off the company’s operations and history; and finally, *March of Progress*, made by the Key System during World War II to show off their operations.
- May 2, 2020** **HERB PENCE’S SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND CANADIAN TRAVELS.** Herb will show Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (née Malaya); Singapore; a brief stop in Mallorca; the Canadian Railway Museum in Delson, Québec; Boston in 1979; and a final pre-*Downeaster* surprise.

**Upcoming meetings: June 6; July 11; August 1; September 12; October 3; November 7; December 5.**

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.

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