

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.

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Entertainment Calendar • March – July, 2021

Until it's safe to resume in-person meetings, our monthly meetings will be on the online Zoom platform. We start admitting people from the waiting room shortly before 7:30 PM Eastern Time.

Members and Subscribers who have opted into our email list, will automatically be sent instructions each month on how to join that month's meeting. This notice will be sent on the day before each meeting.

To sign up for our email list, go to www.thebsra.org/emailsSignup, or email info@thebsra.org. We won't share your email address with others.

If you aren't a BSRA Member, or if you don't want to join our email list, you can request a one-time email with instructions on how to join the next month's meeting, by contacting us at info@thebsra.org.

- March 6, 2021** **CAR BARNS OF BOSTON ELEVATED IN CAMBRIDGE, ARLINGTON, AND WATERTOWN.** Leo Sullivan returns to present more images of Boston Elevated Railway shops and car barns through the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. This will include pictures, plans and narrative.
- April 3, 2021** **NEW YORK, POLAND, AND UKRAINE.** Eric Oszustowicz will present scenes of the New York City Subway system from 2015 to 2020. Recent images of the LIRR, Metro North and New Jersey Transit are also on the agenda, in addition to a quick look at the newest NYCT buses. Then he'll present photos of various tram and metro systems throughout Ukraine and Poland during 2017 and 2018. Commuter and intercity rail will also be included.
- May 1, 2021** **THE ROLLSIGN ARCHIVES, PART 2.** *RollSign's* archives hold over a century of unique Boston transit images, including many rarely seen views from *RollSign* contributors through the years. Nick Tomkavage returns to present even more from the BSRA's collection of scenes that have never been published, or were published decades ago.
- June 5, 2021** **TRAMWAYS AND INTERURBAN RAILWAYS OF JAPAN, CHINA, AND HONG KONG.** Clark Frazier will present slides from a six-week tour of Japan in 1982, a return visit to Japan, and a tour of the Peoples Republic of China in 1983. Remaining streetcar properties still in operation were visited; most smaller interurban systems were also visited; and views of passenger and freight operations will be shown, including main line Japan National Railways. Most interurbans were built to 3' 6" gauge, but older interurban cars and freight motors have a strong resemblance to US interurban cars of the 1920s. Views of the four remaining tramways in cities along the South Manchurian Railway will be shown, and the influence of Japanese control of Manchuria will be apparent. Finally, views of the British style Hong Kong tramway and the modern Tuen Mun light rail system will round out the program.
- July 10, 2021** **SOUTH COAST RAIL PROJECT UPDATE.** Jean C. Fox, MassDOT Director of Public Engagement for South Coast Rail, will present an update of MassDOT's project for extending MBTA Commuter Rail to communities in southeastern Massachusetts that currently have no service. Ms. Fox will present an overview of the region, proposed stations, a summary of project benefits, and an update on the ongoing construction work. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. ***This meeting will be on the second Saturday of the month to avoid conflict with the Fourth of July holiday.***

Upcoming 2021 meetings: August 7; September 11; October 2; November 6; December 4.

The business meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes a discussion of current news on the MBTA and other transit systems. The entertainment program begins about 8:00 PM and generally lasts about 1½–2 hours. Meetings 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. **For last-minute changes or additional info about our upcoming meetings and other events, please visit our website www.thebsra.org.**

The BSRA does not permit any video, still, or sound recording of the entertainment at our in-person, live meetings. This policy applies to entertainment provided at Internet-based Zoom meetings as well. 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 and intellectual property law. If individual members would like recordings of entertainment programs provided at our meetings, we suggest that you contact the presenter and make arrangements directly with the presenter for the material you want. It is up to the individual presenter to determine to what extent they are willing to do so. We appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.