

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.

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Entertainment Calendar • September, 2022 – February, 2023

We continue to hold our monthly meetings virtually using the online Zoom platform. We start admitting people from the waiting room shortly before 7:30 PM Eastern Time. **Links to our Zoom meetings are now posted on our website at www.thebsra.org/meetings on the day of the meeting.** Just go to that website and click on the link to join the meeting.

- September 10, 2022** **EARLY RAILROADS SERVING BOSTON'S INNER NORTH SHORE.** In an encore presentation for those who missed our meeting on September 8, 2017, Bill Lieberman (a BSRA member living in San Francisco!) will present a visual summary of steam railroads that served Winthrop, Orient Heights, and Revere Beach in the 1870s and '80s, based on his recently published book, *The Train on the Beach*. He'll give a thorough presentation about narrow and standard gauge railroads that complemented — and sometimes competed with — the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad. ***This meeting will be on the second Saturday to avoid conflict with Labor Day weekend.***
- October 1, 2022** **THE FIRST VERY LAST TRACKLESS TROLLEY SHOW (PART ONE).** George Chiasson will present the first segment of a program on all four MBTA "North Cambridge" trackless trolley routes (71-Watertown, 72-Huron, 73-Waverley, and 77A-North Cambridge), from the early days of the last generation of trackless trolleys — the MBTA Neoplan-built, Skoda-equipped 4100-series trolley coaches — to the last day of operation, all geographically arranged in great detail. A couple of photos of the previous New Flyer generation will also be included.
- November 5, 2022** **PETER EHRLICH VISITS PITTSBURGH AND MORE.** Transit historian, retired San Francisco Muni motorman, and author of *San Francisco's F-Line*, Peter Ehrlich will give a digital program featuring Pittsburgh trolleys, from the Pittsburgh Railways epoch, PATransit's colorful Geissenheimer era, and beyond — from the 1950s right up to 1999, when Pittsburgh's last PCCs operated. Peter will also take us to Yakima, Washington, for a visit to the Selah line, the last Yakima Valley Transportation interurban route; make brief stops in Seattle and Portland; and give a look at the North Shore *Electroliners*, perhaps the finest interurban cars ever built. There may also be a surprise or two!
- December 3, 2022** **NEW POWER TO THE PANTOGRAPH? AMERICAN RAIL POLICY AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD'S ELECTRIFICATION PLANS, 1968–1982.** Jacob Deck presents a summary of research in the Union Pacific archives concerning the electrification studies the railroad completed between 1968 and 1982. Led by the dynamic John C. Kenefick, the mighty Union Pacific was at the forefront of a wave of interest in mainline rail electrification during this era. The presentation will explore the route, technical details, and motive power of a hypothetical UP electrified zone, as well as the obstacles, both political and economic, that kept such a zone hypothetical. Remember, there is always a Massachusetts connection.
- January 7, 2023** **CLARK FRAZIER TOURS THE WARSAW PACT.** In 1978–1982, Clark Frazier visited Warsaw Pact countries including Ukraine and Estonia (then part of the Soviet Union), Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and East Germany, and will show what he saw. He'll also show bonus photos from his visits to Poland after 1989, and after the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- February 4, 2023** **JIM SCHANTZ'S SEASHORE TROLLEY MUSEUM UPDATE.** Seashore Trolley Museum President and CEO Jim Schantz will provide an update on recent progress at Seashore, including restoration efforts on a wide variety of cars. He'll also give a description of two major construction projects underway at Seashore, one to replace and expand the museum's oldest carbarn, South Boston. The second is to construct a year-round home for the Maine Central Model Railroad being relocated from Jonesport, Maine, to Seashore's campus. These projects are made possible by donations of over \$4 million to the museum.

Upcoming 2023 meetings: March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 9, October 14.

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 programs at our in-person, live meetings, or at our Internet-based Zoom 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 and intellectual property law. If individual members want 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.

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