

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.

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Entertainment Calendar • December, 2024 – April, 2025

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 posted on our website at www.thebsra.org/meetings on the day of the meeting.** Go to that website and click on the link to join the meeting.

We are looking for presenters for upcoming months. If you have a show that you could give at one of our meetings, please contact the BSRA at info@thebsra.org.

- December 7, 2024** **ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ GIVES A WHIRLWIND TOUR.** Eric Oszustowicz will present both videos and still photographs covering a multitude of subjects. The videos will portray the 2022 farewell charter trip of Boston's trackless trolleys, the New York Subway system, New Jersey Transit rail operations, Metro North, the LIRR, and Amtrak. Also included are videos of rail operations in Chicago and Philadelphia, plus nationwide freight operations. Still photos will be mixed in throughout. Vintage 1984–1999 views in both New York and Boston will round out the show. The last 30 minutes will be completely devoted to the Boston area.
- January 4, 2024** **WHEN THE ELEVATED WAS NEW, PART 4.** Leo Sullivan returns with the fourth part of a series on the Boston Elevated Railway's Main Line Elevated, featuring photos from the early part of the Twentieth Century. This portion focuses on the Atlantic Avenue Elevated, as well as the neighborhoods in its vicinity, and some of the connecting steamboat service in Boston Harbor.
- February 1, 2025** **CLARK FRAZIER TOURS WESTERN EUROPE, PART 2.** Clark Frazier returns with his visits to Western Europe, and a few other places, in 1976–1984. This Part 2 will include the Netherlands, Belgium, Asunción (Paraguay), United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Portugal, Yakima, San Francisco Trolley Festival, Spain, Norway, Sweden, and Finland.
- March 1, 2025** **WIRING THE CORRIDOR.** David Alff, author of *The Northeast Corridor*, tells the story behind one of America's greatest infrastructural achievements: the electrification of the rail lines linking Boston, New York, and Washington. This talk and slideshow will cover everything from Thomas Edison's experiments with electro-magnetic railways to Amtrak's extension of catenary to Boston in the late 1990s.
- April 5, 2025** **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 2025 meetings: May 3, June 7, July 12, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1.

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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