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**Entertainment Calendar**  
**May – October, 2008**

- May 10, 2008:** **TRACTION BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.** Eric Oszustowicz will narrate a slide presentation utilizing the vast collection of the late Joseph and Richard Braun, focusing on Cold War-era photos of tram systems behind the Iron Curtain. This presentation will begin in the Soviet Union with 1967 views of Moscow in Russia, and Kiev in the Ukraine. We then move on to the tramways of Sofia (1971–74); Bucharest (1967); Sarajevo and Dubrovnik (1966); Belgrade and Subotica (1971); Prague, Krakow, and Warsaw (1967); and finally Budapest (1967). If time permits, views of ex-Third Avenue Railways cars operating in Vienna, Austria, in regular passenger service will be shown. Joseph and Richard Braun spent many years recording history. Thankfully, their goodwill and generosity has now enabled us to witness their legacy. *Please note that this meeting will be on the second Saturday in May in order to avoid a conflict with the Boston Trolley Meet, which will be held on May 2 & 3.*
- June 7, 2008:** **MBTA BUS OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT, ANOTHER LOOK.** Back in 1990, premier Boston-area bus enthusiast Bob Hussey delighted us all with a look back at MBTA bus operations in its earliest years. This time, Bob is back with a slightly more up-to-date photographic retrospective of the same subject, including some focus on the legacy still being created by the T's ubiquitous fleet of RTS buses through their first 23 years of service.
- July 12, 2008:** **TRANSIT POTPOURRI.** Back by popular demand in its familiar calendar slot, the Potpourri is BSRA's ultimate member participation night of entertainment. Anything goes (slides, digitals, videos, even movies if anyone has them) provided that submissions are of reasonable length and have transit as their main subject. Participants are requested to bring their materials to the Entertainment Committee representative at the front desk prior to the business meeting to be queued; subjects will be shown in the order they are received. *This meeting will be on the second Saturday in July in order to avoid a conflict with the 4th of July.*
- August 2, 2008:** **A COUPLE OF SHORTIES.** In our first "double feature" for quite some time, Norman Fox will lead off with older Orange and Blue Line slides culled from his venerable personal collection that date from the 1980s. Donald Nevin holds up the second half of this show with a movie about the Indiana Railroad.
- September 6, 2008:** **EXPLORATIONS WITH MIKE PRESCOTT.** The BSRA's Publications Director plans a multiplicity of subjects — mostly digital photos, maybe slides as well — concentrating on transit in Boston and New York City, also including the Yellow Line in Chicago (formerly Skokie Swift), the Las Vegas monorail, the Ybor City Streetcar in Tampa, and the bus and monorail operations at Walt Disney World.
- October 4, 2008:** **ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBERS' NIGHT, YEAR 2.** Given that October is our Annual Meeting, we decided to again seek out member participation on a specific subject. This year's subject is the MBTA Blue Line, which in 2008 has new trains on the line and quite a glorious past. As with the Potpourri, anything goes, provided that submissions are of reasonable length; please come to the front desk prior to the business meeting to queue your material.

**Upcoming 2008 meetings:** November 1; December 6.

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 at the Grand Lodge of Masons, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, directly across from Boylston station on the Green Line. If the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, then the meeting will be postponed to the second Saturday of the month.

Video and slide current event materials are presented following the scheduled entertainment when time permits. Current event materials should be queued with the Entertainment Chairman prior to the start of the meeting. Video presentations are limited to 10 minutes per person; slides are limited to 35 per person.

For changes or additional information, please call us at (781) 433-7015. For cancellation information in the event of extreme weather, please call after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.