

Entertainment Calendar
July – December, 2011

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- July 9, 2011:** **TROLLEY VIDEOS.** Donald Nevin presents two tapes from Transit Gloria Mundi. First we'll see *Trolley: The Cars that Built Our Cities*, featuring the history of electric railways from the earliest days to the revival of light rail. Then he'll show *Steel and Ice: The Trolley Days of Winter*, portraying snow sweeper and snow plow operations from the streetcar systems of various North American cities from the 1890s to the 1950s. *This meeting is on the second Saturday in July due to the Fourth of July holiday.*
- August 6, 2011:** **CURRENT SCENES FROM THE CITY BY THE BAY.** Nick Tomkavage traveled to San Francisco this spring, and he's returned to show us some digital photos from the Bay Area. Featured will be Muni's light rail lines (LRVs and PCCs), some trackless trolleys, and possibly a few surprises.
- September 10, 2011:** **SMALL OR STARTER RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN THE SOUTH.** Allan Jayne presents a tour of southeastern cities in late 2010. Featured will be the streetcar system in Tampa, a tourist streetcar line in Savannah, and the light rail system in Charlotte. If time permits, scenes of Hong Kong in 2008 or some other surprises will be presented. *This meeting is on the second Saturday in September due to the Labor Day holiday.*
- October 1, 2011** **R. ALLAN POMMER'S '70s-'80s FILM POTPOURRI.** R. Allan Pommer brings us a set of film treats from semi-recent times, in Super 8 with sound. First we'll see MBTA Commuter Rail and Amtrak at South Station, Back Bay, and Forest Hills from 1978–1983. Then we'll see the ceremonial last day of service for the GG-1s in 1983. After this, Allan will show Pittsburgh trolley operations in the 1970s. Finally, if time permits, he'll have a surprise bonus reel for us.
- November 5, 2011** **A SURVEY OF RAIL LINES IN THE GREATER PITTSBURGH AREA.** George Chiasson presents Port Authority Transit's light rail system as it evolved from 1986 to 2006, with some bonus shots of buses. We'll also see the two major trunk railroads serving Western Pennsylvania: Norfolk Southern (former Conrail, previously the Pennsylvania Railroad) and CSX Transportation (previously the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad), plus the PATrain commuter rail service that was eliminated in 1988. This show also represents a technical first for the BSRA: not only will it be digital, but it will be streamed in directly from the internet.
- December 3, 2011** **SCENES AROUND GREATER BOSTON: AN INTERMEDIATE MEMBER PRESENTS.** Ryan Anderson — age 11, and already an accomplished *RollSign* photographer — will present images from his collection, featuring views of MBTA equipment in the past two years. He'll also show a few other scenes from eastern Massachusetts, including various Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs), private buses, and Amtrak.

UPCOMING MEETING: January 7, 2012

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.

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