



# Spring 2009 Publications Catalogue

## “NEW-TO-US” TRACTION DVDs

*These three popular titles are now available from the BSRA – Be sure they’re a part of your collection!*

### **The Last PCCs in the East** by Carson Home Video

If there were ever an inanimate object with a personality, it’s the PCC car. Designed in the 1930’s by a commission set up by the Presidents of several electric railways, the PCC became an international standard which survived for well over 60 years. This video documents the final days of PCC operation on the City Subway in Newark, NJ, and on the Drake Line outside Pittsburgh, PA, as well as the operation of PCCs on Boston’s Mattapan High Speed Line. See and hear these cars as they seem to “complain” about taking tight corners, or approve of good track. Covers all three lines thoroughly with a round-trip on each, along with frequent run-bys.

1 hour, 25 minutes, color.....DVD \$ 29.95

### **Boston’s Green Line, Volume 1: Riverside to Government Center** by Carson Home Video

This is one of the best known traction lines among fans in North America, as it is one of the few lines built in the 1950’s, a time when most traction systems were being shortened and abandoned. A far-sighted Boston connected what had been a commuter railroad line to its existing streetcar subway, creating what is today a popular and heavily used transit line. This program features a ride aboard a Type 7 car (built by Kinki-Sharyo), shot on a busy, sunny weekday afternoon – so There is plenty of activity both in and outside of the central subway. Hop on and go for a ride on the Green Line in your own living room! *Watch for Volume 2 next catalogue!*

50 minutes, color.....DVD \$ 24.95

### **Midwest Interurbans** by A & R Productions

In the early 1900s, you could go anywhere by rail. If the railroad couldn’t do it, the interurbans and trolleys could. This video shows several interurbans from the heartland as they operated their final years. Includes the Illinois Terminal (St. Louis, Peoria, Springfield and more); the Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Northern in Iowa (in the early 1950’s); and a tour of the Chicago area in the same era, including the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee; Chicago, Aurora and Elgin; Illinois Central electrics; Chicago, South Shore & South Bend; and an assortment of lines in the RTA. Includes narration and some sound.

35 minutes, black & white + color.....DVD \$ 29.95

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BOSTON TRANSIT!

*As the BSRA celebrates its own golden anniversary, we also celebrate the past 50 years in Boston’s transportation history.*

*We’ve gone from Type 5’s to Type 8’s, from 01400’s to 01800’s – with plenty of drama and excitement in between!*

### **New England Rails 1980’s: Decade of Change** by A & R Productions

The decade of the 1980’s was a period of change: The Boston & Maine became Guilford; the Providence & Worcester was exploding into a giant; cabooses were disappearing; and ALCOs were still active on several lines. This program features action on the B&M, P&W, Central VT, Green Mountain, Maine Central, Conrail, and several tourist operations. 3 hours, color.....3-DISC DVD \$ 29.95

### **1986 Boston Track Map** by BSRA

The system as it was in 1986 – complete with elevateds, Arborway, Southwest Corridor and more!.....CLEARANCE! \$ 2.00

### **Tremont Street Subway: A Century of Public Service** by Bradley H. Clarke & O.R. Cummings [BSRA Bulletin #22]

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### **Not For Tourists Guide to Boston 2009** by NFT

Let’s not forget present day transit operations! This pocket-sized guide to transit and the city features detailed maps of Boston neighborhoods, featuring transit lines, buses, points of interest, entertainment, and more! 384 pages, board-bound.....\$ 16.95

## RECENTLY-ADDED TRANSIT AND RAILROAD TITLES

### **The Central Mass.** by Tom Humphrey SECOND EDITION

Originally published in 1975 by the B&M RR Historical Society, the second edition features 39 new pages regarding the fate of the Central Mass in its last days of operation between Boston and Northampton. This edition also explores its rebirth as a rail trail and includes over 30 new illustrations, numerous maps & diagrams, as well as an errata and addenda to the first edition.

177 pages, hardcover.....\$ 39.95

### **By the El** by Lawrence Stelter SECOND EDITION

This second edition features vivid photographs and locals’ recollections of the Third Avenue Elevated trains that once dominated the skyline of Manhattan and the Bronx in New York. Over 200 color photos – largely from the years leading up to its abandonment in 1953 – are a balance between views of trains, stations, and the streets below. 132 pages, softbound.....\$ 19.95

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The 7th volume of this popular series features more stunning railroad - and transit - footage from one of New England’s best! This edition features scenes of the Conway Scenic RR in NH; Delaware & Hudson freight & passenger trains; New Haven RR (including steam special from South Sta.); early Amtrak operations (including Turbo Train); and even run-bys and a cab ride from North Station to Everett and back on the MBTA’s Orange Line Charlestown Elevated! 56 minutes, color.....DVD \$ 29.95

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**JULY 11:** *Eastern Europe*

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 Updated to January 2009, this is the complete track diagram of New York City's subway, with up-to-date rosters, mainline and yard trackage, and color signals. With all MTA service changes, plus PATH, Staten Island Railroad, and JFK AirTrain. This update includes Second Ave. subway track maps, plus details of the new terminal at South Ferry and the 7 train extension west of Times Sq. *142 pages, wirebound.....\$ 39.95*

**The Mass. Central: Quabbin's Phantom Railroad by J.R. Greene**  
 The 1996 "prequel" to Greene's Quabbin series. A detailed narrative tells the story of the first incarnation of the famous Central Mass. division of the B&M Railroad in the 1870's. From Cambridge to Holden, the line's story is told with great detail, along with selected maps and photos. *104 pages, softbound.....\$ 14.95*

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