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SPECTACULAR TRACTION DVDs

Carson's popular titles are now available in our catalogue on DVD – Be sure they're a part of your video library!

NEW! BOSTON'S GREEN LINE – VOLUME 2: LECHMERE TO HEATH STREET by Carson Home Video

This program covers the portion of Green Line tunnel and viaduct not shown in Volume 1, as well as the only remaining section where Light Rail and traffic intermingle on the street (Huntington Ave.) and the North Station Elevated – closed and torn down in 2004! This video was shot in 1992 and includes many run-bys. Another must-have! (Also available as a set with Volume 1 – see below!)

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

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In the 1950's, a far-sighted Boston connected what had been a commuter rail line to its existing streetcar subway, creating what is today a heavily used transit route. Features a ride aboard a Type 7 car (built by Kinki-Sharyo), shot on a busy 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!

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50 YEARS OF THE BOSTON STREET RAILWAY ASSOCIATION!

To celebrate the BSRA's 50th Anniversary Year in 2009, the Association has produced a special edition of its bi-monthly transit news magazine, **Roll Sign**, complete with photographs, articles, and stories of the Association's first 50 years – from fan trips to books, and everything in between! A must-have for any Boston transit fan. Our members received a copy in the mail, but we're offering additional copies here – get yours today! 16 pages – March/April 2009 Issue.....\$ 3.00 EACH

RECENTLY-ADDED BOOKS

OTTAWA STREETCARS by Benjamin L. Bernhart

This photo album captures the dying days of the Ottawa streetcar system. Featuring a series of color photographs shot in August, 1958, the book explores the "Last Great Stand" of the Ottawa streetcar during special operations for the Central Canada Exhibition – just months before service ended for good in 1959. Limited quantities remain – get your copy now!

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THE CENTRAL MASS. by Tom Humphrey SECOND EDITION

Originally published in 1975 by the B&M Historical Society, this 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; and an errata and addenda to the first edition.

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The decade of the 1980's was a period of great change to the New England rail scene. 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 Vermont, Green Mountain, Maine Central, Conrail, and several tourist operations. 3 hours, color.....3-DISC DVD \$29.95

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Watch the transition from steam to diesel, 1930s thru the 1950s. Ride the head end of "The Minuteman" from South Acton to North Station, then watch the rush hour parade of steam and diesel! Next, ride head end on one of the last runs of the "Alouette" on the Concord and Montreal into Woodsville. Also see Hoosac Tunnel, Deerfield, Conn. River Line and Central Mass RR.

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In a quaint era, John Boardman chronicled New England railroading with his 16mm camera, and now his color films allow us to peer back into a time tunnel of local transit memories:

VOLUME SIX: Features steam specials on the Green Mountain, Vermont and Conway Scenic Railways; the Bangor & Aroostook and Canadian Pacific Railroads in Maine; a Maine Central plow extra; the Delaware & Hudson, Erie-Lackawanna and Delaware-Otsego RR's in New York; and the Mount Washington Cog Railway. 56 min., color.....Reg. 29.95....**SALE! \$26.95**

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TROLLEY TRIPS THROUGH NEW ENGLAND [Reproduction]

This stunningly-reproduced 1910 booklet details, among other things, the trolley routes then in operation around New England. Complete with schedules, fares, and connecting points. Includes all original photographs, advertisements, and detailed maps!

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Dougherty Updated to January 2009, this is the complete track diagram of New York’s subway, with up-to-date rosters, main-line and yard trackage, and more. With all MTA service changes, PATH, Staten Island RR, and AirTrain. Update includes 2nd Ave. subway, new South Ferry sta., and 7 train western extension.

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DENVER LIGHT RAIL *by Valhalla Video*

Features a cab ride from Union Station to Broadway, and Littleton Mineral to 30th Street. About half the program is lineside action, including downtown street running, along the BNSF/UP “joint line” with freight action, and around the system’s right of way. A great orientation to Denver’s modern day system.

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SAN DIEGO’S TROLLEYS, VOLUME 1 *by Valhalla Video*

This video captures the spirit of the famous Red Trolleys, featuring cab rides, street running, line-side action, maintenance shops, and more. Covered are the Blue Line from Mission Valley to the Mexican border at San Ysidro, and the Orange Line to Santee.

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