



# Streetcar CURRENTS EXPRESS

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There was some amount of news, information and announcements, left on the “cutting room floor” as it were, when the March-April 2017 issue of the *Streetcar Currents* was sent to you. So, this edition of the *Streetcar Currents Express* is sent for your information and reading pleasure(?).

## Seminars on Twin City Streetcar History Now on YouTube

Aaron Isaacs, the Museum's Photo Archivist and Historian, has produced four seminars on Twin Cities streetcar history. All four are available on YouTube. We recommend all members, especially operating personnel, view these videos so we can all have a basic knowledge on the history of Twin City streetcars.

- Twin Cities Streetcars 101 - A basic history. [Click here](#) to view on YouTube (62 minutes)
- The Streetcars - All about the cars themselves. [Click here](#) to view on YouTube (52 minutes)
- TCRT Facilities - Carbarns, powerhouses, and amusement parks. [Click here](#) to view on YouTube (25 minutes).
- TCRT Operations Behind the Scenes - Keeping the system running. [Click here](#) to view on YouTube (32 minutes).

To access the entire series of videos through a YouTube Playlist, [click here](#).

## Uniform Items for Sale

Please contact Dennis Borrell 612 655-3648 if you want any of these items.

- Two streetcar Motorman Hats (not summer style) with Motorman badge, sizes 7 1/2 and 6 7/8 like new condition \$50 each
- Two 2x long sleeve shirts with patches \$10 each
- One 2x short sleeve shirt with patches \$10
- Extra shirt patches are included in the sale.

## Track Foreman Still Needed

Our Museum really needs someone to take charge of planning and organizing our track maintenance program. The Track Foreman's job is to monitor the condition of the track, note repairs and create a maintenance and repair plan. Because track work is difficult manual labor, we intend to hire commercial companies to do the major work such as replacing ties, levelling the track, putting in new ballast stone, etc. But there are tasks such as track inspection and bolt tightening that can be accomplished by volunteers. If you are interested in this important job, please contact Chief Engineer [Keith Anderson](#) at 612-250-5575 or send him an e-mail to [keith.j.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:keith.j.anderson@gmail.com)

## Correction

In the “What’s Happening” section on top of page 6 of the March-April *Streetcar Currents*, the day cited for the May 2 start of operations at our Excelsior Streetcar Line was incorrectly shown as Thursday. May 2 is a Tuesday. Tuesday afternoon operations at ESL are scheduled to coincide with Excelsior’s farmer’s market on Tuesday afternoons through the end of October. ESL is scheduled to operate on farmer’s market days from 2 PM to 6 PM.