MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2008, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. BOX 3001 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10008

PRESENTING THIS MONTH: JACK MAY

The January meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus (formerly the College of Insurance) building, at 101 Murray Street, between Greenwich and West Streets, in downtown Manhattan. The University is a three block walk [1-1/2 blocks south and 1-1/2 blocks west] from the Chambers Street station of the West Side IRT Subway. The doors open at 6:15 PM, and the meeting commences at 7:15 PM. Bring your 2007 or 2008 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$5.00. If you are not sure whether there will be a meeting (because of inclement weather, for example), please call the St. John's University toll-free hotline at (800) SJU-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.

PROGRAM

Jack May will present a slide show at the January meeting consisting of scenes from both U.S. and foreign traction operations. He was in New Orleans this past November and will show Perley Thomas cars running on both Canal Street and St. Charles Avenue (as it is supposed to be!). Also included will be construction photos of the Canal line and operations of the prototype 2000-series deck roof cars and the Tatra demonstrator on lower Canal from pre-Katrina times.

Speaking of Tatras, Jack will also show scenes of his summer visit to eastern Europe, long the domicile of the Tatra PCC. The Tatras are getting old and new cars are coming on the scene, including low-floor units, rebodied and extended Tatras and the world's longest streetcars. Jack visited Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia, the Czech Republic, and Budapest last summer and he will contrast those photos with some he took 40 years earlier of PCC cars operating in the same cities, including the former D.C. Transit System units.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The February meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 15, 2008. Jeffrey Erlitz is scheduled to give the presentation.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2008

Here is the current list of tentative dates and proposed itineraries. Please keep in mind that all dates are tentative until a trip flyer is mailed. In some cases, no planning has yet been done and all future trips are subject to date changes and/or cancellation:

Saturday, February 16 – annual Grand Central Terminal Tour. See flyer in this mailing

Saturday, April 12 - New York & Atlantic Railway trip

Saturday, May 3-Sunday, May 4 – weekend trip to Philadelphia. We will tour Amtrak's Wilmington Shops and hope to visit another Amtrak facility and/or one SEPTA rail facility

Sunday, June 22 – tour of the LIRR Hillside Maintenance Facility and the Morris Park Shop

Saturday, July 26 – trip to Scranton, Pennsylvania to visit Steamtown and the Electric City Trolley. <u>This trip may be cancelled or postponed.</u> National ERA may be operating a similar trip around the same time. Watch future trip announcements for an update

Saturday, September 13 – tour of Coney Island Yard

Saturday, November 1 – trip to be determined

Again, please note that many of these dates and destinations are extremely tentative at the present time. Future monthly mailings will apprise you of any changes.

MEETING ROOM REMINDER

If you carry a cell phone or beeper with you, we must ask that you not use it in the meeting room. This is very rude and inconsiderate to the speaker and everyone else in the room. **PLEASE KEEP IT OUTSIDE.**

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on New York Division, ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly contact Larry Furlong at (718) 784-3643 evenings or e-mail Furlong@erausa.org. Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website that contains information regarding both ERA and the New York Division. It is www.electricrailroaders.org.

REMINDER TO MEMBERSHIP

Any current member or subscriber of the New York Division, ERA can invite another person to attend or monthly meeting as their guest. First-time visitors are admitted without having to pay the \$5 door fee. Welcome aboard!

THE BOARD

RULES OF CONDUCT

The New York Division of the Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. ("NY Division") reserves the right to exclude from any and all meetings, trips and other activities sponsored by the NY Division, any person who has engaged in disruptive behavior at any previous meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by the NY Division. Also, the NY Division reserves the right to remove from any meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by the NYC Division, any person who engages in disruptive behavior at that meeting, trip or other activity.

Disruptive behavior shall include but not be limited to the possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, illegal weapons or any other illegal substance or item.

The provisions of these NY Division Rules of Conduct shall apply to NY Division members and non-members alike.