MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008, 7:15 PM

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

PRESENTING THIS MONTH: ALLAN ROBERTS

The September meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, September 19, 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 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

The September program will be presented by noted railroad author Allan Roberts. Allan will show a wonderful Super-8 sound movie presentation. The subjects will be as follows:

- SIRT: Sold B&O ME-1 1925-6 Standard Steel MU cars and trailers in action on the Staten Island Rapid Transit main between St. George and Tottenville, 1971-3
- EL MUs: Final operation days of the old DL&W MUs out of Hoboken, including the GE U-34CHs and ex-CNW F-7As in action as well as scenes from aboard the last MU run (#639) to Gladstone, August, 1974
- PRR GG-1s: 4835 and 4717 and their brethren on fantrips and special events including ceremonies and last runs out of Matawan, 1981-3

Those who have seen the quality of Allan's work in the past know this show is not to be missed. So join us for a wonderful sound movie show!

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The October meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 17, 2008. George Chiasson will give the presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

At the September meeting, before the start of the program, we will have a short business session to discuss matters related to the New York Division, ERA. If you have anything you wish to bring up, this is the time to do so.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Saturday, July 26 – trip to Scranton, PA, to visit Steamtown and the Electric City Trolley. The turnout was just over the minimum needed and a very nice day was had by all who attended. The excursion train trip to Moscow was aboard a steam train and had a good crowd, as did our nice trip aboard Red Arrow Car #76 for the Electric City Trolley. There was ample time to visit both Steamtown and the Electric City Trolley Museum. Several members took the time to visit long-time member Harold Geissenheimer in his new residence in downtown Scranton.

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, September 13 – tour of Coney Island Yard. See trip notice in this mailing

Saturday, October 25 – we just arranged to operate a fantrip on the Staten Island Railway, using soon-to-be-retired ALCO locomotives. See trip notice in this mailing

Saturday, November 1 – we are working with PATH to set up a Harrison Shop tour, but details are not yet complete. A flyer will be included with the October mailing. Please note that there will be a capacity limit on this trip, so it will be important for members to sign up as early as possible. An optional ride on Hudson-Bergen Light Rail may be included following the shop tour

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.

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