

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
PAUL GAWKOWSKI

The March meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009 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 or 2009 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 March show will be presented by Paul Gawkowski. The show will visit the new Oceanside-Escondido Sprinter Diesel Light Rail Line in California. We'll then say farewell to the New York area's last operating Alcos on the Division's recent SIR fan trip. Then we'll take a ride to Atlantic City on the new ACES, the Atlantic City Express.

Then it's off Scandinavia on the ERA's tour of the railroads, tramways, and subways of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. We'll visit the Danish National Tram museum, Gothenburg, the birthplace of light rail, the large tram and subway networks in Oslo and Stockholm, take a ride on the northernmost tram line in the world in Trondheim, and visit the small city tramway in Norrkopping, Sweden. We'll also take one of the world's most scenic rail journeys from Oslo to Bergen over the top of Norway including a trip on the Flamm-Myrdal, the world's steepest adhesion railway, and a boat ride through Norway's scenic fjords.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The April meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, April 17, 2009. The presenter will be announced in the April meeting notice.

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BUSINESS MEETING

At the March 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.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2009

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, March 28 – tours of the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities. See the flyer with this mailing. See the flyer in this mailing

Saturday, April 18 – repeat of the Staten Island charter, utilizing the replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s. See the flyer with this mailing. Again, there will be a capacity limit of 50 people per each of the two R-44 cars

Saturday, June 13 – joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, tentatively involving a trip on the Metro North Port Jervis line (and lunch in Port Jervis)

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.

RECENT TRIP

Sunday, January 25 – 207th Street Tour. See the article in the Bulletin with this mailing.

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 ERA at (212) 986-4482 or e-mail info@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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