

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009, 7:15 PM

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

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
GLENN SMITH

The November meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, November 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 2009 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$10.00. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW FEE. *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 November program will be presented by Glenn Smith (ERA #5179). This will be the Holiday Season Variety Show. Featured will be scenes of various railroads and transit lines, particularly in the Northeast region. Vintage scenes, emphasizing obscure locations, not presented in many years will be included. Rather than concentrate on a particular subject, we will rove from place to place. A local highlight will be views of what is now the High Line Park (just north of our meeting here) from many years ago. Please join us this evening for an enjoyable presentation. So BE THERE!

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The December meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, December 18, 2009. The presenter will be announced in the December meeting notice.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2009 AND 2010

Saturday, November 7 – a trip involving Hudson-Bergen Light Rail. As the flyer that went out with the October mailing indicates, we will start with a ferry ride from W. 39th Street to Port Imperial and then plan to ride HBLR in its entirety, including a lunch break at the Newport Mall. We will view the construction progress from 22nd to 8th Streets in Bayonne from a charter bus. **There will be a special optional trip after our charter bus drops us off at Journal Square.** Those interested can, at their own expense, ride with us on PATH to Harrison, where PATH will permit us to spend about 15-30 minutes on the Newark-bound platform to take photos of passing PATH, NJ Transit and Amtrak trains. As you know, PATH has a strong policy against taking photos on its property, so getting its OK to do it this once will be a rare treat for the train photographers amongst us. It is too late to include a flyer with this November mailing, but if you are still interested in going on this trip, please contact Sid Keyles to see if

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there are any openings left, as space will be limited by the capacity of our charter bus, and, if there is availability, to sign up for this trip. The best way to reach Sid is via e-mail (sidkeyles@optonline.net), although you may also call him at (201) 684-9408.

Here are some very tentative dates, for the most part, for possible trips in 2010: (1) Saturday, February 20 – definite date for our annual Grand Central Terminal tour; (2) Saturday, March 20 – possible date for a return visit to the 207th Street Subway Shops (we figure some of the last R-32s may be there at that time, preparing for reefing); (3) Saturday, April 17 – possible date for the twice-postponed Staten Island Railway charter on the new BL20G replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s; (4) Other possible 2010 trips – return to the PATH Harrison shop; a weekend overnight trip to the Lancaster, PA, area; and a joint-trip with the NY Rail Road Enthusiasts.

Other 2010 and later trip ideas – if you have any trip ideas you would like us to consider in the future, please e-mail them to Sid Keyles (sidkeyles@optonline.net) or mail them to him at 2194 Kent Court; Mahwah, NJ 07430-3822. Do not call or corner him personally, as he will not remember your ideas!

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!

BUSINESS MEETING

At the October 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.

THE BOARD

RULES OF CONDUCT

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