

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
YURY MALLER

The January meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 15, 2010 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 or 2010 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

We will begin the year 2010 with a presentation by Yury Maller, who traveled extensively covering electric transport systems throughout the world, with the emphasis on Eastern European systems. In anticipation of ERA's upcoming trip to Romania, Yury put together a show on Romanian systems he visited in the past 10 years. The country has recently gone through many changes on its way from a backwater Communist dictatorship to a member of the European Union. So did evolve transit operations that just recently looked like a relic straight out of the early 20th century. As local operators attempt to do away with the odd communist-era equipment, but are limited in terms of resources, many transit systems act as working transit museums, with diverse collections of second-hand trams and trolleybuses from the 1950-70s that formerly operated in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France and the Netherlands. Let's take a rehearsal trip to Romania - the presentation will cover all 16 cities ERA is planning to visit in May, 2010, and is arranged in the order the future ERA's Romanian itinerary is planned out. During the ride, we will touch up on the transit history, and will be given a much needed summary on the diverse rolling stock for each city. The systems that will not be visited by ERA and those that were recently closed will also be reviewed. If time allows, the show will be rounded up with a teaser on some Siberian systems in Russia that Yury covered during his recent trans-Siberian adventure.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The February meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 19, 2010. Eric Oszustowicz will give the presentation.

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TRIP PLANS FOR 2010

Here are some dates to mark down for possible trips in 2010: (1) Saturday, February 20 – definite date for our annual Grand Central Terminal tour (see flyer with this mailing); (2) Saturday, March 20 – definite 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 – scheduled date for the twice-postponed Staten Island Railway charter on the new BL20G replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s (watch for a flyer with the February mailing); (4) Saturday, May 8 – scheduled joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts on the LIRR Oyster Bay branch to the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum; (5) Weekend of June 12 and 13 – scheduled joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts to the Scranton, PA, area.

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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