

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ

The May meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus 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 2012 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) STJ-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.*

PROGRAM

The May program will be presented by Eric Oszustowicz. His slide presentation will cover the New York Subway system from the late 1960s through the mid 1980s.

We have not had a New York City subway presentation in quite some time, but Eric's show will more than make up for this absence. The presentation will focus on the R-1 through R-44 cars and will include detailed narration regarding car assignment history and basic operations. All of the car types to be shown have since been removed from service.

Much of the subway fleet was rebuilt during the 1980s. All views will show the fleet as it was before rebuilding. All routes will be covered including routes that no longer exist such as the "EE" and "QJ" lines.

If you are interested in the New York subway system, this is definitely the presentation that you want to attend.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- June 15, 2012 – Joshua Goldwitz; July 20, 2012 – Marc Glucksman; August 17, 2012 – Paul Gawkowski

MONTHLY ERA MAILINGS

Because of the extremely high cost to send regular monthly mailings via first class, ERA has been utilizing a less expensive mailing class as an alternative. After a few months of the new system, it appears that mailings are taking on average one to two weeks longer than in the past. The Board and others involved in the production of the Bulletin and the mailing process are investigating the situation and studying possible solutions. We hope to have the problem resolved as soon as possible, recognizing that we might have to return to using first class mail (possibly charging more for it in the future). In the meantime, we encourage those of you who receive mailings via mail to strongly consider switching to email delivery if possible, joining the hundreds of other members who already receive their mailings via email. Receipt via email has been on a timely basis and use of email saves ERA considerable moneys. If you want to switch to email delivery, please email subscriptions@erausa.org.

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INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on 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. It is www.erausa.org.

REPORT ON MOST RECENT TRIP

Our first trip in 2012 was held on Saturday, April 14, during which almost 40 attendees were treated to a visit to and tour of the NJ Transit Meadows Shop, known internally as MMC (Meadows Maintenance Complex). We were broken down into three small groups and each group leader from NJ Transit provided an informative and enjoyable tour through various parts of the facility. In addition, there were numerous indoor and outdoor photo opportunities. A very good time was had by all. Special thanks go to Ira at Coach Tours for providing us a means to exit the facility after the tour.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2012

Here are the other trips for the remainder of 2012 with the scheduled dates. Although these are fairly certain as of now, please be advised that everything is always subject to change:

(a) Saturday, June 2 -- We are co-sponsoring a trip to be run by the New York Railroad Enthusiasts to the Valley Railroad in Essex, Connecticut. Please see the flyer with this May mailing; (b) Saturday, June 23 -- A ride on the Hudson Line of Metro North to Poughkeepsie and then a walk over the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie (cosponsored with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts). Attendees must be in top physical shape, as the loop walk covers 4-1/2 miles. Please see the flyer with this May mailing; (c) Saturday, July 28 -- Our annual Grand Central Terminal tour; (d) Thursday, August 30 to Tuesday, September 4 -- The Annual ERA Convention will be in Boston this Labor Day weekend. Please see the flyer sent with the April mailing or get it on the ERA website, www.erausa.org; (e) Sunday, September 23 -- A ride on the Metro-North New Haven Line to the Danbury Railroad Museum (cosponsored with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts); (f) Saturday to Monday, October 6-8 (Columbus Day Weekend) -- We will co-sponsor the NY Railroad Enthusiasts' Fall Foliage in the Poconos trip (details later); (g) Saturday, November 3 -- A visit to the MTA NYC Transit Coney Island Shops; (h) Saturday, December 8th -- We will co-sponsor the NY Railroad Enthusiasts' Holiday Trip, tentatively to the NY Botanic Garden in The Bronx (details later).

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.**

REMINDER TO MEMBERSHIP

Any current member of the Electric Railroaders' Association can invite another person to attend our 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 Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. ("ERA") reserves the right to exclude from any and all meetings, trips and other activities sponsored by ERA, any person who has engaged in disruptive behavior at any previous meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by ERA. Also, ERA reserves the right to remove from any meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by ERA, 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 ERA Rules of Conduct shall apply to ERA members and non-members alike.