

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH: BILL ARMSTRONG COLLECTION

The March meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, March 21, 2014 on the second floor (Vanderbilt Suite) of the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th Street (at Madison Avenue) in Manhattan. The Hotel is convenient to the 42nd Street stations of the Lexington Avenue and Sixth Avenue Subways, the Grand Central station of the Flushing Subway, and Metro-North's Grand Central Terminal. The doors open at 6:30 PM, and the meeting commences at 7:15 PM. Bring your 2013 or 2014 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$5.00.

PROGRAM

The March program will consist of color and black and white slides from the collection of the late William Armstrong. Most will remember Bill's annual slide program, usually in March, which commemorated the month he joined ERA. For this special show, we will honor Bill by presenting highlights from his collection.

Topics will include:

- New York - 3rd Avenue "L", 3rd Avenue Railway, Brooklyn trolleys and elevateds
- Philadelphia trolleys and elevateds

We will honor Bill's memory with images that he photographed from the late 1940s to the 1960s. Slides will be presented by friend, Andrew Grahl. This is a show not to be missed!

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

April 18, 2014 – Ronald Yee; May 16, 2013 – Harry Pinsker; June 20, 2014 – Jeffrey Erlitz

REMINDER: There will be ten presentations scheduled this year. There will be no meetings scheduled in July or August.

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly e-mail info@erausa.org. Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website. It is www.erausa.org.

MESSAGE FROM ERA PRESIDENT BOB NEWHOUSER

Greetings, ERA members!

Due to his busy schedule, Randy Glucksman will be stepping down as our longtime *Bulletin* news editor with publication of the March, 2014 issue. Randy joined the ERA in April, 1965 and has been contributing columns to *The Bulletin* since 1981, 33 years ago! Randy served as Commuter News Editor beginning in 1988 and as News Editor since 1996, covering both commuter and urban rail transit news. In addition to working as a transit consultant in his other life, Randy was appointed to the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council, elected chair in early 2013, and in June, 2013 became Chair of the MTA's Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee (PCAC). He will continue to contribute articles occasionally as his busy schedule permits.

Randy's shoes have been so large to fill that his role will be taken on by two dedicated and talented ERA members beginning with the April, 2014 *Bulletin*:

- **Ronald Yee, Tri-State and Commuter News Editor:** Ron will cover tri-state transit news and commuter rail news around North America. Ron retired from Metro-North in March, 2013, having worked there 30 years. He started as a supervisor of passenger counting, rising through the operations planning department to becoming

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Manager at the Crew Management Center, and then becoming the On-board Services Officer managing 800 Conductors. Ron has a Masters in transportation planning and engineering from Polytechnic University. His longtime MTA commuter rail experience and travels to traction venues around the world make him well-suited for his new ERA role. Ron can be reached at nycommuter@erausa.org.

- **Alexander “Sasha” Ivanoff, North American & World News Editor:** Sasha will cover current traction news around North America (outside of the tri-state region) and the world. Sasha is a 2012 graduate of the State University of New York at Potsdam, with Bachelor’s degree in history and communications. He is a lifelong transit enthusiast. Sasha grew up near the Harlem Line in Brewster with fond childhood memories of taking Saturday trips to the city. He maintains his own blog, [The Ivanov Report](#). We are impressed with his knowledge of transit current events outside the tri-state region. Sasha can be reached at transitnews@erausa.org or northeastern292@gmail.com.

Randy’s high-quality work was greatly assisted by many outside contributors. As we cheer on our new editors Ron and Sasha, we encourage those who have contributed to Randy’s column to keep those news articles and other contributions coming in! We have provided Ron and Sasha’s email addresses above.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2014

Here are our planned trips for 2014: (a) Saturday, April 5: Grand Central Terminal Tour (reservations are now CLOSED. This event has sold out in record time!); (b) May 4-24: Japan Trip; (c) Saturday, June 7: Corona Yard Tour featuring new R-188 cars; (d) Saturday, August 2: Ride on two of three tourist railroads (Kingston City Shuttle, Catskill Mountain Railway, Delaware & Ulster Railroad); (e) August 30-September 2: Minneapolis-St. Paul Convention (see note below); (f) Sunday, September 28: Metro-North New Haven Shop and Shore Line Trolley Museum; (g) Saturday, November 8 (changed from November 1): Ride on NJ Transit/Metro-North to Port Jervis.

Note about the Minneapolis-St. Paul Convention: Last month members received the brochure announcing this outstanding event. Hotel reservations at the luxurious and historic Hotel Minneapolis and ERA ticket reservations are now being taken. The order form was included in last month's mailing or can also be found on ERA's web site home page, www.erausa.org.

Book now! After one month, ERA's hotel block is 20% sold! This convention features a scenic railroad trip along Lake Superior, visits to two historic railroad depots (including lunch in one!), trolley rides at three museums, and tours of Metro Transit's two light rail lines, one of them just opening in June, 2014, and Northstar commuter rail! This is a convention not to be missed!

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!

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