

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
GEORGE CHIASSON

The October meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, October 17, 2008 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 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 October show will be a line-by-line photographic review of key events surrounding the changeover in rolling stock used on New York City Transit's Subdivision A (IRT Lines) between 2000 and 2005. Most of the show will focus on the long transition from Redbirds to New Technology Trains on many lines, as well as the secondary changes that resulted on others.

As time permits there will also be highlights of some recent changes around the MBTA system in Boston, particularly on the Blue, Green, and Red Lines along with the Mattapan-Ashmont trolley.

George has presented several shows in the past and this one was a long time (literally years) in the making. It is also his last true slide presentation as such, since ongoing and future photographic endeavors will be in digital format.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The November meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 21, 2008. The presenter will be announced at a later date.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Saturday, September 13 – Tour of Coney Island Yard. Approximately 40 attendees were treated to an excellent, detailed tour of various parts of the facility by two dedicated and knowledgeable guides. There were many photo opportunities, including a visit to the roof of the tower. A terrific day was had by all.

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TRIP PLANS FOR 2008 AND 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, October 25 – Through some great luck and very good coordination, we were able to arrange for the SIRT Alco S-1 charter trip and to get the flyer out with the September mailing. Returns are coming in and if you are interested in attending, please send your form and money in as soon as possible, as there is a capacity limit of 50 people per each of the two R-44 cars. This is a trip you will not want to miss. Another copy of the flyer is included in this mailing

Saturday, November 1 – Our Harrison Shop tour is set and a flyer is included with this mailing. There will be a capacity limit on this trip of 40, so it will be important for members to sign up as early as possible. An optional ride on Hudson-Bergen Light rail will be included following the shop tour. With a little luck, we may get to see the PA-5 test train

Early 2009 – we are in the very early planning stages of the following possible trips: Sunday, January 25 – 207th Street Tour; Saturday, February 14 – annual tour of Grand Central Terminal; and Saturday, March 28 - tours of the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities. Stay tuned.

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.

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 Larry Furlong at (718) 784-3643 evenings or e-mail Furlong@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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