

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009, 7:15 PM

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NEW YORK DIVISION  
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
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The May meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, May 15, 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 2008 or 2009 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 ERA European Trip in 2003 went to the Czech and Slovak Republics, where participants visited the tramway systems of Prague, Brno, Liberec and Ostrava. They also visited a Czech Railway (CD-Ceské Dráhy) branch line between Tábor and Bechyně. This line, which was the first electrified line in the country, was celebrating its 100th anniversary that year. Also included is a brief tour of Berlin, Germany, which was visited before traveling to Prague. If time allows, some "behind the scenes" of recent activities on the NYC subway will be shown.

## NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The June meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, June 19, 2009. This will be a joint presentation between the Division and the New York Railroad Enthusiasts.

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## TRIP REPORT

Saturday, March 28 - tours of the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities. About 87 people signed up and most attended. Both tours were excellent and a great day was had by all attendees (for details and photos, see this month's *Bulletin*). Special thanks have been conveyed to our tour guides, Barney and Rob. The success may encourage us to try to do this trip again within the next year. One minor glitch – a few people who sent in their money after the trip was closed still need refunds. Anyone entitled to a refund should contact Sid Keyles at [sidkeyles@optonline.net](mailto:sidkeyles@optonline.net) or at (201) 684-9408.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 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, April 18 –repeat of the Staten Island charter, utilizing the replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s. As many of you know, we received word from Staten Island Railway on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, that the charter could not run on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> because of necessary work. At press time, we have a proposal in to SIR to reschedule this on Saturday, July 18, but still need to hear back from SIR.

Saturday, June 13 – joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, tentatively involving a trip on the Metro-North Port Jervis line (and lunch and a tour in Port Jervis). A flyer is included in this mailing

We are working on some trips for the second half of 2009. Please 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 ERA at (212) 986-4482 or e-mail [info@erausa.org](mailto: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](http://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**

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