

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 3001 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10008

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
JACK MAY

The December meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, December 18, 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 2009 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

2009 was a good year for foreign travel. Jack May was able to accomplish a great deal in the past 365 days and will present a show combining a few of his journeys. In February he traveled to Egypt, where he visited the rapid transit system in Cairo and the streetcar operations in Alexandria and Heliopolis. Then it was out with the old and in with the new, as he traveled to the center of light rail development in Europe--France. In the past decade the operative word in that country had been expansion--and Jack May will take you to 12 cities where either entire new systems have been built or new lines have been added. Among the places on the schedule are Lyon, Grenoble, St. Etienne, Montpellier, Marseilles, Nice and Le Mans.

Please join us as we end 2009 in style.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The January meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, January 15, 2010. Yuri Maller will give the presentation.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Saturday, November 7 – a trip involving Hudson-Bergen Light Rail. Approximately 39 people attended this trip. Despite some minor setbacks (e.g., the scheduled ferry left without us; Hudson-Bergen timetables went out the window due to single tracking in Jersey City; temporary shutdown of the PATH Newark-World Trade Center service while we were in Harrison), the trip went off very well. We caught the next ferry 20 minutes later and got back on schedule by lunch. We rode the entire HBLR trackage and our charter bus took us to the under-construction 8th Street Bayonne station. Those who joined us for the optional PATH Harrison photo shoot opportunity lucked out and rode, between Grove Street and Journal Square, the only PA-5 train running that day. Special thanks go to Ira Steinberg and Coach Tours for providing our charter bus and PATH for permitting us to take photos at Harrison.

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TRIP PLANS FOR 2009 AND 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; (2) Saturday, March 20 – possible 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 – possible date for the twice-postponed Staten Island Railway charter on the new BL20G replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s; (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. (6) Another possible 2010 trip – return to the PATH Harrison shop, at a time when the fleet should be mixed between old and new.

Other 2010 and later trip ideas – if you have any trip ideas you would like us to consider in the future, please e-mail them to Sid Keyles (sidkeyles@optonline.net) or mail them to him at 2194 Kent Court; Mahwah, NJ 07430-3822. Do not call or corner him personally, as he will not remember your ideas!

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!

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Some of our members may have noticed that Judy and Bob Matten, who for years have been fixtures at our monthly meetings, have not been around lately. The reason is that for more than three years, Judy has been battling cancer. Judy has endured seven operations, 28 chemotherapy sessions (with 23 to go), and a seemingly endless battery of blood tests, CAT scans, etc. As of Thanksgiving, Bob tells us that she is paralyzed and hospitalized. He asks that you keep her in your prayers.

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