

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
JEFFREY ERLITZ

The March meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, March 19, 2010 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 or 2010 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$10.00. *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

This month's meeting is presented by Jeffrey Erlitz (ERA 3997). Following up on last year's presentation of the ERA trip to the Czech Republic in 2003, this month Jeff will be presenting images of the 2006 trip to Poland. The ERA visited eleven of the fourteen cities in Poland that have tramway operations: Bydgoszcz, Elbląg, Gdańsk, Grudziądz, Katowice, Kraków, Łódź, Poznań, Toruń, Warszawa, and Wrocław. One city, Gdynia, had an interesting trolley bus operation. Time permitting, scenes from Berlin, Germany taken in the days before the Poland tour started may be included.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The April meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010. The presenter will be announced in the April meeting notice.

FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION

Please note that the following meetings in 2010 will not be held on the third Friday of the month as usual: the September meeting will be on **September 24** (Jewish holiday conflict on the 17th) and the October meeting will be held on **October 29** (no room availability on the 15th). Also, the April 16 meeting will be held in the large classroom on the first floor due to the unavailability of the auditorium on that date.

BUSINESS MEETING

At the March meeting, before the start of the program, we will have a short business session to discuss matters related to the New York Division, ERA. If you have anything you wish to bring up, this is the time to do so.

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TRIP PLANS FOR 2010

Here are some dates to mark down for definite or possible trips in 2010: (1) Saturday, March 20 – definite date for a return visit to the 207th Street Subway, which is always a popular tour (see flyer with this mailing); (3) Saturday, April 17 – the twice-postponed Staten Island Railway charter on the new BL20G replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s (see flyer with this mailing). You are advised to get your money in ASAP, as there is a capacity limit of 100 for this trip; (4) Saturday, May 8 – joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts on the LIRR Oyster Bay branch to the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum (see flyer with this mailing); (5) Weekend of June 12 and 13 – joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts to the Lancaster, PA, area. Some details are still being worked out, so watch for a flyer with the April rather than this March mailing. Please note that we plan to do the following: see and ride an Old Conestoga Traction Birney car in Manheim; see a PPC car in Lancaster; ride the Strasburg Rail Road; visit the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, the National Toy Train Museum, and the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum; and, last but not least, have dinner at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

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 nydiv@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 \$10 door fee. Welcome aboard!

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