

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011, 7:15 PM

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NEW YORK DIVISION  
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
JACK MAY

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The January meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 21, 2011 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus 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 2010 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 streetcar is no longer a very significant player in the urban transportation modal mix of Japan, mainly because the largest cities in The Land of the Rising Sun have built subway (heavy metro) systems. Like similar cities in the U. S., those areas tended to discontinue their electric street railways in favor of buses after high-capacity underground lines were built.

But there are some exceptions: some cities continue to realize that buses cannot perform an efficient job of carrying large number of riders on their heaviest routes, and in two cases there are large urban areas that have not invested in subways -- specifically Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These two cities, both victims of atomic bombs, still have substantial streetcar networks, while others have just a few lines. As far as the Light Rail Revolution has affected Japan, so far only one city has built a new system, but more may be coming. Meanwhile new laws about accessibility have resulted in the introduction of low-floor cars that operate side-by-side with traditional trolleys.

Jack May's 35 mm. slide presentation will cover some 15 cities that operate streetcars, with a few glimpses of interurban, light rail and scenic operations. Given the high quality of Jack's photography and the depth and breadth of his subject matter, there is no excuse not to be there.

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- February – Eric Oszustowicz
- March – Gary Grahl
- April – Jeffrey Erlitz

## REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

On Saturday, December 11, 2010, a joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts to the Shore Line Trolley Museum in Branford, CT, took place, with about 35 in attendance. Reports indicate that the trip was very nice. We hope to do one or more joint trips with RRE in 2011.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2011

Our 2011 plan for trips is starting to take shape, but we have more work to be done. Here is what we can tell you so far:

1. Saturday, February 19 – very tentative date for the annual Grand Central Terminal Tour. Given the current environment within Metro-North, we have been unable so far to make the necessary arrangements, but will keep trying. We will let you know at the January meeting and in the February mailing whether or not we are able to pull this off.
2. Saturday, April 9 – we have not contacted PATH yet, but we are hoping for a repeat of our oversubscribed PATH Harrison Shop tour, followed by a photo stop at the Harrison Station.
3. For late Spring or early Summer, we hope to do (a) a Baltimore/Washington, D.C., weekend trip, focusing on trolley museums; and (b) a Hudson-Bergen Light Rail trip, focusing on the new 8<sup>th</sup> Street extension.
4. For late Summer or Fall, we hope to do (a) a repeat of the most successful trip of the past decade, a visit to the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities; (b) a day trip to Philadelphia to visit the Fern Rock and 69<sup>th</sup> Street shops; and (c) a visit to one of the NYCT shops, such as Coney Island or Westchester.

Please watch in the future for announcements at the Division meetings and in these monthly meeting notices for more detailed information.

## 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](mailto: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](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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