

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011, 7:15 PM

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

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
BERA and ERA: A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY JEFF HAKNER

The May meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus building, at 101 Murray Street, between Greenwich and West Streets, in downtown Manhattan. (Please note that this is the **second** Friday of the month.) 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 or 2011 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) STJ-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.*

PROGRAM

The connection between the ERA and Branford goes back to the museum's founding in 1945. The show will focus on New York area cars in the museum's collection and also these and sister cars in regular service, including Third Avenue in Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester, BRT/BQT, PSNJ, H&M, IND, BRT/BMT and IRT subway and elevated, Connecticut Company, Red Arrow. Look for some special 'people shots' of (in?)famous dual-citizens of BERA and ERA. You'll also see behind-the-scenes views of trolley and rapid transit car operations and restoration, track, signal and overhead line maintenance, and learn more about the museum's plans for the next century.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- June – Harry Pinsker (postponed from May); July – Todd Glickman; August – Paul Gawkowski

Note: The September meeting will be held on September 23, the **fourth** Friday of the month.

REMINDER ABOUT PROCEDURAL CHANGE FOR TRIPS

Here is just another reminder about the procedural changes in the trip flyers. Checks will still be made payable to New York Division, ERA, Incorporated, but forms and checks will be mailed to the New York Division, care of Sid Keyles, at Sid's home address. Also, you will not need to include a stamped return envelope with your order, as tickets will not be issued. Confirmation that your order has been received and that you are scheduled to go on the trip will be via email, so please write your email address clearly on the order form. If you don't have email access, include your phone number on the form.

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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.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

On Saturday, April 9, 30 attendees were treated to an excellent tour of the PATH Harrison Shop. This is an exciting time at PATH, as the new PA-5 cars now make up close to 70% of the fleet, but there are still many older cars around. We were provided many terrific photo opportunities, and our PATH host also arranged for use to take Amtrak and NJ Transit photos at the Harrison station after the tour. As with most of our trips, a good time was had by all!

TRIP PLANS FOR 2011

Here is the latest information on trip plans for the rest of 2011:

(a) Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22 - A Baltimore/Washington, D.C., weekend trip, focusing on trolley museums. The flyer went out with the April mailing, but a revised copy is included with this May mailing. We now have reached or gotten close to the 25 minimum we need to run this trip, so the trip is definitely on. If you want to join us and have not sent in your form and money yet, please do so right now to maximize your chance that hotel rooms are still available

(b) Saturday, June 11 - a Hudson-Bergen Light Rail trip, focusing on the new 8th Street extension, which opened in late January, and Newark Light Rail, including a shop tour. Please look for the flyer with this May mailing

(c) Saturday, July 3 – tentative date for the 29th annual Grand Central Terminal tour. We will know more for sure about how firm this date is at the time of the May Division meeting

(d) Saturday, August 6 – a visit to the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities

(e) Saturday, October 1 – a day trip to Philadelphia to visit the Fern Rock and 69th Street Shops

(f) Saturday, November 5 – a visit to one of the NYCT shops, such as Coney Island or Westchester

(g) Saturday, December 10 – the annual Railroad Enthusiasts holiday trip to a place to be determined, perhaps the Whippany Railway Museum in New Jersey.

Please watch in the future for announcements at the Division's monthly meetings and in these monthly meeting notices for more up-to-date information. Please note that flyers normally appear on the ERA website, www.erausa.org, a few weeks before you get them with these monthly mailings.

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.**

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!

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