

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011, 7:15 PM

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

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
PAUL GAWKOWSKI

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The August meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, August 19, 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 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

Paul Gawkowski will present the show at the August meeting. His show will feature Romania Part II, the second half of the 2010 ERA tour of Romanian tramway systems, which are virtual operating trolley museums using second-hand trams from all over Western and Eastern Europe. Also featured will be highlights of the ERA 2010 National Convention in Portland, scenes from San Juan's rapid transit line, and some recent West Coast action in Los Angeles and San Diego.

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- September – William Vigrass; October - Joint meeting with the Railroad Enthusiasts (postponed from September); November – Andrew Grahl

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.

The new trip procedure seems to be working well, but we ran into a snafu regarding the Grand Central Terminal trip, as we were very tardy in cashing many of the checks. We are working on correcting this problem.

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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](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).

## REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Sunday, July 3 – the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Central Terminal Tour. Approximately 20 members were treated to the best Grand Central Terminal tour in years, as our host, Dan Brucker from Metro-North, presented an interesting and informative tour of the facility. Many thanks to Dan for a wonderful tour.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2011

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

(a) Saturday, August 6 – a visit to the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities. The flyer went out with the July mailing. If you haven't returned your form and money, and still want to go, please email Sid Keyles at [sidkeyles@optonline.net](mailto:sidkeyles@optonline.net)

(b) Saturday, October 1 – a day trip to Philadelphia to visit the Fern Rock and 69<sup>th</sup> Street Shops. Planning is ongoing and we hope to travel by charter bus and do one tour in the morning and the other in the afternoon, with a lunch break near the SEPTA gift shop at 1234 Market Street. Look for a flyer with the September mailing

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

(d) Saturday, December 10 – the annual Railroad Enthusiasts holiday trip to the Whippany Railway Museum, with lunch at Rod's Steak and Seafood Grille.

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](http://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!

## **THE BOARD**

## RULES OF CONDUCT

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