

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
RAYMOND R. BERGER

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

This month's entertainment will be a discussion and slide presentation by Raymond R. Berger, Second Vice-President of the National ERA. Over the last 50 years public transportation, particularly electric railroading, improved significantly in France. The show will depict how the French Government has worked to successfully improve their railroads, as well as their local urban transport. Specifically, we will show examples of these improvements and where they can be seen.

Over the years, the French National Railroad has made infrastructure improvements on existing lines, built superior locomotives, electric MUs and non-electric rolling stock. Most railfans know that a new layer of very high speed (TGV) intercity railroads have appeared throughout the country, more are planned and now under construction.

The three French trolley networks of the late 1960s blossomed into 21 light rail networks in 2011, and existing trolley bus operations were modernized with new line wiring, maintenance facilities and rolling stock. Since the slide show will compare conditions 50 years ago with current operations, the material we will see is far, far from complete.

In order to maximize the variety of subject matter, we will also look at the three French narrow gauge railroads, including those in Corsica and Provence, and also some rail operations in western Switzerland, centering around the Lake of Geneva.

Indeed this slide show will be unique and should not be missed. You will quickly understand the result of positive political decisions that improved both local and long-distance transportation and the wonderful results the people of France now enjoy. Perhaps we will be encouraged to advocate political decisions that would give similar improvements here in the United States.

It is hoped that everyone make a special effort not to miss this show.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- November – Andrew Grahl; December – Marc Glucksman; January, 2012 – Jack May

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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

TRIP PLANS FOR 2011

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

(a) Saturday, October 1 – a day trip to Philadelphia via charter bus, cosponsored with our friends at the New York Railroad Enthusiasts. There will be a report on this trip in the November 2011 Meeting Notice.

(b) Saturday, November 5 – a visit to NYCT's Westchester Shop in the Bronx, which serves the 6 Pelham Line. Look for a flyer with this mailing.

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

Note: The Long Island Sunrise Chapter of the NRHS is running a trip on Saturday, November 19 to the NJ Transit RiverLine, including a shop tour. Any Division member who wants information about this trip should contact Elliot Courtney by email at: ecourtne@yahoo.com.

We will begin planning soon for trips in 2012. If you have any trip ideas, please email them to Sid Keyles at sidkeyles@optonline.net.

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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