

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012, 7:15 PM

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ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 3323 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10163-3323

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
JACK MAY

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The January meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 20, 2012 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 or 2012 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

Jack May returned to Turkey for the third time in April, 2011. His slide show will feature new developments in Istanbul, with scenes that include the 4 streetcar lines and the light metro. Several brand new Turkish systems were inaugurated in the past two years, including Samsun, Kayseri, Adana, Gaziantep, and Antalya. These will be shown, as well as some old favorites, including Konya, Eskisehir, and Ankara. Jack also rode Turkey's new high-speed railroad and will show some views of that operation in its infancy. If time permits, the evening will be completed with views of the light metros in Izmir and Bursa. Turkey is booming with new electric streetcar lines.

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- February 17, 2012 – Eric Oszustowicz; March 16, 2012 – Jeffrey Erlitz; April 20, 2012 – To be announced

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## INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly contact ERA at (212) 986-4482 or e-mail [info@erausa.org](mailto:info@erausa.org). Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website. It is [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org).

## REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

On Saturday, December 10, ERA attendees joined those from the NY Railroad Enthusiasts for the annual Holiday trip. The first stop was near Convent Station on the Morris and Essex Line, with the luncheon at Rod's Steak and Seafood Grille within the Madison Hotel. The seating was in the parlor car. Afterwards, chartered school buses transported the group 10 minutes away to the Whippany Railway Museum. The majority of the group sat in the club car, the rest in coach of the 3 PM train. The ride was 45 minutes round trip. Approximately 37 people attended the trip. Afterwards, the bus brought the group to Morristown station for the return segment. The trip went very well, with an excellent lunch. The Museum was busy but accommodated the group well. The *Blue Comet* observation car was just gorgeous.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2012

We have begun planning for trips in 2012. It is anticipated that the first trip will not occur until at least March or April of 2012. Here are some of the trips we are seriously considering for next year: (a) A visit to the NJ Transit Meadows Shop; (b) A ride on the Hudson Line of Metro-North to Poughkeepsie and then a walk over the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie; (c) A ride on the Metro-North New Haven Line to the Danbury Railroad Museum; and (d) A visit to the MTA NYC Transit Coney Island Shops. Stay tuned for tentative dates, hopefully as soon as next month.

## 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 of the Electric Railroaders' Association can invite another person to attend our monthly meeting as their guest. First-time visitors are admitted without having to pay the \$5 door fee. Welcome aboard!

## MAILING NOTE

Postal changes may result in delays in our members receiving their mailings. For that reason, we have changed the "Next Three Months' Presenters" note on the front of this meeting notice to include the meeting dates. That way, our members will know when the next meeting is even if that month's *Bulletin* does not arrive in time. Of course, those members who receive their issues by e-mail will continue to receive them well in advance of the meeting date.

## **THE BOARD**

## RULES OF CONDUCT

The Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. ("ERA") reserves the right to exclude from any and all meetings, trips and other activities sponsored by ERA, any person who has engaged in disruptive behavior at any previous meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by ERA. Also, ERA reserves the right to remove from any meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by ERA, any person who engages in disruptive behavior at that meeting, trip or other activity.

Disruptive behavior shall include but not be limited to the possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, illegal weapons or any other illegal substance or item.

The provisions of these ERA Rules of Conduct shall apply to ERA members and non-members alike.