

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ

The February meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, February 17, 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

The February program will be presented by Eric Oszustowicz. His slide program will encompass highly unusual and diverse subject matter, most of which has never been seen at any of our programs.

The highlight of the presentation will be the photographic results of Eric's trip to India in 2011. We will see extensive coverage of India's only streetcar line in Kolkata (Calcutta). In many ways, this streetcar system is one of the most unique systems on the planet. We will also see the extraordinary electric MU commuter operations in Mumbai (Bombay) and Kolkata, which operate crowded high speed trains with its doors wide open while moving. Eric also visited Bengaluru (Bangalore). In all three cities, views of the intercity services of the massive Indian Railways system will be included. Some bus services will also be covered.

Eric also traveled to Utah this past October. In 2011, the light rail system in Salt Lake City opened two new extensions and received delivery of 77 new light rail vehicles. We will see views of the light rail system, which has become very photogenic, in addition to some coverage of the commuter rail system. While in Utah, Eric also photographed the spectacular freight line over Soldier Summit. Of course we will see these photographs.

Also in 2011, Eric travelled to Edmonton, where he photographed the newest extension into south Edmonton together with the new vehicles purchased to expand their system. We will also see the newest cars operating on the Calgary LRT system.

Please join us for an interesting evening of unusual and new subject matter.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- March 16, 2012 – Jeffrey Erlitz; April 20, 2012 – Harry Pinsker; May 18, 2012 – To be announced

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. Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website. It is www.erausa.org.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2012

We have begun planning for trips in 2012. Here is a very tentative date for the first trip: Saturday, April 14, 2012 - a visit to the NJ Transit Meadows Shop. Watch for a flyer with the March mailing.

Here are some of the other trips we are seriously considering for this year: (a) A ride on the Hudson Line of Metro-North to Poughkeepsie and then a walk over the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie; (b) Our annual Grand Central Terminal tour; (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. Some of these trips will be co-sponsored with our friends from the NY Railroad Enthusiasts. In addition, we will be co-sponsoring some of the trips the Railroad Enthusiasts will be organizing. Stay tuned in upcoming months for additional details and tentative dates.

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!

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.

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