

# MEETING NOTICE

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ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
JACK MAY

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The January meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013 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 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

There are 14 cities in Poland with operating streetcar systems. Jack May will present a review of developments in each of these metropolitan areas based on three visits to that Eastern European country, the most recent being last May. The program will measure the changes starting with his 1998 trip, where the legacy of central planning by a Communist regime resulted in the bulk of electric traction in the country being provided by standard PCC cars built by a single supplier (Konstal). The slides will then illustrate the gradual introduction of used tramcars from properties in Western Europe (2005 trip), and finally cover the current situation, which will show how each city has instituted the modernization of its operations with new infrastructure and low-floor cars. There will be plenty of variety, with cars in many color schemes pictured on center reservation, side-of-the-road and cross-country trackage, as well as street running. The program will cover cities of every size, running the gamut from small towns having just one or two lines, to the huge rural interurban system in Upper Silesia (Katowice), as well as large cities with networks whose extent rivals those found in Western Europe.

Please join us as we usher in 2013, and return to our usual meeting location, with a most interesting presentation.

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

February 15, 2013 – Eric Oszustowicz; March 15, 2013 – Nicholas DiBari; April 19, 2013 – 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](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).

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## UPDATE ON POSTPONED TRIP

The November 3, 2012, trip to the MTA-NYCT Coney Island Shops had been postponed due to Superstorm Sandy. It has now been rescheduled for Saturday, March 2. At press time, we have preliminary approval from our friends at NYC Transit, but are awaiting the likely final OK. Those who previously signed up and paid for November 3, 2012 are all set, including clearance from NYC Transit Security. For others, a flyer is included with this January mailing so you have plenty of time to submit your paperwork for the new Security procedure. You will have to submit your forms and security ID paperwork by the February 15th deadline stated in the flyer, and are encouraged to submit it as early as possible. Only names approved in advance by NYC Transit will be permitted on the tour – no exceptions will be made.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2013

We have begun planning possible trips for 2013. Please note the following possible dates, many of which are very tentative and all of which are subject to change: (a) Saturday, March 2 - Coney Island Shop Tour; (b) Saturday, May 4 - Wilmington & Western + Amtrak + East Penn Traction Meet [we may try to visit all 3, but 2 out of 3 is more likely]; (c) Friday, May 24, to Thursday, May 30 - Denver-Salt Lake City Convention; (d) Saturday, June 29 - Grand Central Terminal Tour; (e) Saturday, August 24 - LIRR East Side Access/Sunnyside Yard; (f) Saturday, October 19 - NJT River Line + PATCO

We thank you for your past support of our trips and hope that you will take advantage of the trips we plan to offer and/or co-sponsor with our friends at the Railroad Enthusiasts in 2013.

## \*\* ATTENTION MEMBERS! BOOK NOW FOR ERA's MAY 24-30, 2013 DENVER/SALT LAKE TRIP! \*\*

Last month, you received a flyer inviting you to join us on ERA's outstanding 2013 Annual North American Convention to the Mountain West, featuring two of America's dynamic light rail cities--Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Reservations are proceeding fast apace with about 1/3 of the Denver hotel room block already booked after just one month! If you are interested in participating, get your reservations and money for your tickets in as soon as possible. Booking deadline is April 8, 2013 (May 6, 2013 for hotel rooms) or whenever capacity is sold out at events, particularly the Amtrak trip, **whichever comes earlier**.

In addition to covering two of the nation's fastest growing urban light rail systems, the 2013 ERA Convention will also visit/ride the iconic Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the Colorado Railway Museum, trips on the Fort Collins Birney cars, historic Ogden Utah Union Station, Salt Lake's commuter rail line and a ride through the Rockies on Amtrak's California Zephyr train. This is a trip not to be missed! If you don't have the flyer, click on and print out the flyer at <http://www.erausa.org/conventions/2013/> OR email Bob Newhouser, ERA's President, at [bnnyc1955@aol.com](mailto:bnnyc1955@aol.com) or call him at 917-482-4235 for a copy of the flyer. See you in Denver and Salt Lake City in May 2013!

## 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**

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