

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
NICHOLAS DiBARI

The March meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, March 15, 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 or 2013 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 March program will be presented by Nick DiBari. His digital presentation will cover a massive three and one half week trip to the United Kingdom in 2012, as well as a scenes from a 2010 trip to London and southeast England. The program will include the following systems:

- Manchester - Metrolink, the first "modern" light rail system in the U.K.
- Glasgow - their commuter rail system is the second largest in the U.K. next to London's; the Glasgow Subway, one of the oldest in the world (1896)
- Newcastle-upon-Tyne - the Tyne and Wear Metro system; commuter, regional, and freight trains in the region
- York - The National Railway Museum
- London and surrounding area - London Underground; London Tramlinc; various commuter and intercity trains; Isle of Wight rail line, a.k.a. the Island Line
- Closer to home - various shots of our own N.Y.C. Subway will be shown

This is Nick's first presentation in many years and his first digital presentation. Please come and join us for an informative and interesting look at electric railroads "Across the Pond!"

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

April 19, 2013 – Jeffrey Erlitz; May 10, 2013 (SECOND Friday) – To be announced; June 21, 2013 – Marc Glucksman

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 2013

The March 2 trip to the MTA-NYCT Coney Island Shops is taking place after this notice went to press. Please look for a report on this trip with the April meeting notice.

Please note the following possible dates for other trips for 2013, many of which are very tentative and all of which are subject to change: (a) Saturday, March 2 - Coney Island Shop Tour (flyer included once again with this mailing); (b) Saturday, May 4 - Wilmington & Western Railroad and the Amtrak train facility in Wilmington DE. Look for a flyer for this trip with the April mailing; (c) Saturday, May 18 – RRE trip, endorsed by ERA. Metro-North rail to Poughkeepsie, then charter vehicle for photo stops at several stations south. Please look for a flyer for this RRE trip with the April mailing; (c)

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Friday, May 24, to Thursday, May 30 - Denver-Salt Lake City Convention. Those going should sign up immediately if not already signed up; (d) Saturday, June 29 - Grand Central Terminal Tour; (e) Saturday, July 13 - RRE trip on LIRR to Montauk; Saturday, (f) August 24 - LIRR East Side Access/Sunnyside Yard; (g) 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.

DENVER-SALT LAKE CITY TRIP UPDATE

Three months ago, you received a flyer inviting you to join us on ERA's 2013 Annual Convention featuring two of America's dynamic light rail cities, Denver and Salt Lake City. **Reservations have been coming in far faster than usual. After three months, over 75% of ERA's Denver hotel room block is reserved. ERA's 70-seat reserved (and discounted) car is fully booked; however, members can still book the Denver-Salt Lake City travel on the same train on their own at Amtrak's individual fares so you can still join us in the dining, snack or observation car. Book Now Before It's Too Late!**

If you are interested in participating, get your reservations and money for your tickets in as soon as possible. Booking deadline is (May 6, 2013 for hotel rooms) or whenever capacity is sold out at events, whichever comes earlier. The ERA Amtrak car between Denver and Salt Lake City is now fully booked **however** you can still book on the same train on your own while seats are still available (at the higher individual Amtrak fares). You can alternatively travel between Denver and Salt Lake City via Greyhound's inexpensive 2 daily trips or shuttle flights on Delta, Frontier or United Airlines, priced between \$100 and \$120 per person based on availability.

In addition to covering two of the nation's fastest growing urban light rail systems, members on this trip will also get to ride the iconic Pikes Peak Cog Railway, visit the Colorado Railway Museum, ride the Fort Collins Birney cars, see the historic Ogden Utah Union Station, travel on Salt Lake's commuter rail line and 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, you can download one at www.erausa.org, email ERA President Bob Newhouser at 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!

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