

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
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The April meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, April 19, 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 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 sixth ERA tour to Europe took place between June 23 and July 3, 2000 and featured tours of all four of Hungary's tramway systems (Budapest, Debrecen, Szeged and Miskolc) as well as both tramway operations in Slovakia (Kosice and Bratislava).

In Budapest, we visited the tram system, the interurban system (including the tram museum in Szentendre), the subway museum, a ride on the historic 1896 subway car, and the subway shops.

Miskolc and Kosice have systems small enough that we were able to visit both in the same day. Debrecen and Szeged are not large systems but they were far enough apart to require their own day trips.

Come join us for this interesting slide presentation.

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

May 10, 2013 (SECOND Friday) – Paul Gawkowski; June 21, 2013 – Marc Glucksman; July 19, 2013 – Lew Hoy

## 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).

## BUSINESS MEETING

At the April meeting, before the start of the program, we will have a short business session to discuss matters related to the Electric Railroaders' Association. If you have anything you wish to bring up, this is the time to do so.

## REPORT ON PREVIOUS TRIP

Approximately 42 people attended the March 2 trip to the MTA-NYC Coney Island Shops and were treated to a wonderful tour. The group was broken into two and each of our two hosts did an admirable job in showing us around and answering our many questions. We did get to visit the control room. However, about 15 applicants were turned down the last minute, as MTA Security claimed their photo IDs were not submitted in time. Now that we know that the lead time is 3-4 weeks, we hope to avoid this problem for future NYC Transit facility visits.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2013

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) Sunday, May 5 (*note date change from Saturday, May 4; the railroad is not operating on May 4*) - Wilmington & Western Railroad and the Amtrak train facility in Wilmington DE. Look for a flyer for this trip with this mailing; (b) 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 this mailing; (c) Friday, May 24 to Thursday, May 30 - Denver-Salt Lake City Convention. Those going should have signed up by now; (d) Saturday, June 29 - Grand Central Terminal Tour It looks like Dan Brucker will be giving us the tour again, which will be limited to 35 people; (e) Saturday, July 13 – RRE trip on LIRR to Montauk; (f) Saturday, August 24 - LIRR East Side Access/Sunnyside Yard; (g) Saturday, October 19 - NJT River Line + PATCO

We thank you for your continued support of our trips.

## 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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