

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ANDREW GRAHL

The November meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, November 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 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 November show will be presented by Program Chairman Andrew Grahl. The slide show will consist of the following subjects:

- A 2013 visit to the United Kingdom. Scenes of rail transit in London, Sheffield, Manchester & Blackpool, including shots of a Bronx trolley and a NYC subway car across the pond!
- A ride on the 3rd Avenue Elevated in Manhattan. Original color slides taken before abandonment in 1955
- Montreal commuter rail. Scenes of new dual mode locomotives and construction of a new line will be shown
- A short update segment highlighting news in the tristate area
See you there!

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

December 13, 2013 – Gary Grahl (note: This is the SECOND Friday of the month); January 17, 2014 – Jack May; February 21, 2014 – Eric Oszustowicz

ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting includes the Annual Membership Meeting and as such, will begin at 7 pm (15 minutes earlier than usual) to conduct Association business, summarize the past year's events, and look to the coming year's events. All members are urged to attend.

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.

REPORT ON PREVIOUS TRIP

The last ERA trip of 2013 took place on Saturday, October 19, and consisted of riding on different forms public transit (NJ Transit; NJT River Line, PATCO and SEPTA) and was highlighted by excellent shop tours at the NJ Transit River Line shops and the PATCO Lindenwold shops. Although slightly over 50 people had signed up for the trip, actual attendance was just below 50 due to a few last-minute cancellations. NJ Transit provided a train for our use directly from Trenton to the River Line shops, where a tour conducted by our train operator was highly praised. The tour of the PATCO shops was equally well received. Afterwards, most of the group either followed tour leader Sid Keyles to Philadelphia before returning to New Jersey, or stopped to inspect the Pennsauken Transit Center, which had just opened a week earlier. All those present seemed to have a very nice time on the trip.

Please note that the RRE is not planning to have a Holiday trip in 2013.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2014

Sid Keyles reported the following during the October 19 trip and at the October meeting: "After about a dozen years of organizing and executing the ERA day and weekend trips, I have decided to step down and retire from that responsibility, effective year-end, in order to devote more time to my personal affairs and to be able to continue providing volunteer service to the Motor Bus Society and the Metropolitan New York Bus Association. I have enjoyed providing a variety of trips for the ERA membership during my tenure and thank those of you who attended any of those trips. I especially thank those "regulars" on many of my trips and to all of you who took the time to share with me your many "thank you's" and helpful comments. Joining you on these trips has been very enjoyable for me and I hope to continue participating as a spectator in as many future ERA trips as I can. I am confident that Robert Colorafi, who will be assuming my role, will continue the ongoing tradition of enjoyable and informative trips. I am already working with Robert and other ERA Board members in formulating a schedule of trips for 2014 and will keep in contact with them to insure that you, our members, will continue to have the opportunity to enjoy all upcoming trips. We will also continue the fine co-sponsoring relationship we have established with our friends at RRE."

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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