

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
RAYMOND R. BERGER

The October meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, October 19, 2007 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus (formerly the College of Insurance) 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 2007 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) SJU-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.*

PROGRAM

This month's entertainment will be a 35mm slide presentation by former Chairman and Vice-Chairman Raymond R. Berger on electric traction in Germany. This show will examine a variety of electric railway operations in all parts of Germany in the last 40 years, including some that were motorized or abandoned. Comparisons between older equipment and current fleets will give the viewer a deeper sense of the growth and development that surpasses that which we've experienced in the United States.

Of special interest to New York City rapid transit enthusiast is the discussion of the work of Paul Dittmann. His study of the BMT in 1925, how it emerged from a suburban steam rail network to the rapid transit configuration that exists even today, was the basis of a similar transformation which he orchestrated and this similarity also is in existence today in his country.

The purpose of this intense presentation is to enhance the awareness of the similarity and differences between these operations. Everyone who attends and concentrates on what will be related will increase their own personal knowledge of electric railroading. Certainly, it will not be just another slide show.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The October meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 16. Glenn Smith is scheduled to give the presentation.

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SUCCESSFUL TRIP

On Saturday, September 15, over 30 members were present for excellent tours of the LIRR Arch Street Shop and West Side Yard. As an unadvertised bonus, attendees visited the Penn Station Control Center. A good time and great photo opportunities were had by all.

TRIP PLANS FOR THIS YEAR (and into next year)

Here is the current list of tentative dates and proposed itineraries. Please keep in mind that all dates are tentative until a trip flyer is mailed. In some cases, no planning has yet been done and all future trips are subject to date changes and/or cancellation:

Sunday, November 4 – trip utilizing public transportation to get to Philadelphia, PA, for the day. Plans include a ride on NJ Transit's River Line and a ride on some of the following SEPTA routes: 15, 100, 101 or 102 and R7, as well as the two subway lines. Flyer included with this mailing

Saturday, February 16, 2008 – annual Grand Central Terminal Tour

Spring, 2008 - shop tour and ride involving New York & Atlantic Railway

Again, please note that many of these dates and destinations are extremely tentative at the present time. Future monthly mailings will apprise you of any changes.

SQUIRE VICKERS EXHIBIT AT NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT MUSEUM GALLERY

“Architects of the New York City Subway – Squire Vickers and the Subway’s Modern Age,” an exhibit of over 70 historical subway artifacts, architectural drawings, and photographs, is on display at the Transit Museum Gallery in Grand Central Terminal until October 28, 2007. There is no admission charge.

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.**

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on New York Division, ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly contact Larry Furlong at (718) 784-3643 evenings or e-mail Furlong@erausa.org. Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website that contains information regarding both ERA and the New York Division. It is www.electricrailroaders.org.

REMINDER TO MEMBERSHIP

Any current member or subscriber of the New York Division, ERA can invite another person to attend or 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

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