

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009, 7:15 PM

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NEW YORK DIVISION  
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 3001 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10008

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
JACK MAY

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The January meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, January 16, 2009 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 2008 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

Jack May returned to Eastern Europe last August and visited about a dozen properties that were new to his travels and slide collection. They included about half the tramway systems in Romania, as well as a series of meter-gauge operations in the Ukraine. He started in Moscow, home of a first-rate streetcar system and where subway cars of a new design have begun plying the labyrinth of trackage of Russia's capital. But for the most part, transit in other cities, like Konotop, Zhitomir, Sibiu and Cluj, has hardly changed in many decades--except for one new twist, the importation of used rolling stock from Western Europe. Oradea has begun running the same modern ULF (Ultra Low Floor) cars as Vienna, while Bucharest's extensive streetcar network uses modern locally-built 8-axle articulateds. Tatra PCCs are beginning their swan song, as more and more used equipment from cities as far away as Switzerland is being placed in service. And even some home-grown prototypes are now in evidence.

Mark January 16 on your calendar for the opportunity to see lots of streetcars in all kinds of colors and settings, in some faraway places.

## NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The February meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 20, 2009. Eric Oszustowicz will give the presentation, which was originally scheduled for December, 2008, a meeting that was canceled because of inclement weather.

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## TRIP PLANS FOR 2009

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, January 25 – 207<sup>th</sup> Street Tour. See the flyer with this mailing

Saturday, February 21 – annual tour of Grand Central Terminal. Flyer included with this mailing

Saturday, March 28 - tours of the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities. Planning has not begun for this yet, so stay tuned

Spring or early Summer – possible repeat of the Staten Island charter, utilizing the replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s

Saturday, June 6 – joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, tentatively involving a trip on the Metro North Port Jervis line

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.

## 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 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 that contains information regarding both ERA and the New York Division. It is [www.electricrailroaders.org](http://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**

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