

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 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:  
JAMES CHUANG

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The April meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 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 2008 or 2009 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

James Chuang's journey observing transit and rail transport has taken him from Taiwan, where he was born, through to Australia via Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, and New Zealand. His show will take us from trains operating at speeds of 300kph to the extensive 610mm narrow-gauge sugar cane train network in northern Queensland, Australia, followed by the biggest traway system in the world, the Melbourne Yarra tram network. James currently works for the RailCorp Rolling Stock Division in Australia as a Quality Engineer. This digital presentation covers pictures taken during his career at Toll Logistic (biggest transport company and railway operator in Australia and New Zealand), GE, and RailCorp, as well as various places he has traveled on his vacations.

## NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The May meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, May 15, 2009. The presenter will be announced in the May meeting notice.

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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:

Saturday, March 28 – At press time, this trip had not yet occurred, but with over 70 people signed up as of March 20, we had to close this trip to further sales. This was the Division's first sellout in many years. Look for a trip report with the May mailing

Saturday, April 18 – repeat of the Staten Island charter, utilizing the replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s. See the flyer with this mailing. Again, there will be a capacity limit of 50 people per each of the two R-44 cars. As of March 20, there is still room for more, but send your form and money in sooner rather than later

Saturday, June 13 – joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, tentatively involving a trip on the Metro North Port Jervis line (and lunch and a tour in Port Jervis). Watch for a flyer to be sent with the May mailing

We are working on some trips for the second half of 2009. Please stay tuned.

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**

## RULES OF CONDUCT

The New York Division of the Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. ("NY Division") reserves the right to exclude from any and all meetings, trips and other activities sponsored by the NY Division, any person who has engaged in disruptive behavior at any previous meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by the NY Division. Also, the NY Division reserves the right to remove from any meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by the NYC Division, any person who engages in disruptive behavior at that meeting, trip or other activity.

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