

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
GEORGE CHIASSON

The September meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009 (SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH) 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 2009 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$10.00. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW FEE. *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

The September show will be presented by George Chiasson Jr. George's slide program will review the Chicago "L" (CTA) rapid transit system, covering the years 1948-2007. Early images (1948-75) are from various collections, most notably including late Chicago area railfans George Krambles and Joe Diaz, as well as New York railfan photographer Gerry Landau. They include scenes of many abandoned routes as well as some of the system's original and PCC-era rolling stock. Also included are some of George's own images (1980-2007), which include some scenes of recently discontinued operations, recently retired rolling stock, and some contemporary views.

Those who know the quality and detail of George's work know this is a show not to be missed! Come and enjoy a wonderful evening on the Chicago "L."

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The October meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 16, 2009. Andrew Grahl will give the presentation.

STATEN ISLAND TRIP UPDATE

Here is an update on the twice-postponed Staten Island Railway charter: As of mid-August, the new BL20G replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s had still not been formally accepted, although there had been considerable progress in solving the problems. As the Board decided not to pick a new date until the new diesels have been accepted, and in view of the desire not to schedule the trip during colder weather, we will reschedule the trip for sometime in the spring of 2010, assuming acceptance of the new diesels. You will be contacted individually if you previously signed up; others should watch for an announcement in the monthly mailing.

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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. All trips are subject to date changes and/or cancellation:

Saturday, September 12 – Tour of the NYC Transit Car Equipment Maintenance Shop at E. 180th Street in the Bronx We anticipate a tour of 60-90 minutes beginning at 10:30 AM. Unfortunately, we cannot visit the Unionport Tower nearby due to current construction there. We plan an optional trip after the tour involving a ride on the #5 line to Dyre Avenue, a visit to the recently rehabilitated Gun Hill Road station on the #2 line, a lunch stop, and then a ride on the Bx12 SBS bus. An updated flyer is enclosed with this mailing. Please note that the meeting spot for this trip is the south end of the northbound platform at the E. 180th Street station.

Saturday, November 7 – Tentatively, a trip involving Hudson-Bergen Light Rail. No further specifics are available at this time, but please mark this date on your calendar and look for a flyer with the October mailing.

Again, please note that these dates and destinations may be subject to change. Future monthly mailings (and announcements at the monthly meetings) will apprise you of any changes.

When completing forms and sending in your money and self-addressed stamped envelope, please be sure to fill in your e-mail address and phone number.

Planning for trips for 2010 will get underway in the fall.

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. 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!

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting normally scheduled for the September meeting will be held this year in October, because the September meeting is being held a week earlier than usual.

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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The provisions of these NY Division Rules of Conduct shall apply to NY Division members and non-members alike.