

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ

The February meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 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 or 2010 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$10.00. *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

The February program will be presented by Eric Oszustowicz. Eric's slide presentation will include July, 2009 views of the Alaska Railroad in addition to views from 1998 and 2003. Also included in the presentation will be views of the New York area during 2009 covering the subway system, commuter lines, and surface transportation. Photography from the 1984 to 1989 era showing the evolution of the graffiti free program on the NY subway system will also be included. Finally, 2009 scenes of western U.S. and Canadian railroads will also be shown.

From 1998 to 2009, the Alaska Railroad experienced a transition from the use of late 20th century locomotives to the use of mostly ultra modern 21st century locomotives. Eric visited Alaska in 1998, 2003, and 2009, so we will see photographic evidence of this transition. The Alaska Railroad's passenger equipment is also top notch as we will see. Of course, the spectacular scenery of Alaska provides a first-class backdrop for photographers. The railroad will be covered end to end showing virtually every possible reasonably accessible vantage point.

2009 saw continuing change on the New York subway system due to the arrival of more R160s. Another transition took place from 1984 through 1989 with the graffiti-free program on the NY subway, which changed the system and arguably the city as a whole for the better. We will see photography showing these changes in both eras in addition to 2009 views of other New York City area transportation such as the Metro North commuter system.

We will also see the photographic results of Eric's 2009 road trips in the western U.S. and Canada, which include views of freight and passenger operations on various railroads.

As one can see, Eric's presentation is as usual quite diverse, covering a wide variety of operations over different periods in history. For those who have not seen his previous presentations which included Alaska views, you will be in for a pleasant surprise. For those who have, there will be an emphasis on the newest equipment not previously seen. NY subway fans will also enjoy this presenta-

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tion. Since Eric's presentations are long, we will start the presentation on time, so please arrive early. Please join us for an interesting evening.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The March meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 19, 2010. Jeffrey Erlitz will give the presentation.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2010

Here are some dates to mark down for definite or possible trips in 2010: (1) Saturday, February 20 – definite date for our annual Grand Central Terminal tour (see flyer with this mailing); (2) Saturday, March 20 – definite date for a return visit to the 207th Street Subway Shops – we had figured some of the last R-32s may be there at that time, being prepared for reefing, but the latest information suggests a temporary freeze in the retirement of 60-foot cars (see flyer with this mailing); (3) Saturday, April 17 – scheduled date for the twice-postponed Staten Island Railway charter on the new BL20G replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s (see flyer with this mailing); (4) Saturday, May 8 – scheduled joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts on the LIRR Oyster Bay branch to the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. Watch for a flyer with the March mailing; (5) Weekend of June 12 and 13 – scheduled joint trip with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts to the Lancaster, PA, area. (Please note that the reference to Scranton in last month's announcement was in error; we do hope to do a Scranton trip in the future, perhaps next year.) Watch for a flyer with the March mailing.

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 nydiv@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 \$10 door fee. Welcome aboard!

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