

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ANDREW GRAHL

The July meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, July 16, 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 2010 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

The July program will be presented by NYD ERA Program Chairman Andrew Grahl. Andrew will show a detailed slide presentation of the following subjects:

- Seattle - new Sounder light rail system, South Lake Union streetcar system
- Portland - new WES commuter rail system (ERA convention preview), light rail
- Vancouver - West Coast Express commuter rail
- Los Angeles - subway, light rail (including new Gold Line extension) and Metrolink commuter rail with leased NJ Transit equipment
- Phoenix - new light rail system
- Charlotte - light rail system with historic streetcar operation

Other New York Metro area news update scenes will be shown including Second Avenue Subway construction, Staten Island Railway diesels at new homes, and much more local transit. The presentation will end with a snowy ride on the White Pass & Yukon Railroad to help keep cool during the hot summer days! Those who have attended Andrew's shows know this is not to be missed!

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The August meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, August 20, 2010. The presenter will be announced in the August meeting notice.

FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION

Please note that the following meetings in 2010 will not be held on the third Friday of the month as usual: the September meeting will be on **September 24** (Jewish holiday conflict on the 17th) and the October meeting will be held on **October 29** (no room availability on the 15th).

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TRIP REPORT AND TRIP PLANS FOR 2010

On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, the Division ran a trip to the Lancaster area that was jointly sponsored by our friends at the New York Railroad Enthusiasts. Although attendance was less than we originally had hoped for (18 people), the trip was a tremendous success and everybody had a wonderful time. Each of the stops was very well received by those in attendance, from the short stops in Manheim to ride the Birney car and in Lancaster to view the PCC car; to the mid-length stop at the National Toy Train Museum; and to the longer stops at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, the Strasburg Railroad, and the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum. On Sunday morning, the group had a terrific ride on the parlor car of the steam train of the Strasburg Railroad (thanks to Dino Mandros) and witnessed hundreds of young kids, hopefully many future railfans, waiting to ride the special Thomas the Train train. Dinner at Shady Maple lived up to its hype on Saturday and we had a nice dinner stop Sunday at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant in Shartlesville. Sid Keyles enjoyed organizing and running this trip, but wanted to give thanks to those whose help contributed to make the trip a success: Mike Glikin, who helped in planning it; our bus driver, Ira Steinberg, who did his usual superb job; and, especially, Dino Mandros, who helped set up many of the stops and added greatly appreciated financial contributions. Most important of all, we had great cooperation from the weatherman.

Here are some dates to mark down for definite or possible trips in 2010: (1) Saturday, October 16 – Nothing definite has been planned for this date yet, but among the leading possibilities is a tour of the PATH Harrison facility, given the likely mixture then of old and new equipment; (2) Saturday, December 11 – Again, nothing definite, but there may be another joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts in time for the holiday season.

Watch for further information on both dates in future Meeting Notices. Because of much trip activity during the summer from other groups, such as the New York Transit Museum and our friends at the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, the Division will not offer any summer trips this year.

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!

THE BOARD

RULES OF CONDUCT

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