

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
RAYMOND R. BERGER

The October meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, October 29 2010 (**the fifth 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 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

This month's entertainment will be presented by National Second Vice-President Raymond R. Berger, who will present a 35-mm slide show of public transportation in the Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany). Most of us railfans are also transit activists, advocating better railroads, rapid transit and urban mass transit networks. Results of these efforts are not stellar; frequently we see a lack of quality services and superior equipment when new lines open.

When these are built, we observe that the most expensive construction and operating costs are employed, resulting in inferior design or inconvenient services because they are over-built, or cut back in scope to save costs, higher than anticipated. Further, we are all poisoned by the automotive, highway and rubber tire industries, all of whom receive over 90 percent of the federal and state monies for new transportation construction grants. We are told these new rail lines absolutely require the most elaborate and lavish construction, bringing costs for new routes to astronomically high amounts, thus discouraging most new starts. As advocates, we can improve our position to defend new and improved mass transit by becoming more informed about what is available, not what we are told by the highway and automotive people what our limitations are.

This show will examine and compare new European urban rail concepts in use, such as Tram-Train and Train-Tram operations, now more than ten years old. An introductory historical background will allow the viewer to better understand the specific transportation development of Nuernberg, Augsburg, Wurzburg, Karlsruhe, Kassel, Saarbruecken, Nordhausen, as well as Dresden, Leipzig and Magdeburg and a sampling of recently privatized German rail services. This introduction will also include a glimpse at the 150th and 175th Anniversary celebrations marking the start of the Germany's first railroad in Nuernberg.

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Those attending this informative meeting will enhance their knowledge of the result of different improvements that are offered passengers in these cities and which could be used here in America. This will allow you to become better armed to defend our position that public transportation in the United States is in great need of improvement. As an advocate, you will easily recall what you will learn at this Meeting and exhort their implementation in future services. Be sure to join us.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- November – Josh Weis
- December – Marc Glucksman
- January, 2011 – Jack May

ERA ANNUAL MEETING

Many of you recently received materials from the Electric Railroaders' Association, announcing that the club's Annual Meeting would be held on Saturday, October 31, 2010. That date should have been **Saturday, October 30**.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2010

Here are some dates to mark down for definite or possible trips in 2010: (1) Saturday, October 16 – A tour of the PATH Harrison facility, which is timed to take advantage of the likely mixture then of old and new equipment. Watch for a flyer with this mailing; (2) Saturday, December 11 – We plan to sponsor another joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts in time for the holiday season. The planned destination is the Shore Line Trolley Museum in Branford, Connecticut. Watch for further information in the trip report portion of future meeting notices or through Division meeting announcements.

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

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