

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011, 7:15 PM

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

The March meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, March 18, 2011 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus 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 or 2011 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) STJ-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.*

PROGRAM

The March entertainment will consist of Super-8 color movies taken by Gary Grahl. They will cover the following topics: Staten Island Railway (SIRT) featuring B&O and NYCT equipment on the southern part of the line; SEPTA - Northeast Corridor from Trenton to Market East. Includes Amtrak; SEATTLE - new LINK light rail line, former Waterfront Line, new Seattle Streetcar and Tacoma's streetcar line; New York City Transit - Concourse IND line in the 1970s and 1980s; (if time permits) Trolley Museums - National Capital (Colesville, MD), Perris, CA, and Rio Vista Junction, CA.

Those who have attended Gary's shows in the past know they are not to be missed! Join us for a wonderful movie show.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- April – Jeffrey Erlitz; May – Harry Pinsker; June – To be announced

BUSINESS MEETING

At the March meeting, before the start of the program, we will have a short business session to discuss matters related to the New York Division, ERA. If you have anything you wish to bring up, this is the time to do so.

TRIP ITEM

Starting with the next trip (PATH Harrison Shop Tour on Saturday, April 9), there will be some procedural changes in the flyers. Checks will still be made payable to New York Division, ERA, Inc., but forms and checks will be mailed to the New York Division, care of Sid Keyles, at Sid's home address. Also, you will not need to include a stamped return envelope with our order, as tickets will not be issued. Confirmation that your order has been received and that you are scheduled to go on the trip will be via e-mail, so please write your e-mail address clearly on the order form. If you don't have e-mail access, include your phone number on the form.

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TRIP PLANS FOR 2011

Here is what we can tell you so far regarding planned trips for 2011:

1. We are still hopeful that the annual Grand Central Terminal Tour can be rescheduled for a later date this year. We will let you know as soon as we can if our request for a later date this year with Metro-North has been successful. Please stay tuned.

2. Saturday, April 9 – We are set with PATH for our Harrison Shop tour, followed by a stop at the Harrison Station. There will be a limit of a maximum of 30 people for this trip, so get your form and money in ASAP. The form is in this mailing.

3. Here are some other very tentative dates for trips for the rest of 2011: (a) Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22 - A Baltimore/Washington, D.C., weekend trip, focusing on trolley museums; (b) Saturday, June 11 - a Hudson-Bergen Light Rail trip, focusing on the new 8th Street extension, which opened in late January; (c) Saturday, August 6 – a visit to the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities; (d) Saturday, October 1 – a day trip to Philadelphia to visit the Fern Rock and 69th Street Shops; (e) Saturday, November 5 – a visit to one of the NYCT shops, such as Coney Island or Westchester; (f) Saturday, December 10 – the annual Railroad Enthusiasts holiday trip to a place to be determined.

Please watch in the future for announcements at the Division's monthly meetings and in these monthly meeting notices for more detailed information.

Reminder – the National ERA Convention in 2011 will be in Chicago during Labor Day weekend. The dates are September 1-6.

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 \$5 door fee. Welcome aboard!

NEIL CARLSON, 1939-2010

We regret to inform our readers of the death of Neil Carlson on December 23, 2010 at age 71. A former Engineer for the Chicago & Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads and a longtime ERA member, Mr. Carlson was a frequent New York Division meeting attendee. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7 PM at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Times Square.

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