

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
JEFFREY ERLITZ

The March meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, March 16, 2012 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 2011 or 2012 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

For the March meeting, Jeff Erlitz (#3997) will present a program based on the second and third E.R.A. tours of Europe, which were held in 1985 and 1988. The 1985 tour included Switzerland (Zurich, Bern, Basel, and many local interurbans), Germany (Stuttgart, Dortmund, and a special side trip to Wuppertal), and the Vicinal system around Charleroi, Belgium. The 1988 tour took us through Portugal (Lisbon, Porto and Sintra), Spain (Madrid and Barcelona), Italy (Milano and Torino), and Marseille, France. We also rode the little third-rail narrow-gauge line through the Pyrenees from Latour-de-Carol to Villefranche. As the E.R.A. will be touring through Italy again this year, this presentation should whet the appetites of anyone planning to go on this tour.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

- April 20, 2012 – Harry Pinsker; May 18, 2012 – To be announced; June 15, 2012 – Joshua Goldwitz

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on 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. It is www.erausa.org.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2012

As previously announced, our first trip in 2012 will be on Saturday, April 14 -- a visit to the NJ Transit Meadows Shop. As of press time, we have received the green light from NJ Transit for this visit, but the details are still being worked out. Therefore, the flyer will be included in the April mailing and is not included in this March mailing. For those of you who opted to receive your mailings via email, we will try to get the flyer to you before the April mailing and will also post it on our website as early as possible.

Here are some the other trips we are seriously considering for the remainder of 2012 and some tentative dates. Remember that this information is all still tentative and is subject to change: (a) Saturday, June 23 -- A ride on the Hudson Line of Metro North to Poughkeepsie and then a walk over the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie (cosponsored with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts); (b) Saturday, July 28 -- Our annual Grand Central Terminal tour; (c) Sunday, September 23 -- A ride on the Metro-North New Haven Line to the Danbury Railroad Museum (cosponsored with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts); (d) Saturday, November 3 -- A visit to the MTA NYC Transit Coney Island Shops.

There will be a few additional trips run by our friends from the NY Railroad Enthusiasts which we will cosponsor. Dates and destinations will be announced several months before each such trip, so stay tuned.

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.**

REMINDER TO MEMBERSHIP

Any current member of the Electric Railroaders' Association can invite another person to attend our monthly meeting as their guest. First-time visitors are admitted without having to pay the \$5 door fee. Welcome aboard!

THE BOARD

RULES OF CONDUCT

The Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. ("ERA") reserves the right to exclude from any and all meetings, trips and other activities sponsored by ERA, any person who has engaged in disruptive behavior at any previous meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by ERA. Also, ERA reserves the right to remove from any meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by ERA, any person who engages in disruptive behavior at that meeting, trip or other activity.

Disruptive behavior shall include but not be limited to the possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, illegal weapons or any other illegal substance or item.

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