

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
YURY MALLER

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The September meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, September 21, 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 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

The September presentation will be an extraordinary digital show by Yury Maller covering a vast territory known as the former USSR, presently divided into 15 independent states. We will begin in Eastern Prussia, formerly of Germany, travel through the Baltic States, visit the last dictatorship in Europe, continue through the central Russia, then on to Ukraine including former Austria-Hungarian territories, travel through the Caucasus, stopover in the Middle East, cut through Siberia and finish in the Pacific Far East. On the way we will set the following world records: visit the largest and the smallest tram and trolleybus systems anywhere, the northernmost tram and trolleybus systems, the systems operated under the harshest weather conditions, the longest trolleybus interurban line, as well as ride the transcontinental tram, see the unique trolleybus EMU trains and visit a tram system that is being run by railfans. We will also ride Brooklyn Peter Witt cars in St. Petersburg, ride the Russian version of American GM buses converted into trams and trolleybuses, and ride three times as many PCCs than the U.S. ever had. Did we mention that a great deal of the Russian electric traction technology can be attributed to the American know-how?

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

October 19, 2012 – Gary Grahl; November 16, 2012 – Ray Berger; December 21, 2012 – Andrew Grahl

## MONTHLY ERA MAILINGS

Because of the extremely high cost to send regular monthly mailings via first class, ERA recently began utilizing a less expensive mailing class as an alternative. After a few months of the new system, it appeared that mailings were taking on average one to two weeks longer than in the past. Accordingly, the Board has returned to using first class mail. Nonetheless, we encourage those of you who receive mailings via mail to strongly consider switching to email delivery if possible, joining the hundreds of other members who already receive their mailings via email, especially since the increasing cost of postage might result in an increase in the dues in the near future. Receipt via email has been on a timely basis and use of email saves ERA considerable moneys. If you want to switch to email delivery, please email [subscriptions@erausa.org](mailto:subscriptions@erausa.org).

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## INFORMATION & UPDATES

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## REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Saturday, July 28 -- This was our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Central Terminal tour. The trip occurred after press time, so look for a report in the September meeting notice.

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2012

Here are the other trips for the remainder of 2012 with the scheduled dates. Although these are fairly certain as of now, please be advised that everything is always subject to change:

(a) Thursday, August 30 to Tuesday, September 4 -- The Annual ERA Convention will be in Boston this Labor Day weekend. Please see the flyer sent with the April mailing or get it on the ERA website, [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org); (b) Sunday, September 23 -- A ride on the Metro-North New Haven Line to the Danbury Railroad Museum (cosponsored with the NY Railroad Enthusiasts). Please see the flyer with this August mailing; (c) Saturday to Monday, October 6-8 (Columbus Day Weekend) -- We are co-sponsoring the NY Railroad Enthusiasts' Fall Foliage in the Poconos trip. Please see the flyer with this August mailing; (d) Saturday, November 3 -- A visit to the MTA NYC Transit Coney Island Shops. Watch for a flyer with the October (or perhaps September) mailing; (e) Saturday, December 8 -- We will co-sponsor the NY Railroad Enthusiasts' Holiday Trip, tentatively to the NY Botanic Garden in the Bronx. Watch for a flyer in the October or November 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.**

## 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.

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