

# MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:  
PAUL GAWKOWSKI

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The May meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, May 10, 2013 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 2013 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. **Please note that this is the SECOND Friday of the month.***

## PROGRAM

The May presentation will consist of an informative digital show by Paul Gawkowski. Paul's show will consist of the following subjects:

Beijing Metro and Beijing *Dang Dang*, Heritage Tram, the Shanghai Metro and a ride on the Shanghai Maglev line, a look at the world's longest Monorail system in Chongqing, the world's largest city, a river cruise thru the Yangtze Three Gorges and the Yangtze River funiculars. From a trip to Colorado last fall, I'll also show the Manitou and Pikes Peak, the Rio Grande Scenic, the Cumbres and Toltec and the Durango and Silverton. Finally, we'll take a ride on Amtrak's Vermonter and take a look at the latest extension of the Expo Line to Culver City and the Orange Line BRT to the Chatsworth Metrolink/Amtrak Station.

Please join us for a wonderful and informative presentation.

## NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

June 21, 2013 – Marc Glucksman; July 19, 2013 – Lew Hoy; August 16, 2013 – Todd Glickman

## 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](mailto:info@erausa.org). Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website. It is [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org).

## TRIP PLANS FOR 2013

Please note the following possible dates for other trips for 2013, many of which are very tentative and all of which are subject to change: (a) Sunday, May 5 (*note date change from Saturday, May 4; the railroad is not operating on May 4*) - Wilmington & Western Railroad and the Amtrak train facility in Wilmington DE. This trip is confirmed to operate. A flyer was included with the April mailing; (b) Saturday, May 18 – RRE trip, endorsed by ERA. Metro-North rail to Poughkeepsie, then charter vehicle for photo stops at several stations south. A flyer was included with the April mailing and forms were due by April 30; (c) Friday, May 24 to Thursday, May 30 - Denver-Salt Lake City Convention. See message below; (d) Saturday, June 29 - Grand Central Terminal Tour. This tour will be limited to 35 people. Please look for a flyer with the June mailing; (e) Saturday, July 13 – RRE trip on LIRR to Montauk; (f) Saturday, August 24 - LIRR East Side Access/Sunnyside Yard; (g) Saturday, October 19 - NJT River Line + PATCO

We thank you for your continued support of our trips.

## DENVER TRIP UPDATE

In December, 2012, you received a flyer inviting you to join us on ERA's 2013 Annual Convention featuring two of America's dynamic light rail cities, Denver and Salt Lake City. **The Denver hotel room block is about 88% booked. ERA's 70-seat reserved (and discounted) car is fully booked.** However, members can still book the Denver-Salt Lake City travel on the same train on their own at Amtrak's individual fares, so you can still join us in the dining, snack or observation car.

### **Book Now Before It's Too Late!**

If you are interested in participating, get your reservations and money for your tickets in as soon as possible. **The booking deadline for all events and hotel rooms other than the Amtrak train trip between Denver and Salt Lake City is May 6, 2013.** Though the ERA Amtrak car between Denver and Salt Lake City is now fully booked, you can still book on the same train on your own while seats are still available (at the higher individual Amtrak fares). Alternatively, you can travel between Denver and Salt Lake City via Greyhound's inexpensive two daily trips, or take a shuttle flight on Delta, Frontier or United Airlines (priced between \$100 and \$120 per person, based on availability).

In addition to covering two of the nation's fastest growing urban light rail systems, members on this trip will also get to ride the iconic Pikes Peak Cog Railway, visit the Colorado Railway Museum, ride the Fort Collins Birney cars, see the historic Ogden Utah Union Station, travel on Salt Lake's commuter rail line and ride through the Rockies on Amtrak's California Zephyr train. This is a trip not to be missed! If you don't have the flyer, you can [download](#) a copy at [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org), email ERA President Bob Newhouser at [bnnyc1955@aol.com](mailto:bnnyc1955@aol.com), or call him at 917-482-4235 for a copy of the flyer. See you in Denver and Salt Lake City in May, 2013!

## 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**

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