

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ

The February meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, February 21, 2014 on the second floor (Vanderbilt Suite) of the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th Street (at Madison Avenue) in Manhattan. The Hotel is convenient to the 42nd Street stations of the Lexington Avenue and Sixth Avenue Subways, the Grand Central station of the Flushing Subway, and Metro-North's Grand Central Terminal. The doors open at 6:30 PM, and the meeting commences at 7:15 PM. Bring your 2013 or 2014 membership card with you for admission. THE DOOR FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$5.00.

PROGRAM

The February slide program will be presented by Eric Oszustowicz and will be quite unusual. This program will be part one of a three-part program. Parts two and three will be shown at future meetings.

2014 marks the 30th year that Eric has been a photographer and during 2013 Eric produced his 200,000th image. At our February meeting, we will see approximately 450 of these images taken from 1984 to the present. Slide selection will be based first on aesthetic quality or unusual nature, then on location. During the three programs, we will see images from all 50 U.S. states, 11 Canadian provinces, and seven continents including about 60 foreign countries. The vast majority will of course be of light rail, subway, commuter rail, intercity rail (passenger and freight), trolley coach, and other forms of transportation. Winter snow and fall foliage scenes will be among specialized groups to be shown. The remainder will be presented in an amusing alphabetical order based on locations around the world. Many views around the New York metropolitan area will be included.

This presentation will probably include the widest range of subjects of any meeting to date, so there will be something for everyone.

Please join us for quite an interesting and entertaining evening, during which you literally see much the world.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

March 21, 2014 – Bill Armstrong Collection; April 18, 2014 – Ronald Yee; May 16, 2013 – Harry Pinsker

REMINDER: There will be ten presentations scheduled this year. There will be no meetings scheduled in July or August.

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly e-mail info@erausa.org. Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website. It is www.erausa.org.

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MESSAGE FROM ERA PRESIDENT BOB NEWHOUSER

Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our members! We are making great progress toward managing our costs while maintaining our focus on the numerous offerings valued by our members--publishing our monthly *Bulletin* and *Headlights*, hosting our informative and entertaining meetings, and sponsoring our numerous local traction trips and our acclaimed international and domestic traction tours.

In the last three months, our Board of Directors has successfully:

- 1) Completed vacating our Grand Central Terminal office facilities. The Sprague Library will be relocated to the Shore Line Trolley Museum within the next 18 months while they identify and develop the new site for the collection
- 2) Begun our monthly meetings in the iconic Roosevelt Hotel, which will offer our members, for the first time, hotel amenities associated with conferences meetings (coat racks, water stations, proper vendor tables, in-house restaurant and bar) while reducing our meeting expenses
- 3) Begun the process of consolidating our three scattered storerooms to two large modern rooms in Upper Manhattan. We have completed closing down two of the old rooms and are making rapid progress toward closing the third room by end of 1st Quarter 2014.

Our reduction in office and library facilities necessitates that we clarify to our members our policy on donations to the ERA. While ERA still welcomes and encourages cash/check donations as well as donations of photos, slides and digital images and pre-1950 issues of *Headlights*, we **no longer accept donations of:**

- 1) Hard copy publications, maps, brochures, or books
- 2) Issues of *Headlights* published from 1950 and later. We just completed a comprehensive inventory of our collection and it is complete from 1950 and later.

For those of you who wish to donate hard copy publications, maps, brochures or books, we suggest that you contact trolley museums around the country, in particular the Shore Line Trolley Museum, that specialize in traction in our region. You should call or email them first to discuss your donation before sending to them. They can be reached at (203) 467-6927 or by email at: office@shorelinetrolley.org.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2014

Here are our planned trips for 2014: (a) Saturday, April 5: Grand Central Terminal Tour (application included in this mailing); (b) May 4-24: Japan Trip; (c) Saturday, June 7: Corona Yard Tour featuring new R-188 cars; (d) Saturday, August 2: Ride on two of three tourist railroads (Kingston City Shuttle, Catskill Mountain Railway, Delaware & Ulster Railroad); (e) August 30-September 2: Minneapolis-St. Paul Convention; (f) Sunday, September 28: Metro-North New Haven Shop and Shore Line Trolley Museum; (g) Sunday, November 1: Ride on NJ Transit/Metro-North to Port Jervis.

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.

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