

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT VISIT & TOUR: MEADOWS RAIL SHOPS (MMC)

Saturday, April 14th, 2012

The Electric Railroaders' Association is pleased to announce a visit to the main rail facility of New Jersey Transit, the Meadows Maintenance Complex, in Kearny, NJ, on **Saturday, April 14, 2012**. We last visited MMC in 2007 as part of a New Jersey and Staten Island trip, and we know a number of you have expressed an interest in returning. NJ Transit rail has received some new equipment since our last visit to MMC. In addition to a tour of the maintenance facility to be given by the Manager of the Locomotive Shop, there will be opportunities to take photos.

Those attending will have to meet us at **Newark Broad Street Station** (inbound platform) of the Morris & Essex and Montclair-Boonton lines in time to catch the **9:19 am train heading to Hoboken**, which is scheduled to make an employee stop at MMC. There are at least three ways you can do this: (1) Just be on the correct platform at Newark Broad Street to catch this 9:19 am train; (2) Take the 8:11 am Midtown Direct train from Penn Station-New York towards Dover and get off at Newark Broad Street at 8:30 am; you would then have the option to transfer across the platform to the train to Bay Street-Montclair mentioned in "3" that follows; or (3) Take the 8:08 am Montclair line train out of Hoboken, ride it to last stop at Bay Street-Montclair, and then take it back at 9:00 am out of Bay Street-Montclair, staying on after it stops at Newark Broad Street at 9:19 am. Any NJT fares will be at your own expense. You will not need a ticket to ride between Newark Broad Street and MMC. We should arrive at MMC around 9:30 am and estimate that the tour and photo opportunities will take approximately 2-1/2 hours. A Coach Tours charter bus will pick us up at MMC around 12:00 noon and drop attendees off at either (a) Hoboken Terminal or (b) Penn Station New York. Because only a very limited number of trains are scheduled to stop at MMC on weekends, the above travel arrangements were the best we could make.

If you have a car and plan to drive to MMC instead of using the above arrangements, please contact Sid Keyles via email or at his phone number listed below. For all attendees, in anticipation of the need for security clearance for all attendees, please make certain to have a photo ID in your possession.

Join us for a very special visit and tour of the NJT Rail MMC. The ticket price is only \$20.00 for this tour. Please write your email address legibly below so we can notify you if there are any changes in the arrangements detailed above. This visit and tour operates rain or shine.

Mail to:	ERA, INC. c/o Sid Keyles 2194 Kent Court Mahwah, NJ 07430-3822	(201) 684-9408 or e- mail sidkeyles@optonline.net for info or updates
	Enclosed is for tickets to the NJTransit Rail Meadows Shop (MMC) tour on Saturday, April 14, 2012	FARE: \$20.00 Checks should be made payable to Electric Railroaders' Assn., Inc.
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Please do <u>not</u> enclose a stamped return envelope with your order, as tickets will <u>not</u> be issued. If you provide your legible e-mail address, you will receive an e-mail confirmation shortly after your order is received.

Please note the Mahwah, NJ, address to which you should send your order. Checks should be made payable to Electric Railroaders' Assn., Inc.

DEPARTURE TIMES

Each attendee is responsible for being at the departure point(s) several minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. With regard to the initial departure times, you should be aware that numerous g.o.'s are frequently in effect on the subways almost every weekend and these may delay your normal trip from your home or connection to the trip departure point. It is your responsibility to check for g.o.'s and other service notices that may affect your trip beforehand, so that you can plan your arrival time with plenty of cushion to spare. There will be no ticket refunds for failure to show up on time. It is important that you adhere to announced return departure times.

RULES OF CONDUCT

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

APPROPRIATE DRESS

If a trip involves walking through a rail shop or similar facility, appropriate footwear should be worn for each attendee's own safety. If a trip plan involves considerable walking, it is recommended that footwear be comfortable.