



Electric Railroaders' Assn.



THE NEW YORK RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS

# VISIT TO AMTRAK SHOP IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE PLUS, RIDE THE WILMINGTON & WESTERN RAILROAD

## Sunday, May 5, 2013



The Electric Railroaders' Association, with co-sponsorship by the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, is pleased to announce a trip to Wilmington, DE, on **Sunday, May 5, 2013**, to make two interesting rail stops. Our first stop will be Amtrak's Wilmington Shops in Wilmington, DE, where Amtrak personnel will give us a tour of the shop that handles many of Amtrak's electric engines. We last visited these Shops in May 2008 and were treated then to a very interesting and informative morning, with lots of photo opportunities.

Following a lunch stop, our second stop will be the Wilmington & Western Railroad, north of downtown Wilmington. This Railroad was originally chartered in 1867 and officially opened for freight and passenger service in 1872. The line was shortened considerably into the late 1950's and in the mid-1970s, the line's new owner, The Chessie System, determined that the line had become a financial burden and filed for abandonment. The first revenue tourist train ran in November 2000 and we do not believe ERA has ever visited it. At 2:30 pm, our group will take a leisurely 1½-hour round-trip train ride up the Red Clay Valley to the Mt. Cuba Picnic Grove, where we will enjoy a ½-hour layover to have a picnic snack (with your own snacks) or simply admire the natural surroundings. It appears the Railroad is using diesel rather than steam motive power for this run.

Our chartered Coach Tours bus will leave promptly at 8:00 AM from the east side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just south of West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, across the street from the Port Authority Bus Terminal (Stop #1). There will be an additional pickup point in Metropark at the bus stop area in front of the New Jersey Transit/Amtrak Metropark Station (Stop #2). The pickup at this Stop #2 will be at 8:45 AM. (Parking is available at \$5.00 for 16 hours in the garage at the station.) **Please indicate below at which stop you will be boarding the bus.** It is expected that the bus will return home before 7:00 PM, so there will not be a dinner stop.

Please join us for a special trip to two very interesting and nice train facilities in the Wilmington, DE, area. The ticket price below includes your charter bus transportation (including driver gratuity) and Wilmington & Western Railroad fare. Other expenses, such as meals, are not included. For additional information about the Wilmington & Western Railroad, see: <http://www.wvrr.com/default.aspx>. The ticket price is only **\$85.00** (\$1.00 discount for seniors 60 or over) for this trip. Please write your email address legibly below so we can notify you if there are any changes in the arrangements detailed above. This trip operates rain or shine.

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for info or updates

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the Wilmington, DE, rail facilities trip on Sunday, **May 5, 2013**  
I will board at \_\_\_ Stop #1 \_\_\_ Stop #2

**FARE: \$85.00 (\$84.00 for seniors 60+)**  
Checks should be made payable to  
**Electric Railroaders' Assn., Inc.**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

See other side for important information.

Please do not enclose a stamped return envelope with your order, as tickets will not 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.**

### **MINIMUM RESPONSE REQUIRED**

This trip is predicated on a minimum of 20 people attending. If there is not a sufficient response by the deadline for signing up mentioned below, the trip will be cancelled and you will be so notified. Please be sure to enter your email address on the form on the other side so that we can inform you whether or not the trip is going to occur; we will advise you as soon as we have the minimum required number of responses.

Because of the long lead time needed to produce this flyer, not all arrangements have been finalized yet. Although ERA will attempt to make both stops as advertised, and we do not see any roadblocks at the present time, we cannot be responsible if one or more visits cannot be executed as planned. Again, we will notify you of any problems via email.

Tickets for this trip must be purchased in advance, on or before **April 19, 2013**. If the minimum number of 20 sign up for the trip by this deadline, ERA may allow additional sign-ups if there is still room on the bus. However, if all those interested can sign up by April 19<sup>th</sup>, it will improve the chances that the trip can be run.

### **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**

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

### **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.