

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 3001 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10008

PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
PAUL GAWKOWSKI

The July meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, July 20, 2007 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus (formerly the College of Insurance) 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 2007 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) SJU-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.*

PROGRAM

The July meeting will feature slides presented by New York Division Director Paul Gawkowski. Paul's presentation will feature the world-class tramway systems in Budapest, Prague, and Vienna. We'll also take side trips to the smaller systems in Brno (Czech Republic) and Debrecen (Hungary). Back in the USA we'll take a look at three of our busiest and most successful tourist railroads - the Maine Eastern along the coast of Maine, the Conway Scenic through Crawford Notch in New Hampshire, and the Grand Canyon Railway to the Grand Canyon. Finally we'll tour NJ Transit's Meadowlands Maintenance Facility on the Division's very successful June 24 excursion.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The August meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, August 17. Watch this space next month for details on the program!

TRIP PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

Saturday, September 15 – LIRR Arch Street Shop and West Side Yard (note: rescheduled from September 8)

Saturday, November 3 – shop tour and ride involving Cross Harbor or New York & Atlantic Railway

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REPORT ON PAST TRIPS

On Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, a group of members attended the overnight/weekend trip to rail museums in New England (Warehouse Point and East Haven, CT; Lowell, MA; and Kennebunkport, ME). The trip was extremely enjoyable and a great time was had by all. Special thanks have been conveyed to all the people who went above and beyond for our group at Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport and Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven. As a result of the success of this trip, following a good trip to Baltimore last year, the Board is seriously considering another weekend trip for 2008, possibly to the Philadelphia area.

On Sunday, June 24, the Division had a record number for a trip with a chartered bus as the trip to New Jersey and Staten Island had sold out in advance. The first stop at NJ Transit Rail's Meadows Maintenance Complex afforded excellent photo opportunities and a chance to view the interior of one of the new bi-level cars now entering service on the Northeast Corridor. After a HBLR ride to Bayonne, we toured the proposed Bayonne Harbor Streetcar route and visited the 9/11 Memorial, "To the Struggle Against World Terrorism," a gift from the Russian people. The last stop was a visit to the Staten Island Railway Clifton Shop and included viewing some interesting diesels and work equipment. A Rutgers University 60-foot low floor New Flyer articulated bus provided our transportation. The weather was gorgeous and a great day was had by all!

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.**

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on New York Division, ERA activities (i.e., meetings, fantrips) or membership information, kindly contact Larry Furlong at (718) 784-3643 evenings or e-mail Furlong@erausa.org. Also, for those of you who don't know, ERA has a website that contains information regarding both ERA and the New York Division. It is www.electricrailroaders.org.

REMINDER TO MEMBERSHIP

Any current member or subscriber of the New York Division, ERA can invite another person to attend or 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 New York Division of the Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. ("NY Division") reserves the right to exclude from any and all meetings, trips and other activities sponsored by the NY Division, any person who has engaged in disruptive behavior at any previous meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by the NY Division. Also, the NY Division reserves the right to remove from any meeting, trip or other activity sponsored by the NYC Division, 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 NY Division Rules of Conduct shall apply to NY Division members and non-members alike.