

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008, 7:15 PM

NEW YORK DIVISION
ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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PRESENTING THIS MONTH: ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ

The December meeting of the New York Division, Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, December 19, 2008 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 2008 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 December program will be presented by Eric Oszustowicz. His slide program will focus on the French Riviera and western Switzerland with views of current events in the New York area interspersed. A brief look at public transport on various Caribbean islands and along the Amazon River in Brazil is also on the agenda. An update of railroading in the western United States will also be included.

The main portion of the program will include October 2008 views of the recently opened (and extremely photogenic) light rail system in Nice, France and the long established trolley systems in Geneva, Basel and Bern, Switzerland. Commuter and Inter City rail in all four cities will be shown in addition to views in Monaco and Cannes. The trolley coach systems in Geneva and Bern will also be covered in addition to other surface transport in all of the above venues.

The New York portion of the program will include a photographic chronology of the introduction of the new R160 subway cars and a brief look at the new PATH cars.

As you can see, the subject matter is diverse and unusual enough to appeal to anyone interested in public transit. Please join us for an interesting evening.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

The January meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, January 16, 2009. Jack May will give the presentation.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Saturday, November 1 – The Harrison Shop tour was attended by the 40 maximum and all were treated to a very informative walk-through of the facility. PATH was gracious to provide a shuttle bus from the PATH Harrison station, as single-tracking that day prevented direct access to the shop platform (and could have postponed our visit). The highlight of the visit was a close-up look at the PA-5 test train.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2009

Here is the current list of tentative dates and proposed itineraries. Please keep in mind that all dates are tentative until a trip flyer is mailed. In some cases, no planning has yet been done and all future trips are subject to date changes and/or cancellation:

Sunday, January 25 – 207th Street Tour. See the flyer with this mailing

Saturday, February 21 – annual tour of Grand Central Terminal. Watch for a flyer with the January mailing

Saturday, March 28 - tours of the LIRR Hillside and Morris Park facilities. Planning has not begun for this yet, so stay tuned

Spring or early Summer – possible repeat of the Staten Island charter, utilizing the replacement diesels for the Alco S-1s

Saturday, June 6 – joint trip with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts, tentatively involving a trip on the Metro North Port Jervis line

Again, please note that many of these dates and destinations are extremely tentative at the present time. Future monthly mailings will apprise you of any changes.

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 ERA at (212) 986-4482 or e-mail info@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!

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