

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
RAYMOND R. BERGER

The October meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, October 19, 2012 at the St. John's University Manhattan Campus 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 2012 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) STJ-2499 on the scheduled meeting date.*

PROGRAM

This show will feature almost all phases of railroads in Ireland, both in the Republic and in the North, including the 17 Iarnrod Eireann heavy rail lines, the two DART electric commuter rail lines, the two LUAS light rail lines, the four rail lines of the Northern Ireland Railways, and some slides of a historic nature in Ireland. Certainly, it will be worth your while to join us for this interesting presentation.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

November 16, 2012 – Gary Grahl; December 21, 2012 – Andrew Grahl; January 18, 2013 – Jack May

DUES RENEWAL AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In the past, prior to ERA's absorption of the New York Division, your dues renewal notice and form, and papers dealing with the annual membership meeting, were sent to you under separate cover. Those items are enclosed with this month's mailing, so please be sure to look for them with this package. In particular, your prompt response to the dues renewal request will be greatly appreciated. *Your 2013 membership card is enclosed with this mailing.*

INFORMATION & UPDATES

If any members or potential members need additional information on 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. It is www.erausa.org.

HEADLIGHTS

As we get nearer to year's end, a number of members have asked what has happened to *Headlights*. Please rest assured that a number of new issues are in the works and ERA volunteers are working feverishly to get at least one issue out to you as soon as possible. No specific date promises, but you should be receiving an issue before too long.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIP

Sunday, September 23 – A ride on the Metro-North New Haven Line to the Danbury Railroad Museum (cosponsored with the New York Railroad Enthusiasts). The trip took place after press time, so please look for a report in the November meeting notice.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2012

Here are the trips for the remainder of 2012 with the scheduled dates:

(a) Saturday, November 3 -- A visit to the MTA NYC Transit Coney Island Shops. We will have to comply with new procedures instituted by NYC Transit for group visits to facilities like Coney Island. We have to submit a list of attendees, with a copy of a photo ID for each person, in advance to NYC Transit so police/security can review in advance. Normally, the process has been taking a month, but due to our longstanding excellent relationship with NYC Transit, they've agreed to try to work with us using a two-week advance deadline. That means that your forms, money, and copy of a photo ID need to be **received** by Sid Keyles no later than **Saturday, October 20**. It is unlikely that any exceptions can be made. The flyer is enclosed with this mailing. Please get your forms in ASAP -- the earlier, the better; (b) Saturday, December 8 -- We will co-sponsor the NY Railroad Enthusiasts' Holiday Trip, tentatively to the NY Botanic Garden in the Bronx. Please see the flyer with the November mailing.

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!

IN MEMORIAM – by Andrew Grahl

Traction fans and the Electric Railroaders' Association lost one of their own last month as well-known photographer and author Joseph P. Saitta passed away at the age of 70.

Joe was a very well-known traction fan who wrote countless books on the subject. He started the Traction Yearbook and the Traction Extra series in the 1980s while he was working on slide selling under the name Traction Slides International. Upon retirement from Long Island Bus, where Joe drove the streets of Nassau for many years, he helped his long-time friend Vincent Seyfried complete several books covering Queens history. He was also well-known for his fantastic black-and-white prints that were always available. Joe was a perfectionist when it came to photography. He always looked to capture the traction image with an interesting scene for all to enjoy. I remember Joe in his beloved Karlsruhe, Germany talking the Mayor into letting us photograph trolleys from the roof of City Hall. On a personal note, Joe was always very special to his friends. If he knew you had an interest, he would always remember you.

He is survived by his wife, Yolanda, who has always been by his side on various traction trips and events, his sons Michael, Danny, and Rick, and stepchildren Nena and Carlos. His grandchildren, including his beloved Vanessa, who was interested in traction photography, will all miss him terribly.

Joseph Saitta -- January 2, 1942 - August 21, 2012

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