

MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013, 7:15 PM

ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESENTING THIS MONTH:
ERIC OSZUSTOWICZ

The February meeting of the Electric Railroaders' Association will be held on Friday, February 15, 2013 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 or 2013 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 - FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO TEXAS AND BEYOND

The February program will be presented by Eric Oszustowicz. His slide program will cover diverse subject matter in Eastern Europe and Texas.

The highlight of the presentation will be the photographic results of Eric's trip to Budapest, Bucharest and Sofia in September 2012. The extensive tramway systems in all three cities will be covered in moderate detail. Views of subway, commuter, and intercity rail operations in these cities will also be shown.

During the same trip, Eric visited Istanbul, which is continually expanding its rail operations. We will see a brief photographic synopsis of tramway, subway, and commuter operations, and views of what is possibly the busiest single rapid transit bus line in the world.

Eric also travelled to Texas during the summer of 2012 on an extended visit. Although the Dallas Light Rail system will be the largest system to be shown, we will also take a look at commuter operations in Dallas in addition to the diesel light rail system in Austin.

For main line freight fans, we will head down to Laredo and follow the Kansas City Southern main line northward from Laredo, through Houston, Shreveport and beyond. As one will see, the KCS is an interesting operation to photograph. Please join us for an interesting evening of diverse and unusual subject matter.

NEXT THREE MONTHS' PRESENTERS

March 15, 2013 – Nicholas DiBari; April 19, 2013 – Jeffrey Erlitz; May 10, 2013 (SECOND Friday) – To be announced

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.

TRIP PLANS FOR 2013

We have begun planning possible trips for 2013. Please note the following possible dates, many of which are very tentative and all of which are subject to change: (a) Saturday, March 2 - Coney Island Shop Tour (flyer included once again with this mailing); (b) Saturday, May 4 - Wilmington & Western + Amtrak + East Penn Traction Meet [we may try to visit all 3, but 2 out of 3 is more likely]; (c) Friday, May 24, to Thursday, May 30 - Denver-Salt Lake City Convention; (d) Saturday, June 29 - Grand Central Terminal Tour; (e) Saturday, August 24 - LIRR East Side Access/Sunnyside Yard; (f) Saturday, October 19 - NJT River Line + PATCO

We thank you for your past support of our trips and hope that you will take advantage of the trips we plan to offer and/or co-sponsor with our friends at the Railroad Enthusiasts in 2013.

**** ATTENTION MEMBERS! ERA's MAY 24-30, 2013 DENVER/SALT LAKE TRIP OVER HALF BOOKED! ****

Two months ago, ERA members received a flyer inviting them to join us on ERA's outstanding 2013 Annual North American Convention to the Mountain West, featuring two of America's dynamic light rail cities--Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Reservations have been coming in far faster than usual! After two months, over 60% of ERA's Denver hotel room block and over 70% of the 70-seat reserved (and discounted) ERA tickets on our reserved Amtrak train car have been booked!

Book now before it's too late! Get your reservations and money for your tickets in as soon as possible. ERA's booking deadline is April 8, 2013 (May 6, 2013 for hotel rooms) OR whenever capacity is sold out at events, particularly the Amtrak trip, **whichever occurs earlier!**

In addition to covering two of the nation's fastest growing urban light rail systems, the 2013 ERA Convention will also visit/ride the iconic Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the Colorado Railway Museum, trips on the Fort Collins Birney cars, historic Ogden Utah Union Station, Salt Lake's commuter rail line and a ride through the Rockies on Amtrak's California Zephyr train. This is a trip not to be missed! If you don't have the flyer, click on and print out the flyer at <http://www.erausa.org/conventions/2013/> OR email Bob Newhouser, ERA's President, at bnnyc1955@aol.com or call him at 917-482-4235 for a copy of the flyer. See you in Denver and Salt Lake City in May 2013!

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!

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