



Tour of the New SIR Clifton Maintenance Shop

Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 10:45 a.m.



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The Electric Railroaders Association is pleased to announce a tour of Staten Island Railway's (SIR) new Clifton Maintenance Shop, our first trip to an MTA railcar maintenance facility since we visited the Long Island Rail Road's Hillside Maintenance Complex in May 2019. SIR's \$165 million facility opened on December 7, 2022, replacing the previous shop which suffered severe damage during Hurricane Sandy. This new state-of-the-art facility is designed to be more storm resistant than its predecessor with provisions to prevent water intrusion, handle up to an additional three feet of storm surge, and withstand Category 2 hurricane water and wind pressures. Clifton's layout and equipment allow for all necessary routine work on SIR cars to be conducted on-site and between peak periods, avoiding the need to be sent to the Coney Island Maintenance Facility in Brooklyn except for only the most complex repairs and overhauls.

All attendees will meet on the **SIR Clifton Station platform no later than 10:45 a.m.** To arrive by this time, you must depart Manhattan/Whitehall on the **10:00 a.m. Staten Island Ferry**. When you arrive in Staten Island board the **10:36 a.m. train leaving St. George Terminal**. ERA President Bob Newhouser will be at the terminal to greet you. We are still working on final details for this visit, but SIR supervision will meet us when we arrive at Clifton, divide us into two groups, and escort us into and around the facility.

In anticipation of the need for security clearance for all attendees, ensure that you **have a photo ID** in your possession and to **wear sturdy shoes** — that means no sandals, no sneakers, and no open-toe shoes. Failure to have a photo ID and sturdy shoes will result in denial of entry to the Clifton Shop.

MTA regulations require each participant submit a copy of their driver's license, passport or other government issued photo identification (e.g., school ID card for a child) along with the order form on the reverse side of this flyer and the attached signed MTA waiver and release of liability form for each person participating. See reverse side for specific instructions. Any child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to participate in this trip.

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Tour Price: \$35 per person. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!

The deadline for the receipt of this application is **Monday, June 19, 2023** OR once **40 completed applications** have been received, whichever occurs first. **So please book ASAP.** Applications will be accepted only if they contain the following **four** required items (by mail, with scans preferred of all items but the check):

- A completed copy of this order form page.
- Completed MTA “Waiver and Release of Liability” form(s) for adult or child attending. If you are an adult traveling by yourself, complete the adult form (“in consideration of being permitted”), printing your name, signing, and dating it. If a child under 18 is accompanying you, you must complete an additional MTA from which starts with “In consideration of my child...” by printing your name, signing, and dating it.
- A **scan** of each attendee’s driver’s license, passport or other government issued identification with the adult or child’s photo on it. The above image must be clear, sharp, and readable. It is preferable that you send the image to Bob Newhouser either by email at bnnyc1955@gmail.com or text it to him at 917-482-4235. If you mail a **printed copy** of identification with your application, make sure the print is at least 5” x 8” in size.
- A check made out to the “Electric Railroaders Association” for \$35 per attendee.

Any application without **all** these items as requested will be rejected and you will not be able to go on the trip. We will make only **one follow-up call or e-mail**. Mail your package to Bob Newhouser at the address on the form below.

Please book your reservation ASAP! For further information, contact ERA President Bob Newhouser by email at bnnyc1955@gmail.com or call him at 917-482-4235. Out-of-town participants should purchase only refundable hotel and travel. The ERA is not responsible for any expenses incurred due to rescheduling or cancellation of the event.

Order Form

Print this page and mail this along with signed MTA waiver form and photo ID for each person, and check to:
Robert Newhouser, 10 Plaza Street East, Apt. 7C, Brooklyn, NY 11238

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS:

CELL (OPTIONAL):

EMAIL ADDRESS:

It is essential that you provide your phone number(s) and e-mail address in case we need to reach you.

Your order. QTY: _____ @ \$35 each = \$ _____

No tickets will be issued. You and/or your party will be placed on an attendee list.

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Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being permitted to enter upon and tour the Staten Island Railway (SIR) premises located at Clifton Shop, 845 Bay St, Staten Island, NY 10304.

I _____ affirm that I am at least 18 years old.

I acknowledge that there are on-going operations of SIR at the premises.

I release the SIR, New York City Transit, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the City of New York, and their respective members, officers, agents, employees from all liability for my injury, illness, death or property damage as a result of my entering upon and participating in a tour of the premises. Further, I waive any right I may have to bring a claim against them arising of the same.

I have voluntarily executed this waiver and release below.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of my child, _____ (“Visitor”), being permitted to enter upon and tour the Staten Island Railway (SIR) premises located at the Clifton Shop, 845 Bay St, Staten Island, NY 10304:

I, _____, affirm that I am at least 18 years old and that I am the parent or legal guardian of Visitor.

I acknowledge that there are on-going operations of SIR at the premises.

I release the Staten Island Railway (SIR), New York City Transit, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the City of New York, and their respective members, officers, agents, employees from all liability from injury, illness, death, or property damage that may be suffered by Visitor resulting from entering upon and participating in a tour of the premises.

Further, I waive any right Visitor may have to bring a claim against them arising of the same.

I have voluntarily executed this waiver and release on behalf of Visitor.

Signed: _____

Date: _____