



ERA 90th Anniversary Weekend

November 22-November 24, 2024



Coney Island Shops on August 5, 2014. Noah Caplin photo



Shore Line Trolley Museum in December 1972. Noah Caplin photo

2024 marks the 90th anniversary of the ERA's founding. To celebrate this important milestone in the club's history, the Board is planning three days of exciting activities starting Friday, November 22 and running through Sunday, November 24. Please note that this is the weekend before the Thanksgiving holiday.

These events are open exclusively to current ERA members in good standing. Members will be allowed to bring one non-member guest, so a maximum of two persons per order. Meeting times, location details, and pricing are found on the *Order Form* at the end of this flyer.

All completed order forms, waivers, and payment (including signed waivers and copy of photo ID for the Coney Island tour), must be received by Friday, October 11, or orders for 50 participants have been received, whichever comes first. More details below!

Friday, November 22, 2024

Daytime Program

On the first day of the anniversary weekend, we will kick things off with a tour of MTA New York City Transit's Coney Island Overhaul and Maintenance Complex. The ERA has not visited Coney Island since 2013. This will be a must-see as it is one of the largest rapid transit rolling stock maintenance facilities in the world.

In October 2012, Superstorm Sandy inflicted severe damage on the Coney Island complex. Since then, it has undergone a transformation, as the yard and the shop buildings have been upgraded and fortified against future severe weather events. Observing these works, in addition to regular rolling stock maintenance activities, should be quite interesting.



At the request of New York City Transit, we will require in advance, completed and signed waiver forms and proof of identification for security purposes. Visitors to Coney Island must be at least 10 years old. The waiver forms and the ID requirements are herein attached. See detailed instructions under the “Order Form” section. **Access to Coney Island will be denied to anyone who does not mail hard copy originals of the signed waiver and mail or email a copy of their photo ID with their order.** See instructions under “Order Form.”

Evening Program.

On Friday evening, we will gather at Manducatis Restaurant in Long Island City, Queens for our annual membership meeting, followed by dinner and two special presentations. Member Eric Oszustowicz will offer a look back on ERA’s unique and notable history, followed by member Nick DeBari who will review the latest developments in North American traction. Doors will open at 6 PM, and the annual membership meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 7 PM, and the presentations will follow beginning at 8 PM.

Saturday, November 23, See departure times below

On the second day of the anniversary weekend, we will travel to the Shore Line Trolley Museum in Branford, Connecticut. The museum’s collection includes unique and historically significant artifacts dating back to the beginning of electric railways, in particular trolley cars and rapid transit cars that operated in the New York metropolitan area. Participants will be treated to rides and barn tours. Shore Line will have the museum store open for the entire event. It will be fully stocked for the holiday season. ERA members will receive a 10% discount off any item in the Shore Line gift shop, with complimentary water and soda offered to attendees.

Transportation to Shore Line will be provided via chartered motorcoach, leaving **at 8:00 AM from 8th Avenue and West 41st Street**, across from the Port Authority Bus Terminal. The nearest stations are 42 Street-Port Authority Bus Terminal **A C E** and Times Square-42 Street **1 2 3 7 N Q R W S**. An additional pick-up stop will be made at the **Pelham Bay Park Station on the 6 Line at 8:30 AM**. A breakfast stop will be made on enroute. Alternatively, attendees can also provide their own transportation. **Arrival at Shore Line Trolley Museum is at 10:45 AM.**

Following our Shore Line visit, we will gather for dinner at the Twin Pines Dinner in East Haven at 4 PM. Dinner will be at members’ expense. Return to NYC will follow.

Sunday, November 24 - 9:30 AM

On the last day of the weekend, we have arranged to visit the New York Transit Museum in downtown Brooklyn, New York City. The Transit Museum will graciously accommodate us with an earlier than usual opening time exclusively for ERA visitors. This visit should also be quite special as 2024 marks the 120th anniversary of the opening of the first Interborough Rapid Transit line, New York City’s first subway.

To commemorate this important date in the city’s history, the Transit Museum is currently developing a new exhibit which should be opening in advance of the IRT anniversary on October 27. We will have exclusive access to this exhibit before the museum opens to the general public that day, and the Museum is tentatively arranging for the exhibit’s curator to be available to answer questions.



90th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS ORDER FORM

Pricing and location details for each of the weekend activities are on the order form below.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS: _____

CELL (IF YOU HAVE ONE): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

Please indicate which activities you intend to attend and the number of persons attending (maximum of two, **of which one must be a paid-up ERA member**):

How many admissions (1 or 2, leave blank if not attending)?

_____ NYC Transit Coney Island Overhaul and Repair Shop Fri. Nov. 22, 10:00 AM No charge 0.00
 2556 McDonald Ave., Brooklyn, NY (**NOTE: YOU must mail in signed waivers even if booking online!**)
See detailed instructions on next page: "FOR ALL CONEY ISLAND OVERHAUL AND REPAIR SHOP ATTENDEES"
 The nearest subway station is Avenue X on the **F** Line.

_____ Annual meeting and dinner at Manducatis Restaurant Fri. Nov. 22, 6:00 PM No charge 0.00
 13-27 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City, NY
 Nearest stations are Hunters Point Avenue on the **7** Line and 21st Street on the **G** Line.

_____ Charter motor coach from 8th Ave. & West 41st St. to
 Shore Line Trolley Museum round trip Sat. Nov. 23, 8 AM \$85 each _____
Indicate which pickup stop:
 _____ **Stop 1: Depart 8 AM**, 8th Ave & West 41st St., 8 AM.
 _____ **Stop 2: Depart 8:30 AM**, Pelham Bay Park Subway Station, 8:30 AM, east side of station.

_____ Shore Line Trolley Museum Admissions (Members/Guest) Sat. Nov. 23, 10:30 AM \$40 each _____
 17 River Street, East Haven, CT

_____ Twin Pines Diner Dinner (**at your own expense**) Sat. Nov. 23, 4 PM **Pay on your own** _____
 34 Main Street, East Haven, CT (we need head count for reservations)

_____ New York Transit Museum Sun. Nov. 24, 9:30 AM \$10 each _____
 99 Schermerhorn Street (at Boerum Place), Brooklyn, NY
 Subway stations: Borough Hall: **2 3 4 5 R**, Jay Street-MetroTech: **A C F R**

TOTAL _____



New York City Transit

VISITOR'S RELEASE

In consideration of being permitted to enter and tour the **Coney Island Overhaul & Repair Shop** premises located at 2556 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223 on November 22, 2024:

I, _____ (PRINT NAME), affirm that I am at least 18 years old.

I acknowledge that there are on-going operations of New York City Transit Authority at the Overhaul Shop premises, such as repairs involving heavy equipment. Because operations cannot be discontinued during the period of my visit and because of the nature of the risk, I sign this Visitor's Release Form prior to attending a tour of the Overhaul Shop.

I release the City of New York, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and New York City Transit Authority, and their respective members, officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability for any loss, injury, illness, death, or property damage occurring to me as a result of my entering and participating in a tour of the Overhaul Shop. This includes any and all situations that are due to a member's, officer's, agent's, or employee's actions or negligence.

Further, I waive any right I may have to bring a claim against them arising of the same. I assume all risks, known or unknown, of accident or personal injury sustained while participating in a tour of or at the Overhaul Shop. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the City of New York, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Transit Authority, and their respective members, officers, agents, and employees from any and all loss and liability from injuries to persons (including death) and damage to property due in whole or in part to my own negligence while touring the Overhaul Shop.

I voluntarily sign and agree to this waiver and release below.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



New York City Transit

VISITOR RELEASE – CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

In consideration of **my child (“Visitor”)**, _____ (PRINT YOUR CHILD’S NAME), being permitted to enter and tour the **Coney Island Overhaul & Repair Shop** premises located at 2556 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223 on November 22, 2024:

I, _____ (PRINT NAME), affirm that I am at least 18 years old and that I am the parent or legal guardian of Visitor. I also affirm that **Visitor is at least 10 years old** and, if Visitor is under 15 years old, that I or another adult will accompany Visitor while touring the Overhaul Shop.

I acknowledge that there are on-going operations of New York City Transit Authority at the Overhaul Shop premises, such as repairs involving heavy equipment. Because operations cannot be discontinued during the period of my visit and because of the nature of the risk, I sign this Visitor’s Release Form on behalf of Visitor prior to attending a tour of the Overhaul Shop.

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I voluntarily sign and agree to this waiver and release below on behalf of Visitor, and consent to Visitor’s execution of this release.

Signed: _____

Date: _____