

## **CENTRAL ELECTRIC RAILFANS' ASSOCIATION**

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<u>SEASONS' GREETINGS</u>: The Central Electric Railfans' Association is again happy to have you with us, on our 76th fan trip. As you know, the wood cars which we have this morning, are the last representatives of a great fleet of such equipment, and after today, will be retred from service. We hope that one of these cars may be saved for the Illinois Electric Railway Museum. For the information of any new railfans with us today, and as a reminder to the veterans, we would like to re-state a few safety rules and regulations.

1. Much of this trip will be conducted over third-rail tracks. No passenger will enter upon any third-rail areas.

2. Please do not pass from car to car, while the train is in motion.

3. Please use particular care when leaving and reboarding the train at the lower level Buena freight yards. No high-level platform is located at this point.

4. Since this trip will be operated over routes which carry frequent rigidly scheduled traffic, we must abide by our time schedule. Please re-board the train as soon as signal is given.

5. Only the crew members will give signals, pull bell cords, operate door controls, etc. Please do not distract the motorman with unnecessary conversation.

6. Place refuse in proper containers. Keep the cars, right-of-way and other property clean.

7. Be careful at photo stops - move with caution, being heedful not to spoil somebody's picture by walking into his camera range.

We always have some fans on our trips, who are not familiar with the activities of CERA. If you have any interest in railroading, we're sure you would enjoy our monthly meetings, and become a member of the association. Our next assembly will be held on Friday evening, December 27th at 7:30PM, in the 7th floor auditorium of the Western Society of Engineers, 84 East Randolph Street. This location is very convienient to CTA subway and 'L' lines and streetcars - as well as the IC electric, South Shore and North Shore Lines, and (we'll have to admit) numerous bus lines. Our programs are always well planned for maximum entertainment and interest. We're sure you will have an enjoyable evening.

Any of the CERA directors will be glad to answer questions you might have about our association, or write to the address given above. Copies of recent publications of CERA, are available for your inspection.

Please be sure you have your name and address on your ticket stub. It will insure that you are notified of our future CERA fan trips.