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MTA New York City Transit's Holiday Nostalgia Train

Vintage IND train hits the tracks on holiday Sundays

Once again, holiday shoppers using the V Line between Queens and Lower Manhattan will be treated to a trip back in time as MTA New York City Transit runs a "Nostalgia Train" on Sundays during the holiday season.

"We are pleased to add to the flavor of an old-fashioned holiday by providing these quaint subway cars on Sunday afternoons this season." said MTA New York City President Howard H. Roberts, Jr. "If they time it right, fortunate shoppers and sightseers can catch a ride on classic subway cars at stations along the V line between Queens Plaza and Second Avenue."

Many of our older customers have fond memories of the trains, which served the lettered lines throughout the system. However, with the cars having been out of service for more than 30 years, New Yorkers are only able to experience the charm of wicker seats and ceiling fans during special nostalgia runs. The holiday "Nostalgia Train" will operate on Sundays only, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., on November 30, December 7, 14, 21 and 28 starting from the 2nd Avenue station in Lower Manhattan. (The first train will leave from Second Avenue at 10:01 a.m. The last train will leave Queens Plaza at 4:44 p.m.)

The Nostalgia Train is made up of subway cars that operated in service from the 1930s to the 1970s. Ceiling fans, padded seats and incandescent light bulbs were state-of-the-art when these cars were first placed in service. You can always catch more vintage trains on display where they are housed at the New York Transit Museum in Brooklyn Heights, where they have honored positions as static displays reflecting a time before automated voice announcements, air conditioning or bright lighting.

And, don't forget, the Annual Holiday Train Show at the Museum's Gallery Annex at Grand Central Terminal. The massive layout, designed by Lionel, features nine trains on a route from Grand Central to the North Pole – passing by NYC landmarks such as the Brooklyn Bridge, Grand Central and the Empire State Building.

This is the Transit Museum's seventh annual show, and this year the layout includes models of MTA equipment including a set of NYC Transit R-27 cars and a set of Metro-North M-7 cars, both manufactured by Lionel. The R-27 trains are the first-ever MTA-licensed New York City Subway Lionel Trains.

"It is a great addition to be able to include models of MTA equipment; the R-27 and the M-7 truly enrich the depiction of New York at holiday time, with trains our visitors will remember riding," said Gabrielle Shubert, Director of the New York Transit Museum. "With this show, and vintage Museum collection cars out in regular service on the V line every Sunday from now through December, history buffs can get a wonderful sense of New York's transportation past," added Shubert.

The layout will be on view through January 19. For hours, call 212-878-0106 and log onto www.tripplanner.mta.info to use Trip Planner to receive customized travel directions to the Museum's Gallery Annex at Grand Central.

NOSTALGIA TRAIN HIGHLIGHTS:

Car No. 100 – Manufactured by American Car and Foundry, this R1-type car was the first car in the initial order of 300 cars placed in service for the opening of the IND subway.

Car No. 484 – Part of a 500-car order of R4 cars manufactured by American Car & Foundry. In 1946, this car received a retrofit of bulls-eye lighting and a public address system.

Car No. 1575 – Originally manufactured as an R7, this car was involved in a wreck in 1946. Sent to the American Car & Foundry factory, the car was rebuilt as the prototype of the next generation R10 subway car.