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### MTA LIRR Marks Its 175th Anniversary With Customer Appreciation Days

MTA Long Island Rail Road is marking its 175th anniversary in 2009, but LIRR customers will be the ones getting presents. To thank riders for their patronage, the LIRR will hold Customer Appreciation Days each month in 2009, offering all a chance to win tickets to Broadway shows, sporting events and more.

The celebration will begin with Customer Appreciation Days at Penn Station on Tuesday, February 24 and Wednesday, March 18. On each of those days, a drawing will be held in Penn Station's 34th Street Entranceway. Customers can enter a business card or fill out a raffle form to win tickets to the shows "Thomas & Friends Live!" and "Dora The Explorer Live" in February and "The Little Mermaid" and "Mama Mia!" in March. Winners do not have to be present to collect their prizes, which are being provided at no cost to the LIRR by participating sponsors.

Look for more details about the anniversary celebration on our website [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr). While there, don't forget to sign up for email service alerts.

The LIRR is the busiest commuter railroad in North America, carrying 87.4 million customers last year, with over 300,000 traveling each weekday on 735 daily trains. Chartered on April 24, 1834, it is also the oldest railroad in the U.S. still operating under its original name. The Railroad is comprised of over 700 miles of track on 11 different branches, stretching from Montauk - on the eastern tip of Long Island - to Penn Station in the heart of Manhattan, approximately 120 miles away. Along the way, the LIRR serves 124 stations in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan.