

NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY OF LO-V SUBWAY CARS WITH A PARTY ON WHEELS!

June 11, 2017 from 9am – 11am at the New York Transit Museum in Downtown Brooklyn

On Sunday, June 11th, the New York Transit Museum will celebrate the 100th birthday of its vintage Lo-V subway cars with a party for the whole family! Ride historic trains, pose for a family photo in the conductor's cab of a vintage train, work on a craft project with friends, and sing Happy Birthday to the Museum's 100-year-old Lo-V subway cars while enjoying bagels and birthday cake for breakfast! [Make your reservations early](#) – this event might sell out!

During the [Party on Wheels](#), the Transit Museum's vintage Lo-V subway cars dating all the way back to 1917 will shuttle passengers from the Museum platform to Hoyt-Schermerhorn Station and back – the only time all year that any train in the Museum's collection will leave our station for shuttle rides! Breakfast will be available in the Museum lunchroom and the party will conclude with a singing of "Happy Birthday" to the Lo-V cars and chocolate cake for all! At 11am, the Museum will open to the general public, but party goers are welcome to stay longer and explore on their own.

A photographer with wacky props will take one-of-a-kind family portraits in the conductor's cab of a stationary vintage train car, and creative kids can make their own subway mosaics with glass tiles in a craft project called "Miles of Tiles," work on an enormous birthday card to the Lo-Vs, play with model train sets, or even get their face painted!

"It's amazing to see these historic cars still moving after a century of service," says Museum Director Concetta Bencivenga. "Party on Wheels is fun for kids of all ages and is a wonderful chance for parents and grandparents to share the trains of their youth with the whole family. In addition, the Transit Museum is a much beloved community organization and we've heard from our enthusiastic audience that they would love the opportunity to celebrate *and* support the incredible work the Museum does in a family friendly setting. We think a Birthday Party Fundraiser, where train enthusiasts of all ages are welcomed, is the perfect occasion!"

Keith Friedman, Chief Financial Officer of event sponsor Transit Wireless, adds "It has been a fantastic opportunity to support the Transit Museum's annual family benefit party as a sponsor for another year. As a provider of infrastructure and wireless services to the New York City subways and a partner of the MTA, we feel strongly about empowering children of all ages to explore our City's fascinating and complex transit system. The Party On Wheels is a fun opportunity for children to interact with the transit system in a uniquely kid-friendly environment, learn about its 100+ year history, and discover why it is such a vital part of New York City."

All proceeds from this family fundraiser will benefit the Transit Museum's education programs, which serve 25,000 New York City kids and teachers every year – including 3,000 participants in access programs for people with special needs. From school programs to summer camp visits, the Transit Museum provides enriching, fun, and affordable programs throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

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ABOUT THE IRT LO-V CARS:

Part of the second generation of equipment ordered by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company (IRT), the "Low-Voltage" or "Lo-V" cars featured a 32-volt battery to control the train's propulsion, rather than the 600 volts used in earlier IRT equipment, making conditions safer for train crews and shop personnel. Successive iterations of Lo-V cars were in regular service on the subway from 1917 to the mid-1960s, witnessing two World Wars, the 1939 World's Fair, and more than a dozen Yankees World Series Championships.

ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:

The [New York Transit Museum](http://www.nytransitmuseum.org) is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception forty years ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs this rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

What: Party on Wheels

When: Sunday, June 11th, 2017 from 9am – 11am

Where: New York Transit Museum
Corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street
Downtown Brooklyn

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