

NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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Vintage Bus Bash on Governors Island *Saturday, July 8th from 11am – 4pm*

Over the river and through the boroughs to Governors Island we go! On Saturday, July 8th, the New York Transit Museum, in partnership with the Department of Buses, will be bringing four vintage buses to Governors Island for a summer getaway. Come see iconic “fishbowl” windows, the city’s first air-conditioned transit bus, and more. No MetroCard needed – you can see and step aboard these historic transit vehicles of the past for free! Buses will be parked on Colonels Row and open for exploration.

Meet the buses:

Bus 3100 (1956) was the first air conditioned transit bus to operate in New York City and one of the first nationwide. Owned and operated by Fifth Avenue Coach Lines, the prototype bus was designed and built to demonstrate innovative, updated features, including push-type rear exit doors, wrap-around bench soft seating for the back of the bus, fluorescent lighting, and the air-ride suspension that is still the standard today.

Bus 9098 (1958) was the first bus in New York equipped with sliding windows. Manufactured by General Motors, Model TDH 5106 debuted in 1958 and introduced the two-tone green color scheme, which later became a standard for the era. Buses from this 1958 order were the last “Old Look” style buses purchased by the New York City Transit Authority.

Bus 100 (1959) was among the first group of 190 buses that introduced the “New Look” or “Fishbowl” style to New York City. Developed by GMC, the “New Look” design — featuring the large bubble-shaped windshield, single-piece destination sign, and parallelogram windows — prevailed for twenty years, until the boxier “Advanced Design” bus style was introduced in 1980.

Bus 5227 (1971) was one of 350 GM “New Look” buses from the NYC Transit fleet sent to the Blitz Corporation of Chicago for complete overhaul and rebuilding in 1984 - 1985. When they were returned to New York, renumbered in the “5000-series,” they were known as “Blitz Buses,” and featured hard, blue lengthwise seating.

Equipment subject to change.

ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:

The New York Transit Museum 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. To learn more, visit www.nytransitmuseum.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

ABOUT GOVERNORS ISLAND:

The **Trust for Governors Island** is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust’s mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities. For more information, visit www.govisland.com.

What: Vintage Bus Bash on Governors Island

When: Saturday, July 8th from 11am – 4pm

Where: Governors Island, Colonels Row

Admission: **Event is free.** Ferry to Governors Island is \$2 round trip, \$1 round trip for seniors and free for children 12 and under. Ferries are free for all on Saturday and Sunday mornings until 11:30am. Tickets can be purchased at ferry landings in Manhattan or Brooklyn.

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