

NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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TO THE ROCKAWAYS BY RAIL!

*Take a beach-bound Nostalgia Ride on the Transit Museum's vintage cars
Saturday, August 27 from 10am – 3pm*

Summer's a time for making memories and what better way to create one for Summer 2016 than by taking a trip back in time and out to the Rockaways aboard the Transit Museum's vintage D-Type Triplex and BMT Standard cars from the 1920s! The Nostalgia Train will depart from the Transit Museum at 10am on Saturday, August 27th and venture out to Rockaway Park – Beach 116th Street to soak up the sun and celebrate the last days of the summer season. Attendees can bring a picnic and take a dip in the ocean before taking the vintage train back to the city, or stay late and take a stroll up the beach for a free screening of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* presented by the NYC Parks Department.

Transit Museum Nostalgia Rides offer a chance to experience New York City transportation history firsthand en route to the City's great attractions. The Nostalgia Train to the Rockaways will include:

- **BRT/BMT Standards** (1914-1969): Modeled after Boston Elevated Railway cars, the Standards measure 67 feet long and 10 feet wide and contain 78 seats with an additional 14 drop-down auxiliary seats. Built with maximized seating along with a standing capacity of 182 people, the Standards helped address a familiar passenger problem with the subway since its opening – chronic overcrowding. In service between 1916 and 1969, the Standards introduced many new features; including destination roll signs, larger windows, brighter lighting, and center doors operated by an easy-to-use pneumatic system for faster movement on and off cars.

- **BMT D-Type Triplex (1925-1965):** Ordered in 1924 in an effort to abandon wooden cars in favor of steel, these three-car articulated units with shared trucks allowed passengers to walk from one car to another through an enclosed passageway. Each Triplex is 137 feet long and seats 160 passengers, the equivalent of 2 Standard cars in size and capacity. At a time when many elevated lines operated with wooden cars, the Triplex represented the height of transit modernity with soundproofing, illuminated signs displaying route destinations, and rattan seating.

Tickets are now on sale at www.nytransitmuseum.org/Rockaways2016. Visit nytransitmuseum.org/programs to view the Transit Museum’s full lineup of programs, Nostalgia Rides, and excursions. *Advanced tickets are required. Transit Museum Nostalgia Rides have a limited capacity.*

Customers can always catch more vintage trains at the New York Transit Museum in Downtown Brooklyn, where they have honored positions as static displays reflecting a time before automated voice announcements, air conditioning or bright fluorescent lighting. Learn more at www.nytransitmuseum.org.

ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:

The [New York Transit Museum](http://www.nytransitmuseum.org), one of the city’s leading cultural institutions, 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 nearly 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 their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

What: Nostalgia Ride: To the Rockaways by Rail

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

When: Saturday, August 27, 10am – 3pm

Admission: \$50/\$25 Adult/Child
\$35/\$20 Adult/Child Museum Members

To purchase tickets online, visit:
www.nytransitmuseum.org/Rockaways2016

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