

WEEK OF JULY 12, 2004

WEEKLY NEWS



A GREAT RIDE ON OUR NEW M7s We told you they were impressive, but just in case you haven't had the chance to ride on them, here's an unbiased customer reaction to his recent commute on our state-of-the-art M7 cars: *"This morning I was taking the 9:09 AM out of Scarsdale and was pleasantly surprised. I had the honor of riding on one of the new M7 trains and just wanted to say job well done. The train seems to incorporate all of the latest technology and (yet) remains functional. The audio system and the visual displays can be seen and heard clearly. The seats are very comfortable and the handhold between the headrests was a stroke of genius. The only thing missing was the beverage cart and flight attendant going up and down the aisle. Keep up the good work."* Now how's that for a testimonial?

ANOTHER GREAT RIDE, THIS TIME FROM THE PAST If you are a rail fan, you won't want to miss this Beacon Line Rail Fan Trip taking place on September 12 aboard the Erie Lackawanna "Phoebe Snow" Observation Cars. The adventure starts from Grand Central Terminal at 8:45 AM, journeying along the former Maybrook Line. Package amenities include collectible ticket and timetable, Metro-North mementos, Danbury Rail Museum admission, box lunch, and great photo opportunities. Coach fare for this package is \$75 for adults and \$55 for children (11 years of age and under). There is also limited availability of first class seats priced at \$175. If you'd like to join fellow rail enthusiasts, contact our Group Travel Dept. at (212) 499-4398.

ON-TIME PERFORMANCE FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 11 was 97.0 percent system-wide. By line: 95.6 percent on the Hudson; 97.0 percent on the Harlem, 97.8 percent on the New Haven. Year-to-date on-time performance stands at 95.8 percent.

IF YOU HAVE A GOOD HEART, then you might want to be prepared to help someone who doesn't. You can learn the lifesaving techniques of CPR and AED at the next lifesaving techniques class this Wednesday, July 14, from 2 PM-6 PM, in the Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Ave., 11th FL Conference Room C. Registration is given on a first-come, first-served basis. The class is filling up quickly so be a lifesaver and call **Cha Wimana** at x4031.

WANTED: ONE GOOD SECRETARY, STENO AND TYPING INCLUDED Our Employment Office is seeking someone who qualifies as an experienced **Secretary**. If you have good administrative skills, then read on... All applicants must possess a minimum of 50wpm typing; 80wpm steno or speedwriting; good PC skills, including knowledge of various word processing, spreadsheet and database applications; and strong oral and written communication, interpersonal and organizational skills. To apply, please send or fax your resume (you **must** include the job code) to: Employment Office - Job Code: SEC/DC, MTA Metro-North Railroad, 347 Madison Avenue, 4th FL, New York, NY 10017; Fax: (212) 340-4970.

ATTENTION: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION MEETINGS FOR ACRE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED until further notice. If you have any questions, contact Employee Benefits at x2217 or x3083.

CUNY COLLEGE INFORMATION FAIR AT BRYANT PARK If you are thinking about returning to school, then you should attend this CUNY information fair on Wednesday, July 21, from 11:30 AM-2 PM. There will be representatives from all CUNY campuses located in all five boroughs at Bryant Park (located at 42 St. and 6th Avenue). You can get information about two and four-year undergraduate and graduate-degree programs; adult degree and certificate programs; weekend college; and continuing education courses. They'll also have information about financial assistance! And speaking of financial assistance, you can find out more about Metro-North's Tuition Assistance Program by contacting our very own **Arthur Fougner** at (212) 340-2229.

MOMS AND DADS: RELAX, IT'S YOUR DAY! If you are a parent, then circle July 25 on your calendar because it's your special day. Also remember that LifeCare, a free information and referral service for employees,