

RMLI 2009 Educational Forum



For our third annual Educational Forum come celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Long Island Railroad and explore the heyday of freight service on Long Island in pictures and story.

Mr. Gene Collora will present a slide show and lecture entitled: “Freight Service on the Long Island” on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 1:30 PM in the Suffolk County Historical Society education hall, 300 West Main Street, (across from the Riverhead Public Library), Riverhead, NY. Gene has been photographing railroad life and railroad equipment since the early 1950’s. At the age of twelve years old, Gene took a keen photographic interest in the Long Island Railroad, its steam and diesel locomotives, its passenger service and its freight and marine operations.

In 1962 he went to work full-time for the Long Island Railroad in their Transportation Department. Over the course of his thirty-seven year career, Gene held the positions of Yardmaster, Trainmaster and Supervisor of Train Movement. He retired from the railroad in 1999 as Manager: Operations-Engineering, responsible for coordinating track projects of the Engineering Department with the Transportation Department. These career paths gave Gene many opportunities to be in the right place at the right time to catch hard to find images that elude so many of us.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 21st and plan to attend this fascinating retrospective of freight railroading history on Long Island. Admission is FREE and open to all. Ample municipal parking is available in the courthouse parking area, Osborne and Court Streets - behind the Suffolk County Historical Society building.

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