

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH

FAREWELL TO THE EL

At 12:01AM April 29, 1973 passenger service on the Third Avenue Elevated will be discontinued. This 87 year old line is the last of the once numerous and famous elevated operations in Manhattan and The Bronx. An era in New York City has truly ended.

To commemorate this historic event the Electric Railroaders' Association will operate a farewell excursion on Sunday, April 29th after the termination of regular passenger operation. This will be a last opportunity to say goodbye to a line that was opened in 1887 as the Suburban Rapid Transit Company. As part of the famous "Dual Contracts" the line was reconstructed with a center or "third" track. The upper part of the line, known as the "Webster Avenue Extension" opened in 1920. The line below 149th Street was abandoned on May 12, 1955. Two round trips will be operated over the line permitting ample opportunity for photographers.

In addition to the operation over the Third Avenue Elevated, the train will cover the Pelham, Lexington Avenue, White Plains Road and Dyre Avenue lines. As a special attraction the train will stop at the City Hall station, abandoned in 1945, and the former New York, Westchester & Boston Railway station at 180th Street. You will also have the rare opportunity to ride the connecting track between the 42nd Street shuttle and the Lexington Avenue line that was part of the "First Subway." The special is expected to operate through the Westchester Square and 239th Street yards. Photo stops and movie runs are scheduled.

The oldest steel passenger cars on the transit system, IRT Lo-Voltage cars are expected to be used for this memorable excursion.

SPECIAL LEAVES: GRAND CENTRAL SHUTTLE STATION 10:30 AM

NO LUNCH STOP IS SCHEDULED, SO PLEASE BE PREPARED. A REST STOP OF VERY SHORT DURATION WILL BE MADE.

FARE: \$ 8.00
Child 4.00

(After April 26th
\$ 1.00 extra)



ELECTRIC RAILROADERS ASSOCIATION INC. - TRIP
145 Greenwich Street, New York, N.Y. 10006

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ tickets
for the FAREWELL TO THE EL trip April 29th.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Please enclose a return envelope. Thank you.