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NEW TRANSIT & RAILROAD BOOKS!

NEW! BUSES OF WESTERN FLYER & NEW FLYER INDUSTRIES: PHOTO ARCHIVE by William A. Luke

Western Flyer Auto & Truck Body Works began producing buses in 1930 and through a number of name changes continues today as New Flyer Industries. This important bus builder has become one of the dominant players in the transit bus manufacturing industry in North America, and a leader in hybrid bus manufacturing in the U.S. and Canada. This book commemorates 80 years of these sturdy and attractive buses and trolley buses, and the companies that ran them, through vintage black and white photography (110 photos) along with a color section (with 30 more photos). 128 pages, softcover.....\$ 32.95

NEW! PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD by Mike Schafer [MBI Railroad Color History Series]

From humble beginnings in the 1800s, the Pennsylvania Railroad grew into a railroad that Fortune magazine called "a nation unto itself." In this book, rail historians Mike Schafer and Brian Solomon provide a colorful and nostalgic look back at the Pennsy and all of its operations through 1968, the year it was merged out of existence. An authoritative text is accompanied by more than 150 evocative photographs (100 color, 50 black & white), promotional materials, and postcards that transport readers back to the heyday of railroading. In addition, an epilogue traces the Pennsy legacies that survive on today's modern railroad scene. 160 pages, hardcover.....\$ 37.00

NEW EDITION! TRACKS OF THE NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY (2010 Edition) by Peter Dougherty

Updated to January 2010, this is the complete track diagram of New York's subway, with up-to-date rosters, mainline and yard trackage, and more. With all MTA service changes, PATH, Staten Island RR, and AirTrain. New for 2010 are track maps of Grand Central Terminal, the Park Avenue tunnel, the new 1 terminal at South Ferry, and the latest signal changes and construction updates. 142 pages, wirebound.....\$ 39.95

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BOSTON TRANSIT EQUIPMENT: 1979 – 2009 by Michael R. Prescott

BSRA Bulletin No. 24 — In the 1970s, Boston's MBTA transit system was on the verge of a complete overhaul. In the decades to follow, the historic subway, bus, and streetcar fleets transformed from aging and outdated to fully modern, just as the system itself changed and expanded. This full-color transit album showcases the equipment that has run on the MBTA system in the past thirty years—including light rail, heavy rail, bus, trackless trolley, Commuter Rail, and even Commuter Boat—photographed across the T service area, as well as summaries of private carriers, inter-city services, the Tremont Street Subway's centennial, and overall operational events and changes at the MBTA between 1979 and 2009. Text, rapid transit route maps, and over 85 color photographs tell the story of the coming of age of the MBTA, and as the Authority transforms to meet the future, be sure to own this pictorial chronicle of the most recent era of public transportation in Boston! 64 pages, softbound.....\$ 19.95

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RAILS ACROSS MARTHA'S VINEYARD: STEAM NARROW GAUGE & TROLLEY LINES by Herman Page

The classic island off the coast of Cape Cod is not normally thought of in terms of railroads — but as the vacation resort blossomed in the late 1800s, residents turned to rail travel as an easy means of traveling about the island. 1873 brought the first horse-drawn streetcar line to the Vineyard, followed by the three-foot-gauge Martha's Vineyard Railroad, which ran between Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and Katama. The little-known histories of both the island's steam narrow-gauge railroad and what grew to be a seven-mile electric streetcar system are explored in this title. Attention is given to the operating history and equipment used by the two unique rail systems. While the narrow gauge ceased operation in 1895, and the trolley lines in 1918, this book relives an era when travel by train or trolley was part of daily life on the island! Includes 75 black & white photos and illustrations. 72 pages, softcover.....\$ 19.95

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April 3, 2010: Italian Railroads in Transition

Donald Nevin shows Italian railroads from 1960-82, plus trolleys in Milan, Genoa & Naples.

May 1, 2010: From Alaska to New York

Eric Oszustowicz returns, showing the Alaska Railroad, then New York City buses & subways.