

# LONG ISLAND RR COACH 1149 / 4149

This Long Island Railroad coach is known as an **MP54A1c m.u.**,

designating it as being a **motorized**

**passenger coach**; **54** feet (over endsills); subclass **A1**; ‘**c**’ for

having the Automatic Speed

**Control** safety device required in all headend-operating

LIRR MU (“**m**ultiple **u**nit”) cars following two bad crashes in



#1159, pictured here, was also how #1149 originally appeared



1950. It ran on the railroad’s electrified lines into New York City. Electrical pickup was from shoes located on the trucks of the car making contact with a “third rail,” an electrical conduit along tracks (*illustrated in the photo at left*). The 1149 is one of 45 cars built for the LIRR by parent Pennsylvania Railroad in 1930. Records indicate that the 1149 was rebuilt in June 1963 as one of the last MP54 cars modernized with improved lights, heat and 3-2 seating. At that time it was renumbered 4149. The car remained in service until 1971. It was acquired by the CNY Chapter NRHS in 1975, and repainted into its original LIRR/PRR tuscan red livery.



#1149 was once painted in 1949-1955 scheme shown here on car #1161

*Information courtesy: Long Island-Sunrise Trail Chapter, NRHS*

**LENGTH: 54 feet**

**BUILT: 1930 – Pennsylvania RR Juniata Shops, Altoona PA**

