



END OF TRAIL for an old caboose as it's hoisted from Calverton siding yesterday.
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Old caboose prepared for Boy Scout service

An old Long Island Rail Road caboose, which has been languishing in Long Island City, made its final trip yesterday — not on the rails but on a flatbed truck.

The 32-year-old orange caboose, out of service since 1990, was taken to a transfer site at a siding in Calverton, where it was placed aboard a flatbed truck for the final leg of its journey to Wading River. There, it will become a trailblazer for the Wauwepex Boy Scouts Camp.

The 21-ton caboose, the second to be donated to a nonprofit organization by the LIRR, will be used as an information center for the scouts' family camping area, currently under development.

The crane and trucks were contributed by the Hendrickson Brothers and Francis A. Lee Co. "We will be using volunteers to paint and refurbish the caboose, and it should be ready for next spring," said a Boy Scouts spokesman.