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The Train Graveyard began with an unusual opportunity to photograph retired railroad equipment, abandoned passenger cars, and the mechanical remnants of another era. Given special access to a Long Island Rail Road storage yard, I encountered machines that once carried thousands of passengers but now stand silent, weathered by time and the elements.

Through photography and digital transformation, I remove these relics from their crowded industrial surroundings and place them in quiet, open landscapes. The absence of people and movement allows each object to assume a new identity. What were once ordinary working machines become monuments to the passage of time.

My interest is not simply in the trains themselves, but in what they represent: journeys completed, places remembered, and the inevitable disappearance of things once considered permanent.

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Michael Domino is a Long Island photographer, writer and filmmaker based in Port Jefferson, New York. His photographic work explores memory, labor, place and the material remains of Long Island's changing cultural landscape. Working exclusively from his own source photographs, he removes modern distractions and transforms real objects and places into contemplative images that exist between documentary photography and fine art.

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The Last Connection



The Broken Window



The Space Between



The Last Door



The Door to Nowhere



The Last Spring



The Beast



The Engine House



The Last Engine



The End of the Line



The Weight of Time



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Abandoned Caboose at the Final Stop



Abandoned Railcar on the Prairie



Abandoned Rusted Train on Barren Plain



Abandoned Wooden Mining Cart on Rusty Rails



Floating Rusted Train Bogie Study



Riverhead Station Under Stormy Skies



Rusty Boxcar Door in a Barren Field



Rusty Couplers Almost Connecting



Rusty Industrial Gate Across the Prairie



Rusty Railway Bogie in a Barren Field



Severed Couplers in the Train Graveyard



The American flag car



Weathered American Flag Train in the Plains



Weathered Black Locomotive 16 on the Plain



Weathered Blue Switcher in the Empty Rail Yard



Weathered Blue and Yellow Long Island Locomotive



Weathered Caboose on Abandoned Tracks



Weathered Long Island Railroad Caboose



Weathered Railcar in a Barren Landscape



Weathered Red Caboose in Open Prairie



Weathered Red Caboose on the Plain