Halfway to

The year keeps chugging along, and already we are at the halfway point for 2003's first Flight Contest. Here's a look at the trip's itinerary to keep your production moving:

Day One:

Fly into New York City and spend the day exploring.

Day Two:

"All Aboard" announces the departure of the Lake Champlain train from New York's Penn Station to Montreal. Cross the Hudson at Albany and meander past Saratoga Springs and Ticonderoga before winding along the western shore of Lake Champlain. A light breakfast and a multi-course lunch will be served in the parlour car during the journey of ten hours, from 8:15 am to 7:00 pm.

Upon your arrival in Montreal, you will spend the next two nights staying at the centrally located Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel, which was recognized on Conde Nast Traveler's 2002 Gold list and situated above Gare Centrale (Central Station) as well as Montreal's famed underground city, Place Ville-Marie. Dinner the first evening will feature the awards dinner and welcome reception — an event you won't want to miss!

Day Three:

A full breakfast buffet will be provided at Le Montrealais this morning. The restaurant overlooks Mary Queen of the World Cathedral and downtown Montreal. After breakfast, a three hour guided tour of the city will feature historic St. Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Basilica, Mount Royal, Old Montreal, and the Olympic Stadium and Biodome. Afterwards, the afternoon is yours to do with as you please. Dinner this evening will be a table d'hote meal served at Montrealias, an elegant two-level restaurant and bar.

Day Four:

Catch your train and return to New York's Penn Station.