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The next membership meeting will be on April 27 at 7:30 PM at the Williamson Library at Grand Central Terminal. Meet at the entrance to Track 23 on the upper level at 7:00 PM or 7:15 PM to be escorted to the library, which is in a secured area. Late arrivals should phone the library at (516) 660-1972. A \$5.00 admission fee is charged for non-members. In the event of serious inclement weather, check the website www.nyrre.org or call (516) 660-1972 for cancellation information.

Michael Ditkoff presents his first slide program ever on the Durango & Silverton Railroad. He chased the train a short distance and rode the train roundtrip last June. Afterwards, he drove to Leadville to ride the Leadville Colorado and Southern Railway. Time permitting, he will show slides from his engine and caboose trips to an elevation of 11,000 feet.

PRESIDENT FOSBURG'S NOTES

Greetings, Railfans! Now that we have survived four Nor'easters this past month, we can concentrate on exploring new rail museums and lines.

Members who have donated money or goods last year: Vincent Bellefiore, Graeme Birchall, Paul Kalka, Steve Kalka, Sidney Keyles, Charlie Leemans, Angelina Monti, Eric Oszustowicz, Larry Penner, Cora Sowa, Les Sugai, Edward McKernan, myself and an anonymous donor. Very big thanks to Art Ferguson for an extra generous donation.

I'm sorry to report two recent deaths of Westchester County members. Stewart Manville passed away on March 16. He was a lifelong railfan and was a frequent participant in our trip program. The other is Betty Morgan, who passed on March 28. Both will be sorely missed.

On the mend is former president and long-time member Al Roberts. He has problems in a number of medical fronts and we hope he leaves the hospital soon.

We had a varied program on Friday March 23. Mitch Dakelman put on a number of 16MM films which recalled rail activities and fans of times long ago. There was a 1948 New York Central training film, a film on the Canadian National, a 1954 episode of "You Bet Your Life" where one of the guests was a railfan with a steam railroad on his property, and for non-railfans, a Bugs Bunny cartoon.

Please join us for the April program when our own editor, Mike Ditkoff, will be putting on a show on the Durango and Silverton tourist rail operation. Mike rode the train last year, giving us a fresh perspective of a well known subject.

Anybody who calls him or herself a rail fan but doesn't attend an RRE general meeting is only fooling themselves. They are depriving themselves of the best rail entertainment on the east coast. I wish our members a Good Easter and a Happy Passover.

Membership Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7:30 at Williamson Library, Grand Central Terminal

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
May 25	Peter Ehrlich
June 22	George Chiasson
July and August	No meetings