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The next membership meeting will be on March 23 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](http://www.nyrre.org) or call (516) 660-1972 for cancellation information.

Mitch Dakelman presents a wide ranging 16 millimeter program: 1) "Within the Oval," a New York Central employee training film circa 1948. (2) "The Railroaders," a Canadian rail industry film circa 1957, (3) Groucho Marx in a "You Bet Your Life" TV episode featuring Ward Kimball, the expert model trains engineer employed by Walt Disney and (4) A rail related cartoon.

### PRESIDENT FOSBURG'S NOTES

Greetings, Railfans! I hope you are all busy doing indoor rail activities. This includes museums. I understand about not going to outdoor sites like the Pennsylvania RR museum in Strasburg, but with warmer weather coming that is a distinct possibility.

Paul and Steve Kalka, Mike Vitiello, and I visited a wonderful train show on December 10 at the Bedford Hills Museum. The museum is upstairs from the Metro North Bedford Hills Station on the Harlem Line. The four of us enjoyed ourselves and I won one of the raffle prizes. (That made my trip a profitable one.)

Amtrak continues track improvements at Penn Station. It may take another month to finish this phase, but we have all heard that story before.

Cathy Rinaldi is the new Metro North President. For more information, see the article in this issue. Ms. Rinaldi takes the throttle from former president, Joe Giulietti, who retired this past summer. The RRE looks forward to working with her during her tenure.

Sadly, there was a small group of members who missed the membership train that pulled out of the station on February 28. These members will be charged a \$5 late fee.

Andy Grahl put on a great program on February 23. His slides were quite exceptional. There was a great opening with a lot of Long Island Railroad past and present. There were railroads from Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee just to name a few. Especially striking was the new Brightline service in Florida. It currently runs from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach and there are plans to expand to Miami and Orlando. It is very refreshing to see rail line expansion in Florida, where like California, the car is king.

Mitch Dakelman presents the March program. He will show a 16MM special listed at the top of the page. You can only see these types of gems at a RRE membership meeting at the Williamson Library.

#### Membership Meeting Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
April 27	Michael Dittkoff (Durango & Silverton RR)
May 25	Peter Ehrlich
June 22	George Chiasson