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The next membership meeting will be on May 24 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 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.nyrr.org or call (516) 660-1972 for

cancellation information. Due to security considerations, we have to compile an attendance list for Metro North.

Rich Taylor presents a digital slide show on the Lehigh and Hudson River Railroad. This road provides a bypass around New York Harbor for homesteading from the West and South to New England. Be there for an interesting program on this seldom seen subject.

Membership Meeting Schedule

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Presenter</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| June 28 | George Chiasson |
| <u>July and August</u> | <u>Summer Break: No meetings</u> |
| September 26 | Gary Grahl |
| October 25 | Allan Roberts Collection |

Editor's Notes

I attended the Clark, NJ railroadiana show last March and made two great purchases. I now have an updated Long Island Railroad work assignment book (May 2015) and employee timetable (May 2018). I noticed significant changes. The railroad finished double tracking the Farmingdale to Ronkonkoma segment of the Main Line. I thought the only change was adding a second track between already existing interlockings. I was surprised to find that additional interlockings were installed. A bigger surprise was to discover that the Montauk Branch is now signaled all the way to Montauk, 115.8 miles from Long Island City. (This was confirmed in a Sunrise Trails NRHS chapter newsletter.) In the late 1980's the railroad was signaled as far as PD tower in Patchogue. In my May 2009 timetable, the railroad was signaled as far as Speonk. You can learn a lot about a railroad from studying an employee timetable and can find them on EBay.