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The next membership meeting will be on Friday, April 28 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.

Rich Taylor presents an interesting program on Swiss Railroads. We will travel in a country half the size of Maine that has 3,308 miles of railways operated by 62 companies on four track gauges. Our trip will be to the Matterhorn and the Jungfrau by mountain railways, ride the longest cable car to the Schilthorn accessed by an isolated 2 1/2 mile long interurban, and eight historic paddle steamers on four lakes. One railway has a maximum grade of 48%, and another one of the steepest adhesion railways at 7% that includes extensive street running. Our trip will also include a couple visits to Italy one on the Fart Railway (no foolin')

[Editor's note: I went on a Swiss Railroad trip in September 1998. I rode the Bernina Express from St. Moritz to Tirano, Italy. There was a "courtesy" immigration inspection where Italian customs stamped my passport with a steam engine silhouette. I also rode the famous Glacier Express from St. Moritz to Zermatt. I also rode the cable car to Schilthorn and the train to Jungfrau, the Top of Europe at 11,333 feet. This will be an interesting program.]

Membership Meeting Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
May 26	Steve Kalka
June 23	George Chiasson (Penn Station)
July	No meeting - summer break
August	No meeting - summer break
September 22	TBD