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The next membership meeting will be on Friday, February 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 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.

Paul Gawkowski will present a digital slide show on rails in the Southwest. It will feature Light Rail systems in Dallas, Houston, Phoenix and Tucson; commuter Rail systems in Austin and Albuquerque; and the New Orleans street car system. Also featured will be Amtrak New York to New Orleans, and Albuquerque to Los Angeles. Make plans to be on board this swing down the Southwestern United States.

PRESIDENT FOSBURG'S NOTES

Happy Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Day, and President's Day. Let us welcome Bruce Leeds, our former Recording Secretary, who now replaces yours truly at the door.

Last month, Frank DiLorenzo, a member and retired Metro North manager, presented the fascinating and rarely mentioned Mt. Beacon Incline. Now for a bit of bad news. Last month, I wrote that some members had not yet paid 2017 dues. A RED stamp indicates this will be your last issue. Any dues received after Feb. 28 will be hit with a \$5 late fee. Please don't shut yourself out of your membership. Please mail your dues to: Sheldon Fosburg, NYRRE, P.O. Box 060556, Staten Island, NY 10306-0556. It is recommended that payment is made with check or money order. Cash can be stolen in the mail unless it is sent Registered Mail and that adds to the price of renewal a good deal. **BY ALL MEANS, LET US HEAR FROM YOU!**

The Arthur Kill Station of the Staten Island Railway has FINALLY opened. Trains began stopping there on January 21. It replaces the Nassau and Atlantic Stations, which had been in existence since the 1920s and 1930s. They were becoming eyesores and were decaying. Trains are bypassing these stations. Aside from the lack of a waiting room, the station is modern and up to date.

Once again, we are at the mecca of rail fanning in our own little place, where historic rail programs and the latest trends come alive, 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>
March 24	Mitch Dakelman
April 28	Rich Taylor (Switzerland)
May 26	Steve Kalka