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The next membership meeting will be on Friday, January 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. Frank DiLorenzo, a retired Metro North manager, presents the Mt. Beacon Incline.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Greetings and Happy New Year! Thanks to the members and guests who came to our holiday party on Dec.23. A good time was had by all. Thank You Mike Vitiello for staying on as Vice President (and custodian of the Williamson Library). I welcome Nayan Naidoo to the Board as our new Secretary. He is also in a leadership role over at ERA, so his talents are appreciated by other fan groups. Departing the Board after 40 years of service is Lorrie Roberts. I first met her in 1981 when I saw her at the door at the Wilkie Building, which was across from Bryant Park. She has been Bulletin co-editor for most of those 40 years. Her husband and board member, Al, aided her and our former Editor Ben Schaeffer. A hardy blast of the 614 whistle to Lorrie for all those years of service.

Our feature this past month was the "20th Century Limited". It featured the rise of the New York Central system, which was founded by Commodore William Vanderbilt in the 2nd half of the 19th Century. It concluded with the demise of the 20th Century Limited in 1968. Long distance rail travel declined in the 1950s and by 1968, almost all of the big name passenger trains had faded into history.

A transit reminder for everyone. On New Year's Day, the Second Avenue Subway will finally open. I ask all members to ride the new service at least once.

I have been checking our PO Box for membership renewals. It seems that many have not renewed yet. Could it be that you forgot? Could it be that your budget was tight this holiday season? Are you unhappy in any way with the NYRRE? Please send in your dues today! We would hate to drop your membership after the February Bulletin. If there is something concerning the NYRRE or your membership that you don't like, please drop us a line at: New York RRE, P.O. Box 060556, Staten Island, New York 10306-0556. I look forward to seeing everyone at the January membership meeting.

As always, the Williamson Library is the home to of some of the best railfan viewing in the country and where we share the latest transit information. It is our unique setting for the experience we call the NYRRE.

We wish a speedy recovery to long time railfan, director, and former program chairman, Neil Moran. Neil had a heart attack recently and is currently in a facility in his home state of New Jersey. Please get well soon, Neil.

Sheldon L. Fosburg

Membership Meeting Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
February 24	Paul Gawkowski
March 24	Mitch Dakelman
April 28	Rich Taylor