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The next membership meeting will be on Friday, March 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.

Our March program will be from Mitch Dakelman. His show will consist of the legend of John Henry, an animated film on the C&O Railroad. Then there will be inter urban films on Illinois Terminal and the Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Northern Lines. Next, an aviation travelogue on New York in 1948 (showing the ELs) produced by Pam Am airways (another fallen flag) called Wings of New York. Finally, a Norfolk Southern film depicts the initial restoration of the famous Class J #611.

PRESIDENT SHELDON FOSBURG'S NOTES

Greetings fellow Railfans! For the most part, it has not been a bad winter in the Metro New York area! Spring will be here towards the end of this month and that will be time to get out and enjoy rail museums as well as riding new rail lines. I have mentioned the 2nd Ave. Subway and SIRT's new Arthur Kill Station in previous Bulletins.

To those railfans who have been around awhile, I have some sad news. Ron Ziel, railroad expert on all things LIRR and a major player in the LIST, passed away a few months ago in Idaho. Ron's masterpiece on the LIRR, Steel Rails to the Sunrise, fascinated me as a college student in 1967 and encouraged me to become a rail fan. From there, I joined the NYRRE in 1980/81 and the rest is history.

Our February program did not go off as planned. Technical problems prevented Paul Gawkowski from putting on his show. In place of Paul's show, we used a DVD from the Library's collection. It was another Gary Grahl presentation which involved the LIRR in Suffolk County from the early 70s till today. One note from me: many of the stations out east have been transformed to accommodate the bilevel equipment now in service. I remember the Amagansett station in 1973 was just a shack (a far cry from the beautiful station torn down by the railroad in 1964). Now there are raised platforms everywhere to handle the newer equipment. There were nostalgic shots of stations and rolling stock long vanished from the scene.

Please be on board for Mitch's Program. This proves again that the place to be for hard to find rail fan films in various means of presentation is the New York Railroad Enthusiasts at our own piece of heaven, 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	Rich Taylor
April 28	Steve Kalka