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The next membership meeting will be on May 25 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.

Peter Ehrlich presents digital slides of his adventures as a steam locomotive chaser during the 1980s and 1990s in California, North Carolina and elsewhere. His subjects include Southern Pacific "Daylight" #4449, Union Pacific 4-8-4 #844 and 4-6-6-4 "Challenger" #3985, Southern Pacific P-8 4-6-2 #2472, and Norfolk Southern's A1218 and J611. If there is time, recent developments in streetcar activity in 2017 and 2018 will be shown.

PRESIDENT FOSBURG'S NOTES

Greeting, Railfans! It is with a heavy heart that we remember two very important long standing members who recently passed.

Last month, we lost Betty Morgan. She served as Corresponding Secretary, local and national director, and an officer during the 1970s and 1980s. She also participated in our trip program. She was a lovely lady who was known throughout the national RRE. She will be sorely missed.

The other member was our past president Al Roberts. He passed away on April 26 at Clove Lakes Nursing Home on Staten Island after a long illness.

He and his wife Lorrie joined in 1961. Al was born in Queens in 1934 and graduated from NYU. He served with the US Army infantry in Germany as a part of the US commitment to NATO during the 1950s. Al served as a trustee (later renamed director) most of the time. He served as vice president before succeeding Paul Kalka as president from 2014 to 2015. He served in every NYRRE capacity except trip committee. He presented

numerous Super 8 and 16 MM programs for us as well as many NRHS chapters in New Jersey and the Sunrise NRHS Chapter in Babylon, Long Island. Some of his LIRR programs were dramatic and spectacular. He and Lorrie were co-editors of the Bulletin during the 1970s and 1980s.

He and Lorrie participated in many NYRRE sponsored trips. They attended many National RRE Mid-Winter meetings. The NYRRE will continue without Al Roberts. BUT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE HIM. He was buried on Monday April 30 in Jamesburg, New Jersey.

At the last meeting, our Editor Michael Ditkoff showed slides from his 2017 Colorado railroad vacation. He gave a fresh prospective on the Durango and Silverton Railroad, using maps from an atlas and old employee timetables to give a geographic context of the railroad. After the break, he showed slides from the Leadville Colorado and Southern Railroad from the caboose and engine. Surprisingly, this is his first show anywhere.

Membership Meeting Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
June 22	George Chiasson
July and August	No meetings. Enjoy the summer!
September 28	Bob Gambling
October 26	Gary Grahl