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The next membership meeting will be on September 22 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](http://www.nyrre.org) or call (516) 660-1972 for cancellation information.

Cora Sowa presents the 2016 NRHS Convention in Colorado. The digital slide program will feature the Royal Gorge route, Durango and Silverton Railroad and the Denver light rail line.

### From the Trip Committee

The Committee didn't operate trips this year because of continuing low patronage and the cancellation of last year's trip to Hershey and Harrisburg. The biggest expense is chartering a bus. Another difficulty is determining how many tickets to buy on an Amtrak trip. Amtrak has cheap, medium and high priced tickets. The cheapest tickets sell out first and the committee doesn't want to buy medium priced tickets and sell them at cheap ticket prices. An added complication is pricing senior tickets. If the trip included an overnight stay, prices had to be determined for single and double occupancy. Failure to attract a minimum number of passengers required cancellation.

The Committee developed a new business model called **Do It Yourself**. All trips will rely on public transportation. If we can't get there via public transportation, we're not going. The Committee will publish the itinerary (day(s) of operation, train number and recommended hotel for an overnight stay.) **Participants will make their own reservations** for train tickets, lodging and dining. No minimum is required to run a trip because there aren't any costs to be shared.

Michael Ditkoff, Chairman

### Membership Meeting Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
October 27	Gary Grahl (Super 8)
November 24	Sheldon Fosburg (Dutch Program)
December 22	Mike Vitiello

Durango & Silverton #482 pulling hard on the High Bridge

