

# The Danville Flyer

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING:

APRIL 19th

Jocko's Pizza Inn, 1:00PM

### OPERATING SESSIONS:

MAY 2ND

JUNE 6TH

Rossville Depot Museum

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## President's Message

The Urbana train show was a great success. There were \$192 in popcorn sales and \$1,297 in train items. Thank you to Skylar Brown, Bob Davison, Danny Honn, Dave Sherrill, and Doug Nipper for helping run the club booth. It was appreciated that several other members stopped by our tables.

On April 25, Skylar Brown, Dave Sherrill, Danny Honn, and I are going to the old Rock

Island shops at Silvis, Illinois (Railroad Heritage Mid America Museum). The shop tour and short train ride around the shops cost \$30. In the shop, two large UP steam engines are being rebuilt. The shop contains all the machines to make the parts for rebuilding locomotives. There will be a small model train show and a large operating HO layout. We will meet at Rossville museum early in the morning (6 am) and be back around 9pm. If there are too many for one car, both Skylar and I will drive. I can order more tickets on line, but I would like to know by the meeting on 4/19. The tickets are higher on day of the event.

See photo on back page taken at the Urbana show.....



LEFT

Doug Butzow caught the two CN units that are paying tribute to the US 250th on his way to work on 3/10/26.

Nice catch!

## **ABOUT US**

The DANVILLE JUNCTION CHAPTER, NRHS, is a not-for-profit corporation organized to preserve the history of railroading in Eastern Illinois and Western Indiana and operates a museum located in the former Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad depot on East Benton Street in Rossville, Illinois. The museum is open weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day and features many railroad displays plus a large operating HO model railroad. Membership in the Chapter is open to anyone having an interest in any aspect of railroading. Dues per year are \$30.00 for Chapter membership in addition to \$50.00 for NRHS membership.

Rossville Depot Museum membership is \$30 per year. Meetings are held on the third (3rd) Sunday of each month (except June, July, August and December) at the Jocko's Depot Restaurant, Gilbert Street (Illinois Route 1) and Williams Street, next to CSX (former Conrail), in Danville, IL with lunch beginning at 1:00 PM Central Time followed by meeting and program.

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

The Minutes say that Danny Honn will give the program at the April meeting.

## **Danville Junction Chapter Officers for 2026**

President: Henry Schmitt  
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I did show an operating session in May, since we have that on the first weekend, and don't open the museum until the end of the month on Memorial Day weekend. Certain farmers may not be able to attend, but again I can gauge this when I send the notices out.

## **Danville Jct. Chapter, NRHS Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2026 Meeting

Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report had \$54.85 in expenses and \$475.04 in income since last meeting. Total cash is \$11,242.41. Report approved.

### **Old Business**

The March Rossville operating session had nine people present. The next session is April 4. The Urbana train show is March 28 and 29. We will start setting up at 8 AM. Will need help selling popcorn and train items.

The South Shore line to Dyer, Indiana is suppose to start on March 31. Hopefully, we can have a spring trip on his line.

### **New Business**

April program is Danny Honn and May is Aden Barron.

The Railroading Heritage of Midwest America Group is having an open house on April 25. This is at the old Rock Island shops at Silvis, Illinois. The UP Challenger is being rebuilt there. Admission and shop tour is \$16.50 and the train ride around grounds is \$ 13.50. A group is leaving the Rossville depot at 7 AM to go there. Others are welcome.

The March program was given by Henry Schmitt on Hesson RR museum, Bodine RR gathering, A figure eight Metra trip in Chicago area, Muncie train show, and Mr Muffin's O gauge large train layout.



LEFT:

Skylar Brown, Dave Sherrill and Bob Davison man the Chapter's table on Saturday, March 28th. Popcorn sales were not a record, but good enough. The model sales from the Ziebart collection went **very** well.

RIGHT:

1990-06-12 Illinois, A&S Jct. Norfolk & Western 1218 (2-6-6-4, Roanoke shops, 1943) NRHS excursion

Courtesy of Dick Brazda

