

DANVILLE JUNCTION CHAPTER NRHS

“THE DANVILLE FLYER LITE”

Sorry, no regular *Flyer* this month. Editor had technical problems. This is your meeting notice. Meeting minutes from April are on the back of this sheet. We are sending this out a week early so that everyone will be reminded of the **Spring Trip on May 13** (see minutes on following page for details).

TRAIN EXCURSION AND PICNIC FOR THE MAY MEETING

Rather than the usual meal and meeting at Jocko's restaurant on **May 21st**, we will head to Foster, Indiana to ride the V V RR “Cannonball” like we did last year. (No motorcars this time.) This ride will take place on the Vermilion Valley Railroad, which operates on the former Conrail (P&E) trackage from the state line east of Lynch Road to the former Olin plant west of Covington, now Flex-N-Gate. After arriving at Olin, we will have a picnic featuring burgers and hotdogs provided by Mr. Jim Montgerard at the former Olin cabin once used for company picnics, that now serves as the V V RR's headquarters. Please do consider a donation to Jim to help cover his food costs.

Foster is just off US136 right before you get to IN63 headed towards Covington. Turn north at the motel there, and cross the tracks and turn left. You can park back in the grain elevator's parking lot, and the train will be staged nearby. We will get permission ahead of time to park cars at the elevator. Perhaps a group could share a ride in from Danville.

Please wear attire suited for the railroad environment. No sandals, but sneakers should be OK. Prefer hard shoes or boots if available.

The trip will start when everyone arrives, hopefully no later than 11:00 A.M. CDT. If time permits, we will ride back past Foster on the return trip and see as much as we can of the line. At the time of this writing, there are a LOT of storage cars on the line, so the far west end may be blocked.

Hope to see you there.

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Meeting Minutes, 4/9/17

The meeting was called to order at 1342 by President Cooke.

The treasurer's report of April 9 was presented. Expenditures for the month were \$500, with the largest portion for motorcar parts. Sales at the Urbana show were \$174.

With the departure of Mr. Cooke to North Carolina, a new state registered agent for the chapter is needed. Doug Nipper indicated he would suggest someone else. Dick Brazda was chosen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were in the newsletter and were approved.

With the President hightailing it from town, Doug Butzow will take over the position for the remainder of the year. Henry Schmitt will become vice-president.

A spring trip was discussed for Saturday, May 13 to St Louis. We would meet at Cooke Bus. Prod. to leave at 700. The train departs Normal at 914, arriving in St. Louis at 1220. The return from St. Louis is at 1500, arriving in Normal at 1756.

The May program is again scheduled for the Vermilion Valley RR on May 21 at 1000 (CDT).

The depot cleaning is scheduled for May 27 at 900.

The meeting adjourned at 1403.

Henry presented a program on railroads in Fountain County, IN.