

The Danville Flyer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETING:

NOVEMBER 16TH

Jocko's Pizza Inn, 1:00PM

ANNUAL MEETING:

DECEMBER 7TH

Jocko's Pizza Inn, 1:00PM

OPERATING SESSIONS:

DECEMBER 6TH

JANUARY 3RD

Rossville Depot Museum

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This was the issue of Trains Magazine (March 1975) that got me more involved in the railroad hobby 50 years ago. After meeting Bob Barker on the school bus in 1975, I begged my parents to let me buy this magazine, and I eventually subscribed to it.

Inside, there was an article by an author by the name of John R. Crosby about double-

heading stream engines on the Pennsylvania's Broadway Limited between Chicago and Ft. Wayne, Indiana. For a 13 year old, it was like reading about a moon landing. The fact that men used steam to move these trains fast over this territory was fascinating, and opened my eyes to the feats that ordinary men accomplished in those days. Howard Fogg's painting, part of which is on this cover, was fully reproduced inside the issue.

David P. Morgan was still the editor of Trains Magazine at this time. The tag line in that article, entitled "Second Engine 28", was what the engineer of the first engine said to his counterpart on the second one: "So, young man, you have no excuse not to be pushing hard enough to put a bulge in my tender." This was heady stuff! 28 was the number of the train.

I know this new style of the Flyer is lacking compared to what Rick used to put out. It's only as to be as good as what people are willing to put into it. At least Henry wrote up something about the outing on the Graham Creek and Northern this month, but I need more with pictures. I am using a Linux program now to produce it.

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 November program, as indicated in the minutes, will be by Dick Brazda.

I was scheduled to give the program at the Annual Meeting, but then realized I can't stay for that due to being the operator in the tower that evening at Monticello for their Polar Express trains. I can bring the video from Rick's collection as long as someone else can show it...

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Just as Rick didn't produce a Flyer in December, niether will I.

Hope everyone has a nice holiday season, and keep railroading!

 **Seasons Greetings**

Danville Jct. Chapter, NRHS Meeting Minutes

The October 19, 2025, meeting opened at 1302 at Jockos.

The secretary's minutes were accepted as printed.

The largest expenses for the month were \$600 to CSX for depot rent and utility payments. Donations and dues were the major income for the month. Current checking account balance is \$4004.52.

The next operating session will be November 1.

Several chapter members were at Bodine's outdoor railroad on October 10. They reported an entertaining time was had by all. There was one incident where a train tipped over when all the passengers leaned in the same direction. Hopefully Erich Haley has fully recovered!

The Ziebart legacy buildings are unlikely to be used on the Rossville layout. The structures, both built and in boxes, will be assessed for sale, along with surplus freight cars.

Meeting programs: Dick for November, Doug N. will present one of Rick's videos for December, and Danny Honn for January.

Dave suggested looking at the date of the October meeting next year so it would not conflict with the Sherman train show.

The South Shore extension will be monitored to see when it opens for service. A visit during the winter might be possible if weather is cooperative.

The CSX tie gang is working their way south toward Danville. It was noted the scheduled work shifts have varied greatly.

Henry stopped at the Hesston steam museum near LaPorte, IN. He reported riding 3 sizes of trains. Dave reported on fine Wabash meeting held in Durand, MI.

The meeting was adjourned at 1313.

On October 10, 2025, Don and Terry Bodine invited club members to their train gathering at their outdoor 7.5 inch track railroad. Nine club members besides Bodines attended. There were at least eight steam and diesel engines running on the railroad. Some were standard gauge 1.5 inch to a foot and some were narrow gauge 2.5 inch to a foot. People were able to ride some of the trains that went over a mile or more of track. There was also a running Case steam tractor and a stationary steam engine that was making apple cider. Very good food was provided.

Thank you, Don and Terry Bodine for a wonderful train day with lots of good people.

Henry Schmitt (photos by the author)



LEFT: Don Bodine's narrow gauge D&RGW steam engine built by Don



RIGHT: Nickel Plate Mikado steam engine in action



LEFT: The Case steam tractor on display and steamed up



RIGHT: Members John Mills and Bob Davison ride behind John's New York Central switch engine