The Danville Flyer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 18TH
Jocko's Pizza Inn,1:00PM

OPERATING SESSIONS:
NOVEMBER 7TH
DECEMBER 5TH
JANUARY 2ND 2027
Rossville Depot Museum

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Well, here we are about to have another meeting. I hope most of us will be able to attend quite a few more of these.

No one mentioned the loss of member Scott Reed in the last newsletter, so I'll pass it on now. Scott was a funeral home director at Sunset Funeral home, and attended the operating sessions somewhat sporadically in the last few years. This was largely due to his job, but he did have fun at the sessions he was able to attend. He had engines he would bring and have Skylar program them for him. He passed away on Sunday, August 16th. We made a memorial contribution to his son's college fund, all covered by member donations. Hate to see a younger fellow like him reach End Of Track so soon…

I dug out a picture from Rick's slides he had scanned by the Scale Trains guy and used it on the back page of this issue. They were large TIF files to start with, and back when he had this done I was able to use a Linux command line operation to convert them in batches to more manageable-size JPG files. For doing that, he let me have a bunch of the scans.

We managed to have a good Operating Session on 9/5. There were enough present to get all the trains run, save for the last pair of through trains. The sessions will start again in November.

I have paid the depot rent bill already, so that's the last large expense we will have this year. Maybe another one to the Village of Rossville in November. I pay them $200 each time, which seems to carry us for about three months.

Doug One



ABOVE: From the Editor's slides. A SB L&N train tied up on #1 track, as it was then called, north of Voorhees St in Danville. December 1978 was the date, about 10 years after the photo on the back.

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.

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PROGRAM NOTES

Doug Nipper will provide a video from Rick Schroeder's collection. It is of a trip that he, Walt Basalt, Bruce Bird and Steve Hankel took in the late 90s. It is entitled: **Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas Railfan trip.** Lots of KCS in it.

The Rossville Operating Sessions will resume on November 7th. Not sure what the weather will be then, but the plastic over the bagge room doors may be put up before that if it turns sharply colder.

We hope every one can attend that wants to.

Danville Jct. Chapter, NRHS
Meeting Minutes September 2026

The September 20, 2026, meeting opened at 1300 at Jockos.

The secretary's minutes were accepted as printed.

The Treasurer's Report covered the period May 16 – Sept. 18. Expenses for the month included utilities, purchase of a new beverage cooler and initial concession stocks $1038.45. Income included concession sales, merchandise and model sales and various donations totaling $1197.54. In addition, a $250 donation was made to the Jarrett Reed college fund as a memorial for his father, member Scott Reed. This was covered by member donations. Checking account balance is $6984.96. CD balance is 5511.56.

The next operating session will be November 7. Summer operating sessions all went well.

Summer activities included a trip to ride the new South Shore Monon extension, an all day Metra trip and a trip by Henry and Skyler to the Sesquicentennial diesel celebration at the North Carolina Transp. Museum in Spencer.

Henry updated the memorial board, including Scott Reed, who passed away this summer.

Doug offered to provide the October program with one of Rick's DVDs. He also mentioned that the annual rental bill from CSX for $600 had just arrived. Doug also related that advance notice had been received about the Urbana train show, April 2-3, 2027.

Dick reported that his brother Jim passed away on a recent Amtrak trip. Some of Jim's rail related items will be added to the chapter's sales material.

Dave reported attending the Wabash Society gathering in Monticello earlier in the week.

Skyler reported the Norfolk Southern "super" detector in Williamsport is now activated.

The Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern RR is reportedly being sold to the Pinsly Railroad Co., formerly known as the Gulf and Atlantic Railways. Same company that holds the Vermilion Valley.

The meeting was adjourned at 1314.

Henry showed pictures from his recent trip covering the North Carolina Transp. Museum and the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, Ohio..

President's Message

Fall is a good time to ride a tourist train and see the fall foliage.

Last week, I was able to ride the steam train at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Train show season really heats up in October through March. Online train auctions provide a large variety and hard to find items, but trains shows are where you can get good deals. The club will be selling excess items at the Danville, Indiana show on November 21 and at the Lebanon, Indiana show on January 31.

How many of the Norfork Southern heritage diesel engines have you seen? I will bring a poster of all of them to the October meeting.

Many tourist railroads are sending money to the Connersville to Metamora, Indiana tourist line that was wiped out by the August floods. Monticello RR museum was one of the donors. Since the line runs along the old whitewater canal, even the Indiana Canal Society is donating all 2027 dues and any other earmarked donations for the rebuild.

There is always room in the meeting notice (Flyer) for articles on any train item that you see, do, or model. Pictures are always welcome too.

Henry Schmitt

Below, from Rick Schroeder's collection: CEI 940 FP7A Last run #54 Danville IL 2-1-68
The Danville Station is behind the train, which seems to be taking on fuel for the motors.

