

# Danville Flyer

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## Illinois Passenger Car Builder Expands

State and federal officials were in Rochelle on Tuesday to announce a \$54 million expansion at the Nippon Sharyo passenger railcar factory. The expansion will create about 80 new jobs and more than 200 construction jobs. The facility is currently filling orders for Chicago Metra and CalTrans. The plant opened in June 2012.

The expansion will include the construction of a 327,360-square-foot building that will be used for metal fabrication and machine work. Construction will start this spring and the new building will be open in 2014.

"Nippon Sharyo came to Illinois because of our commitment to high-speed rail, strong transportation network and central location, all of which make our state the ideal choice for growing global companies," Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn says.

Outgoing U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood was also in attendance. On Monday, it was announced that President Barack Obama would nominate Charlotte, N.C., mayor Anthony Foxx to replace LaHood. During a ceremony at the White House, the outgoing secretary called Obama's high-speed rail plan a "crowning glory" of his transportation legacy.

*Via TRAINS On-Line*

## UP Big Boy to Steam Again?

Union Pacific is still working on a possible 4-8-8-4 Big Boy restoration, company spokesman Mark Davis tells Trains News Wire.

"We are continuing to explore whether or not restoring a Big Boy locomotive is a viable project," Davis says. "Should things continue to move forward, there is a lot more work to be done in terms of securing a locomotive, when and where the locomotive could be restored, and if restored, where the locomotive could be operated on the Union Pacific network."

Last winter, the railroad was in talks with the Southern California Chapter of the



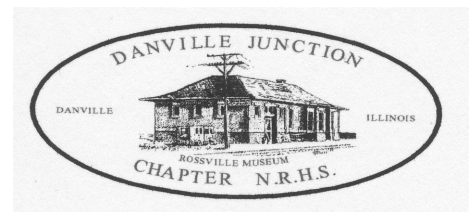
- May 19 – Monthly Meeting at Jocko's, 1 PM
- May 11 & 12 – Monticello Railway Museum – Throw Mama from the Train
- May 18 & 19 – Monticello Railway Museum – Steam both days
- May 25 – Museum opens, work session in the morning.
- May 26 – Museum open
- June 1 – Summer Operating Session
- July 3 – MRM Fireworks Trains

## 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 \$20.00 for Chapter membership in addition to \$39.00 for NRHS membership. Rossville Depot Museum membership is \$20 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, in Danville, IL with lunch beginning at 1:00 PM Central Time followed by meeting and program.



## Officers for 2013—our 45th Year

**Dick Brazda – President**

**Dave Sherrill – Vice President**

**Doug Nipper – Secretary**

**Allen Cooke – Treasurer**

**Al McCoy – Programs**

**Jess Bennett – Historian**

**Bob Gallippi – Museum Director**

**Rick Schroeder – Editor**

**Cooke Business Products - Publisher**



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Railway & Locomotive Historical Society to potentially acquire and restore its Big Boy, No. 4014, for mainline operation. The railroad has said it is working on behalf of an unnamed third party interested in completing the restoration. Union Pacific currently has 4-8-4 No. 844 and 4-6-6-4 No. 3985 in its main line steam excursion fleet, although No. 3985 has been out of active service for a number of years

*Trains On Line 4-17*

## Canadian Pacific and Oil

Canadian Pacific's CEO Hunter Harrison is wary of betting big on oil and because of that the railroad's annual capital spending will be around \$1.1 billion this year, the Globe & Mail reports. Harrison and other top executives shared the news with shareholders at the railroad's annual meeting in Toronto on Wednesday.

Although CP expects the number of carloads of crude to double from 70,000 this year to roughly 140,000 or more in 2015, Harrison believes it would be irresponsible to invest for the long run if the oil traffic is not a sure thing. "We're not going to go out and spend

## April 2013—Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 1:48 P.M., President Dick Brazda presiding. Secretary's report as printed in the Flyer was approved. Treasurer's report, as prepared and read by the Secretary, showed our checking account at \$2342.19 and CD balance of \$3500.55, for total net assets of \$5842.74.

### OLD BUSINESS

Spring Trip: May 11th trip is on, and Dick asked for a show of hands of those who would be going. You may ride just to Joliet, or all the way into Chicago for Amtrak's National Train Day. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets online in advance. Danville contingent will meet at the Cooke office at 7:30 that morning.

### NEW BUSINESS

Clean up day at the Rossville Depot Museum will again be the first day of the Memorial Day Opening Weekend, May 25th. Dave Sherrill says he will paint again this summer, if it's not as hot as it was last year. And even though it is not on the official schedule, the members present decided to try to have an operating session on May 4th.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

None...

## Next Meeting—May 19 2013

We will continue on plans to get some work completed at the depot the Saturday morning of the Memorial Day weekend opening. In addition the model group plans to continue Operating Sessions through the summer months. They will be held the first Saturday of each month starting in June. Start time will be sent in an email but we may start at 9 AM, especially as the summer becomes warmer.

Program: Richard Gill, a friend of Dick Brazda's, will present a program on his experience with towers in the Chicago area. He has worked for the IC, Metra and consultant DeLeuw, Cather and lives in Chicago. On tape he has a few minutes of BRC and IC dispatchers at work in 1965, that we should find entertaining and he plans to sketch track diagrams on the white board. Having worked for Metra and the IC he should have some very interesting stories to tell us about commuter rail in the Chicago area.

This issue will be the last of the spring with our normal summer off – that is no meeting until September. In addition, due to other activities I have not had time to get many articles for the newsletter.

Rick

capital and build an infrastructure that's going to last 40 or 45 years when we're not so sure how the (crude-by-rail) market will be in five or six years," he says.

According to railroad officials, 85 to 90 percent of 2013's capital spending will be focused on trackage in North Dakota and between Edmonton and Winnipeg. Harrison said those track improvement will not only benefit customers shipping oil, but those shipping potash and grain.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC**

One thing Harrison isn't worried about is the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline. He says because railroads have more flexibility than a pipeline there is space for both. "Even if Keystone goes in, it's only a fraction of demand that's needed there," chief operating officer Keith Creel says.

Via *TRAINS On-Line*

## General News

Norfolk Southern's 2013 order of Electro-Motive Diesel locomotives began delivery yesterday with the first three crossing the border into the United States. EMD is building 25 SD70ACe's for Norfolk Southern at Bombardier Transportation's Sahagun, Mexico, plant. Norfolk Southern locomotives Nos. 1075-1077 were in the consist of a Kansas City Southern train from Mexico yesterday and are the first three to be delivered from the order. The units will carry Nos. 1075-1099. KCS will deliver the locomotives to New Orleans where they will be interchanged to NS.

*Trains On Line 4-12-13*

AUGUSTA, Ga. – BNSF Railway, CSX, and Norfolk Southern have sent their business trains to Augusta to entertain shippers and guests at the Master's PGA golf tournament, which begins today. Founded in 1934, The Masters is the first of the "major" golf tournaments on the men's PGA Tour.

The following are the trains parked in Augusta for the tournament, observed by rail historian Al Langley:

At Norfolk Southern Taylor Street office car track:

BNSF No. 6513 ES44C4, power car, sleeper *Marias Pass*, sleeper *Raton Pass*, diner *Topeka*, office car *Gerald Grinstein*



NS No. 4270 F9A, 4276 F7B, 4271 F9A  
 NS No. 39 power/baggage car; 23 theater car *Buena Vista*; 19 diner *Kentucky*; 9 sleeper *Alabama*; 11 sleeper *Illinois*; 12 sleeper *Indiana*; 24 full length dome *Delaware*; 21 diner *West Virginia*; 7 office car *Pennsylvania*; 4 office car *Michigan*; 5 office car *Maryland*; 13 sleeper *Georgia*; 20 office car *Ohio*; 1 office car *Virginia*; 2 sleeper *Carolina*  
 (Note, NS Nos. 1 and 2 are a two-unit set)

At CSX Jordan Road office car track:

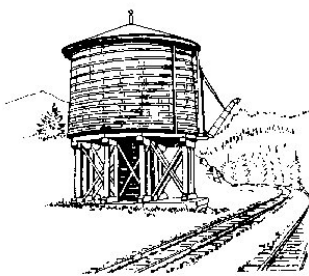
CSXT No. 9992 F40PH-2; 9998 F40PH-2  
 CSXT No. 994362 baggage/equipment car *Louisiana*; 994011 sleeper *Youngstown*; 994008 sleeper *Mississippi*; 994315 sleeper *Indiana*; 994319 diner *Greenbrier*; 994010 office car *New York*; 994012 sleeper *Michigan*; 994525 sleeper *Tennessee*; 994307 office car *Waycross*; 994300 office car *North Carolina*; 994317 office car *Baltimore*; 994363 sleeper *Kentucky*; 994350 sleeper *Illinois*.



## NKP 765 on the move again

Nickel Plate Road 2-8-4 No. 765 will operate several deadhead ferry moves next month as part of its participation in Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam excursion program. These are non-revenue, non-passenger moves that do not operate on a schedule to position the train for excursions. The dates are listed below but are subject to change due to transportation logistics:

- May 9: Deadhead Fort Wayne-Bellevue-Cleveland
- May 11: NS employee trips Rockport-Fairlane, Ohio
- May 12: Public trip Rocky River-Bellevue, Ohio, round trip
- May 13: Deadhead Cleveland-Conway-Altoona, Pa.
- May 18-19: NS employee trips Altoona-Gallitzin, Pa.
- May 23: Deadhead Altoona-Enola, Pa.
- May 25-27: Public trips Lewistown-Gallitzin, Pa., round trip
- May 29: Deadhead Enola-Altoona-Conway, Pa.
- May 30: Deadhead Conway-Cleveland-Bellevue, Ohio
- May 31: Deadhead Bellevue-Fort Wayne



## More Oil for Railroads?

More oil appears to be beneath the soil in western North Dakota ~ Dave Todd

A new study by the U.S. Geological Survey puts the estimated technically recoverable oil at 7.4 billion barrels in the Williston Basin, a significant increase from the 3.65 estimated in 2008. The USGS study said the Bakken has close to 3.65 billion barrels and the Three Forks Formation has an estimated 3.73 billion barrels.

In January, the South Dakota state Supreme Court upheld a \$10 billion oil refinery permit for Hyperion. Hyperion's proposed refinery would process 400,000 barrels of Canadian tar sands crude oil each day into low-sulfur gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and liquid petroleum gas. If constructed, the 3,300-acre tract of farmland north of Elk Point would become the first new U.S. site for an oil refinery since 1976. The original permit called for construction to begin by Feb. 20, 2011, but company officials said the project was delayed because the recession caused problems in securing financing. The board issued a revised permit in September that reflected updated national air quality standards and new pollution-control technology and gives Hyperion until March to start construction.

Elk Point does have BNSF rail connectivity. Earlier, ConocoPhillips put in an order for 100 tank cars. And, with news of more spills from pipelines, rail service is looking more favorable.

Via Brass Switchkey Railnews, V.20, #14, May 5, 2013



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## Photo of the Month



DM&E SD49 #6055 leads ICE 6414 and 6443 south on Train #471 at Monona, IA on April 7, 2013. The crew on this train had brought the NB #470, met the other crew and swapped trains and are now headed back to Dubuque, IA. Photo by R. Schroeder