

# *The Danville Flyer*

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

OCTOBER 19TH  
Jocko's Pizza Inn, 1:00PM

### **OPERATING SESSIONS:**

NOVEMBER 1ST  
DECEMBER 6TH  
Rossville Depot Museum

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Here we go again. The routine of producing a newsletter is kinda old hat for me. I also do a quarterly one for the Monticello Railway Museum, but this every month thing will be an adjustment for sure.

Since I am the Treasurer for the club as well, let me tell you what the financial situation is. I just paid the rent bill to CSX at the first of this month. That's one of our bigger expenses for the year, but at least it only comes once a year, like the insurance bill. The monthly utility bills, however, keep increasing.

One thing I did on the last day we were open at Rossville back on Labor Day was turn off the refrigerator up there. I suspect it uses more energy than anything else. For many years, I paid Ameren for three to four months at a time, like Allen did, since our average bill was in the \$50 range. But in July, after I had changed the Chapter's account to auto-pay, it went to \$97 and change. The next one was \$71. The September bill came in at \$72. I hope since the fridge is off now, the October bill will be a lot lower. (Down to \$54 and change, actually.) Our electric supply also changed to Homefield Energy in July, and they were charging 14 cents per kilowatt hour. At home, on the county-wide aggregation program, I am paying 7 cents for the same

unit of energy. Rossville residential customers were also paying the higher rate. Then just this past month, the supplier for Rossville was changed again, to Constellation Energy. They are in the 12 cents range. Rossville can't seem to find the ideal supplier!

A \$200 payment to the Village still seems to cover three months. But when we start using gas again to heat the baggage room, you can bet the donation jar will be out again. Pay to play will be in force! :-)

Thankfully, dues notices will go out this month, or maybe they already have. We count on them, and the nice donations from members, to keep us going during the year. We also have parts of the model railroad collection from Mark Ziebart to sell in the coming years. That should help sustain us. We did buy two more plug-in throttles for the DCC system, but we already have commitments from some members to help pay for those.

Bottom line, we can keep going like this for some time. But if we keep losing members at the rate we have been, all bets are off.

## **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.

This space is blank. Why? No one stepped up to contribute something!

Although this meeting notification will be no match to the Flyers that Rick produced, it still takes time to produce it.

As an aside, CSX has a tie gang, two in fact, working south from Woodland Jct. They should be in the Danville area by the end of the month. That's the only news I have to report....

-Doug

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

The September 21, 2025 meeting opened at 1301 at Jockos.

The secretary's minutes were accepted as printed.

The largest expenses for the summer were throttles, VCM donation and utilities. Donations totaled \$406 and concession sales were \$198. Current checking account balance is \$3983.77. Skyler, Doug N., and Bob were recognized for their attendance during summer open days at the Rossville Depot museum..

The Ziebart family donated Mark's model equipment to the chapter. The extensive collection is being inventoried. Portions of it may be sold.

Doug N. will present one of Rick's videos for the program in October. Dick will present photos from a Pennsylvania trip in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 1313.

Dick presented pictures the NRHS national convention in Michigan.