

## The Danville Flyer Extra July 17,2018

Dear Danville Junction members,

I would like to remind people of activities scheduled for August.

1. On Saturday August 25 at 12 noon Illinois time, there is a cook out at the Rossville museum for all members. This is a 50 year celebration of our RR chapter. We still have some of the original members. The museum has the charcoal, Skyler is bringing the grill, and I will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. I will also provide some sides and a desert. I will bring some water. Members can bring drinks or purchase soda from the museum. I will see that we have some tables, chairs, plates, etc. Let me know if you are coming at [henrose7@yahoo.com](mailto:henrose7@yahoo.com) or 765-585-8374. If you forget to RSVP, come anyway. There will be plenty of food.
2. On Wednesday, August 29, several of the members are going on a bus-railroad trip. At 8:30 AM there is a bus (8893) from Champaign to Bloomington that arrives at 9:30 AM. The Lincoln train (302) to Chicago arrives at 9:46AM and gets to Chicago at 12:20 PM. The Illini leaves Chicago at 4:05PM and arrives in Champaign at 6:15 PM. The Texas Eagle train to Chicago arrives in Bloomington at 11:08 if the bus is late. Each person is responsible for getting their bus and train tickets. People can drive directly to Champaign bus - train station or some can meet in Danville at 7AM. We can discuss more at cookout.
3. Take a friend to Rossville museum on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in August or just hang out with other members at the museum.

If you have questions, call me at 765-585-8374.

Henry Schmitt  
President

### ***Editor and Publisher's notes:***

We found out in late June that long-time member and supporter of the Chapter, Bob Barker of Greenwood, IN, formerly of Danville, passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob was 87. A few of us recall spending time with Bob at North Yard from the late 1970's into the early 90's. He was always friendly to railfans and was a fan himself. He was a boomer in reverse, having worked for five different railroads (C&EI, MoPac, L&N, SBD and CSX) and never changed jobs!

We enjoyed seeing Bob when he came back to Danville or Watseka for a few of the C&EI HS Annual meetings. Here is a photo by your publisher of the meeting in 2013 with two of our favorite Bobs, Barker and McQuown, both gone now unfortunately:



We'll miss you, Bob, and all the many stories you told of the glory days on the C&EI and successors.

There may be more on Mr. Barker in the September Flyer, but we wanted to get this info out to the membership before the summer was over.

In other news, the Cooke family has sold the warehouse on Williams St, so no more "pre-meeting" meetings there to watch NS traffic. And to add insult to injury, we have moved from the office on Liberty Lane next to CSX to a smaller office on N. Vermilion St. north of our original office location. So trains are off my agenda at work too. Sad days indeed!

Hope to see everyone at the picnic next month!