



Welcome New Members

- Bryan and Melissa Yowell, Kirksville, MO

Kansas Tourism Guests

On June 18 we had a very special group of four people take a ride from Blue Rapids east across the Big Blue River and back. Our passengers were Marci Penner, Executive Director of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, Wendee Rowe, assistant director, Andrea LaRayne Etzel, editor for Kansas Magazine and publications director for Kansas Tourism, and Jess Hoffert, Custom Projects Editor for Meredith Travel Marketing in Des Moines, IA. Andrea and Jess are working on the 2022 Kansas Visitor's Guide.



Pictured left to right are Wendee, Jess, Andrea, and Marci.

Three Guests From Three States

On July 2 we had another group of special guests including a rail fan mileage collector. They took the "three hour tour" traveling the full length of our rails twice since our rides are round trip rides. Jim Fetchero, an advisor for the John H Emery Rail Heritage Trust, arranged for the ride. Jim is from Charlotte, NC and makes arrangements for others to experience excursions rides. With Jim on the ride were Naurine Lennox, Northfield, MN and Joseph Elliot, Stillwell, KS. They had stayed at the historic Weaver Hotel in Waterville the night before this ride.



Pictured left to right are Joseph, Naurine, and Jim.

In addition to being an advisor for the John H Emery Rail Heritage Trust, Jim is a member of the Red Springs and Northern Foundation, Inc. The Red Springs and Northern is a scenic railroad in North Carolina, similar to the CBRR. They operate motorcars with passenger trailers much like the CBRR. There is both a web site and a Facebook page for the Red Springs and Northern. Check them out if you are the least bit curious.

Another Rail Fan Ride

On August 17 we had another ride for a rail fan mileage collector. Two gentlemen from the St. Louis area on their way to Colorado stopped to ride the CBRR. They are eventually going to attend the Cumbres and Toltec 50th Anniversary Celebration and 19th Century Victorian Iron Horse Roundup.. On their way they are going to ride the Georgetown Loop RR and the Durango and Silverton RR. They learned about the CBRR from the special section on scenic railroads in the May issue of Trains Magazine.

Crossing Work Completed

On Wednesday, August 19, a crew headed up by Rick Lister removed the wood crossing ties on both Colorado and Nebraska streets in Waterville and placed hot mix asphalt. Other workers on the project were Ed Joseph, Don Joseph, Rick Cudney, Charles Weickert, Lyle Walter and Dave Crawford.



On Thursday, August 20, the same crew replaced the crossing ties on both the main line track and a siding on Genesee Street in Blue Rapids.

Both the City of Waterville and the City of Blue Rapids provided the equipment to roll the asphalt. Ann Walter and Kathy Crawford provided break time snacks.

The total cost of the project was \$6,203. MCRHS would like to thank all those who donated specifically to this project and those who have made donations to MCRHS through the

Blue Rapids Community Foundation. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated.



CBRR Merchandise

Central Branch Railroad T-shirts, Hoodies, Caps, and Commemorative Coins can be purchased at the historic Weaver Hotel in Waterville. If you schedule a ride, you can get a coupon for \$2 off each item of CBRR merchandise that you purchase.

To schedule a ride, call Ann in the evenings at 785-363-2343. Our regular operating season ends October 31 but weather permitting we have scheduled rides beyond that date.



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