



## Welcome New Members

In June we reported on two new members, Carl Williams and Brandon Day. With this newsletter we are happy to recognize April Privett and family as well as Laren and Mary Zager. April is from Barnes, KS. She and some of her family took a ride on the CBRR last year going from Waterville east to the end of the line. They rode again this year on the evening of August 5 from Blue Rapids to the east end of the line and then again on the morning of August 6 going from Blue Rapids west through Waterville and beyond Somewhere. Crew members on those two rides included Gene Harding, Larry Moon, and Charlie Weickert.

Laren Zager has been helping Gene and Sandy Harding with trimming along the ROW. With rainfall in July being almost double the normal amount, keeping up with the trimming can be an endless task but as you ride the rails you can definitely see the fruits of their labor.

We welcome Carl Williams and his family, Brandon Day and family, April Privett and family and the Zagers.

**We can always use help with ROW maintenance or providing rides. Contact us if you would like to become a member and volunteer!**

## August 1 Ride

We had a family from Centralia, KS take a ride from Blue Rapids east across the Big Blue River and back. By the time we reached the east end it was looking like we might get rained on. We arrived back in Blue Rapids just in time to be hit by a downpour of about 0.20 inches in 10 minutes. We stopped with the trailer in the shed and took shelter there while we waited on the storm to pass.

When asked how they knew about our scenic railroad, they said that they had seen our information in Marci Penner's Kansas Guide Book.



## Parade Entry

The Marshall County Fair parade was on Sunday, July 20. Charlie & Mary Weickert brought their motorcar down to enter in the parade. Charlie recruited some kids to ride along on the float entry.



## Blue Rapids Community Foundation

The Blue Rapids Community Foundation "Circle of Giving" match day is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 15. MCRHS participated in the inaugural match day in June of 2019 and received approximately \$1,645 in donations and \$878 in "match money" from the BRCF. All things considered, we do not expect to do as well this year.

The money is invested with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, who are the financial managers. Donations can be made in person on September 15 or online through the BRCF web site. MCRHS members will be sent a letter with additional information about 2 weeks prior to the "Circle of Giving" Match Day.

## Publicity Fund

Our greatest expense each year is insurance. Our second greatest expense is chemicals for ROW maintenance. Next comes publicity. It costs us about \$108 per year for web site hosting and another \$15 for domain name registration. Including postage, it costs us about \$56 per month for the newsletter (\$560 per year for 10). With the reduction in business due to COVID-19 we are only putting out a newsletter every other month, thus generating a little savings. Included in the newsletter cost is printer ink, which runs about \$185 per year. We also print a few hundred brochures to display in various locations and hand out to passengers. Our publicity budget therefore runs about \$683 per year. A \$20 donation to the publicity fund doesn't seem like much but every bit helps.

## Recent Donations

We would like to thank Dave and Deb Geis (Geis Steel Tech, Inc. in Seward, NE), Charles and Mary Weickert, Dave and Kathy Crawford, Lyle and Ann Walter, and Kevin Yowell for their recent donations to various funds.

Additional thanks to Dave and Kathy Crawford, Gene and Sandy Harding, Clinton Day, Larry Moon, Ann Walter, Charlie Weickert, and Laren Zager for the time they have donated to provide rides and ROW maintenance.

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- BIG FOUR
- CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL PACIFIC
- CENTRAL ROUTE
- CHINESE
- EAST COAST
- GOLDEN SPIKE
- HOMESTEAD ACT
- IRISH
- IRON HORSE
- JUDAH
- LAND GRANTS
- LINCOLN
- MORMONS
- NEBRASKA
- PACIFIC RAILROAD ACT
- PROMONTORY SUMMIT
- SACRAMENTO
- SAN FRANCISCO
- SIERRAS
- STANFORD
- TRANSCONTINENTAL
- TUNNELS
- UNION PACIFIC
- UTAH
- WEST COAST
- WHITNEY

