

UP 4014 Railfans

Ed Hoover, a MCRHS member who lives in Wamego, has a high interested in steam locomotives. It is no wonder then that he followed the return of the Union Pacific Big Boy 4014 to service and its tour through the southwest United States and Kansas in particular.

Prior to UP 4014 passing through Kansas, Ed was invited to give a presentation to a 3rd grade class at the elementary school in Wamego. That ended up being a presentation to 200+ students. Ed gave the 3rd grade class one of two 3ft x 5ft UP 4014 flags that he had custom made.

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Ed had the opportunity to see the Big Boy in both Topeka and Manhattan. In Topeka he left with the crew a gift for Ed Dickens, the Senior Manager of Union Pacific Heritage Operations and engineer for Big Boy 4014. The gift was an Adlake kerosene railroad lantern monogrammed with Ed Dicken's name and UPRR 4014.

In Manhattan he actually helped with crowd control and answered questions from the public. In a Manhattan Mercury newspaper article about Ed Hoover mentioned he is a member of the Central Branch Railroad. Ed Dickens liked the UP 4014 flag so much that Ed Hoover gave it to him. Pictured below are Ed Dickens on the right with Ed Hoover and two of the UP 4014 crew members. Ed has since ordered Adlake lanterns for the steam crew at the Union Pacific Steam Shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming.



Other MCRHS members that saw the Big Boy in Manhattan were Larry Moon, George Lookhart, Jim Turner, and Dave Crawford.



Big Boy crossing the Big Blue River in Manhattan, KS

CBRR Polar Express Ride

On Saturday, December 7, in cooperation with the Waterville Chamber of Commerce, MCRHS ran four Polar Express Rides from Waterville west and back. A total of 67 passengers took part in the event.





For additional information and photos of the Big Boy 4014 excursion through Kansas and the CBRR Polar Express rides, visit our blog post at

https://centralbranchrailroad.blogspot.com

Guise-Weber Foundation Grant

The Guise-Weber Foundation in Marysville recently gave the MCRHS a \$1000 grant. The foundation is a private operating foundation that strives to improve the communities we live in. Don Landoll of Marysville, is the president of the foundation. Our thanks to the Guise-Webber Foundation.

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