



## Web Site

[centralbranchrailroad.com](http://centralbranchrailroad.com)

## Membership

Individual Annual: \$40

Family Annual: \$55

Individual Life: \$100

Family Life: \$150

## Schedule a Ride

Call Ann at 785-363-2343 (H)

785-799-4294(C)

[aw@centralbranchrailroad.com](mailto:aw@centralbranchrailroad.com)

## Volunteer to Work

Contact Larry Moon

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## Board Members

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## Events

- On-Line  
[Calendarcentralbranchrailroad.com/Calendar.html](http://Calendarcentralbranchrailroad.com/Calendar.html)

## Archives:

Past newsletters can be found on the MCRHS web Site

- [centralbranchrailroad.com/Newsletters.html](http://centralbranchrailroad.com/Newsletters.html)

## Membership

There are currently 104 Lifetime members (Individual or Family) of the MCRHS. There are 6 Annual members in good standing and 19 past members for which annual dues have not been paid recently. Additionally there are 9 former members for which we do not have recent contact information. Last month we sent out 105 newsletters by USPS and 35 by email. Newsletters sent by USPS are printed in black and white. Newsletters sent via email are in full color. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, send an email request to [centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com](mailto:centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com).

The tables below show a summary of our top line item expenses over the past two years as well as the top line items for average revenue. Two additional tidbits are that our ride revenue was down by \$565 (12.5%) this year and our property taxes were up \$444 (22.7%) this year. Our insurance continues to rise each year also. You probably incur annual increases in your expenses as well.

Line Item	Expense (2 yr avg.)
Motorcar Maintenance	\$752
Passenger Car Maintenance	\$293
Track Maintenance	\$3,651
Insurance	\$9,734
Property Tax	\$2,184

Line Item	Revenue (2 yr avg.)
Lease Agreements	\$10,055
Rides	\$4,246
Donations	\$3,651
Dues	\$435
Newsletter Fee	\$290

## More History of the CBRR

Two of the noted uses of the railroad in its first 100 years of existence were orphan trains and prisoner of war trains. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 abandoned children ages 6 to 18 were living in the streets of New York City in the 1850's. Orphan trains began in the mid 1850's and continued until 1930. Trains would take orphan children west to be placed in new homes. Some of the children were true orphans and some had just been abandoned for one reasoner another. It is estimated that an excess of 150,000 "orphans" were relocated during the Orphan Train Movement. Estimates are that 5-6,000 "orphans" were relocated in Kansas. Orphan trains stopped in the following locations in Marshall County: Axtell (1883 & 1909), Beattie (1883, Blue Rapids (1883), Frankfort (1881, 1883, 1884, Home (1884), Marysville (1883 & 1884), and Oketo (1883 & 1884). Other stops in the area were Leonardville (1886, 1894 & 1899), Vermillion (1884) and Washington (1884 & 1892). Below is a link to the National Orphan Train Complex museum in Concordia, KS.

<http://orphantraindepot.org>

In August of 1942 there were only 65 German prisoners held in the United States. In 1943 there were 33 camps throughout the U.S. capable of housing 78,000 prisoners. One of those camps was "Camp Concordia" in Concordia, KS. Camp Concordia was the largest of 16 camps in Kansas and was built in 90 days at a cost of 1.8 million dollars. It had 304 buildings including a 177 bed hospital. Camp Concordia housed more than 4,000 German POWs, mostly captured in North Africa. Security on POW trains was tight. The windows were locked, shades were drawn and often the location signs on depots were removed. Camp Concordia operated from May 1943 to November 1945. Below is a link to the Camp Concordia Museum Website.

<http://www.kansastravel.org/campconcordia.htm>

## Is Your Address Correct?

The MCRHS is in the process of updating its records, which includes a new mailing list. If you received this newsletter by USPS, please check your mailing label for accuracy. If you live in Waterville, KS it would be helpful if we had your P.O. Box number instead of a street address. If you received the newsletter by email, we would appreciate it if you would email your current address information.

Any address corrections, comments, etc. can are emailed to [centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com](mailto:centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com)

We have had about 1/4 of our membership respond to our newsletter subscription request. Thank you for doing so - you should not be getting page 3 of the newsletter which is the Newsletter Subscription Form.

## Annual Memberships and Past Members

If you pay your dues annually or have been a member in the recent past you will be receiving a letter asking you to pay your annual dues or consider becoming a member again. If you receive this newsletter by USPS the letter is enclosed with this newsletter. If you receive the newsletter via email you will receive a separate email in the near future regarding membership.

Any membership or newsletter questions or comments can be emailed to the address referenced above or sent by USPS to MCHRS, P.O. Box 242, Waterville, KS.

**Thank You for your continued support of the MCRHS and CBRR!!**