



Rhythm of the Rails

On December 13, Ken Gustin met with Gene and Sandy Harding, Charles Weickert, Jim Dobbins, Jim Turner, Pat Winkenwader, Dave Crawford, and Sharon Steenson to gain more insight on the history and operation of the Central Branch Railroad and to provide a general overview of what he has planned for the event. Details are still being worked out but a video presentation with live narration and music provided by the Chris Biggs and Ken Gustin duo will be the highlight of the days events. The show will be in the historic Waterville Opera House with a tentative time set for 2 or 2:30 pm. A meal at the Weaver Hotel will be part of the day's schedule as well as rides on the CBRR.

Chris and Ken regularly perform at the Little Grill in Manhattan. Their web site is biggsandgustin.com



Gene and Sandy Harding, Charles and Mary Weickert, George and Judy Lookhart, Jim and Martha Turner, Laura Turner, Ann Walter, and Dave and Kathy Crawford ventured to the Little Grill to have a meal and enjoy the music of Chris and Ken.

Mark your calendars. Its going to be a great show highlighting the history of RR in MS County.

Financial Report

The Marshall County Railroad Historical Society continues to be financial sound. Below is a summary of our top 5 revenue sources in 2022 as well as out top five expense categories.

REVENUE:

Lease Agreements:	\$12,034
Blue Rapids Community Foundation:	\$5,246
Ride Revenue	\$3,083
Membership	\$655
Other Donations	\$320

EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$10,840
Real Estate Tax	\$2,243
Weed Spray	\$2,153
Maintenance	\$1,567
Fuel	\$561

As one might expect for 2022, our cost for weed spray more than tripled with a 235% increase and our fuel cost not quite doubled with an increase of 62%. Our ride revenue was down 33%. The decline in ride revenue is largely due to not having a specific fund raising event in 2022. In 2021 we did quite well with the Blue Rapids 150+1 celebration. We did experience a 39% increase in overall donations. We ended 2022 in the black by \$2,470.

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Railroad Trivia

The year 1801 in England: A single horse on a "tramway" pulled 12 cars loaded with stones and totaling 36 tons a distance of 6 miles in 1.75 hours. Additional cars were added during the journey, making the total weight at the end 55 tons.

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