



## Storm Damage

On Wednesday, July 10 at about 6:30 am a strong wind storm passed through southern Washington and Marshall Counties. Winds at Linn, KS were reported as 100 mph and winds at Blue Rapids were reported as 70 mph. The town of Blue Rapids had major damage to trees and vehicles on which trees fell.

An inspection run on the rails east of Blue Rapids identified a downed tree on the rails just east of the field crossing a half mile or so east of the Vista RD crossing.



Gene and his wife Sandy also did some cutting of trees west of Waterville. They didn't make it past the Coon Creek bridge because of a tree down on the west end of the bridge. At this time it is yet to be determines how to deal with that tree.



When Gene Harding and Dave Crawford went out to cut that tree they had no idea what lied beyond. Over a period of 3 mornings they cut 26 trees across the tracks. Some of them were in the 6-8 inch diameter range and some were in the 12-15 inch diameter range.

## MCRHS Blog

Just a reminder that we have added a blog to our online presence. The web address is: [centralbranchrailroad.blogspot.com](http://centralbranchrailroad.blogspot.com).

If you would like to receive an email notification of new blog posts, there is a widget in the right margin where you can sign up for email notifications.

## Supporting MCRHS

There are several ways in which you can support the MCRHS and CBRR.

- Volunteer to help with rides, groundskeeping in Blue Rapids or Waterville, or helping with right of way maintenance.
- Make a 1 time annual donation of \$20 to our publicity fund. This money supports the MCRHS Web Site and newsletter. Donors receive the newsletter printed in color.
- Make a donation to our general fund for day to day operational expenses such as right of way maintenance, insurance, etc.
- Donate to our Community Foundation Designated Fund through the Blue Rapids Community Foundation web site. <https://www.bluerapidscf.org/giftstobrcf.cfm>
- Make a \$20 Donation and receive a limited edition 160th Anniversary Commemorative coin. Only 160 of these coins were minted. Please include with your donation your name, shipping address and a telephone number or email address where you can be contacted. Send your order to the address at the right.



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### 2019 Ride Donation Schedule

Adults: \$10 Children ages 6-12: \$7 Children 5 & under: Free

- Waterville west to "Somewhere" (45 minutes)
- Blue Rapids east across the Big Blue River (60 minutes)
- Between Blue Rapids & Waterville (60 minutes)
- Waterville east across the Big Blue River (2 hours - \$5 added fee)
- Rental of "Somewhere" for picnics, cookouts or celebrations - \$15 plus ride fare

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## Welcome New Members (2019)

- Christina Kravitz
- Anthony Reiss
- Jim Wessel
- Kevin Yowell