



Welcome New Members

- Shelly Roepke, Othello, WA
- Guy Salts, Hemet, CA
- Butch Newman, Blue Rapids, KS
- Greg Carlson Family, Topeka, KS
- Jay Hillis
- Adam Rulon

Nickel Day in Waterville and the Blue Rapids 150+1 Celebration

On Saturday, May 29, Ann Walter, Gene Harding, Kenny and Pat Winkenwader, Charles Weickert, Larry Moon, and George Lookhart helped with giving rides going west from Waterville and operating the children's train. Lawson Stryker was the engineer for the children's train.

On Saturday, July 3, Dave and Kathy Crawford, Gene and Sandy Harding, Jim Turner, Charles Weickert, and Ann Walter helped with the Blue Rapids 150+1 Celebration. Six rides going East across the Big Blue River were given that day. The gauge level of the Big Blue River was about 17 feet (this is not the depth) making it about 64 feet from the bridge down to the water level.



These were two very successful events. So much so that three more "family" rides were given on Sunday, July 4. Members and relatives of Austin Hargadine were the first ride followed later in the day by rides for the Greg Carlson family and friends and the Sheri Shank family and others.

One of the passengers on a ride July 3 was local Blue Rapids resident Don Osborne. Don got out of the navy in 1959 and his first job was working construction on the railroad bridge over the Big Blue River. Don is pictured below (2nd from right) receiving a quilt for his service in the Vietnam War. He is holding a picture of the ship that he was on when he passed under the Golden Gate bridge.



Pictured at left is the MCRHS/CBRR canopy donated by Edward Hoover from Wamego

Tom Parker Photography

Professional photographer Tom Parker took several pictures of the RR events over the July 3-4 weekend.

