



Nickel Day 2022

On Saturday, May 28, MCRHS participated in Nickel Day festivities in Waterville. Rides were given going west to "Somewhere" and about 70 people participated. Helping that day were Gene and Sandy Harding, Kenny and Pat Winkinwader, George Lookhart, Charles Weickert, Ann Walter and Dan Livers. Along with rides on the rails, the organizations' tiny train for children was used. This past spring, Dan Livers refurbished the small train.



Special Recognition

The main seats in the Blue Rapids passenger car are the rear seat out of a Ford Econoline van. Over 20 years of use, some of the seams between vinyl and fabric were tearing. Roger Cottrell donated four seat covers. Roger and Charles Weickert, with some help from a high school student, removed the seats from the trailer, installed the seat covers, and reinstalled the seats. Last summer, Butch Newman joined MCRHS and volunteered to do the mowing and trimming in the Blue Rapids rail yard. Butch is once again volunteering to mow this summer. In addition to his work on the small train, Dan Livers has also been helping Ann Walter with the

garden area in Waterville and weed control. Gene and Sandy Harding, Kevin Yowell, Adam Rulon, Matt Flaherty, Charles Weickert and Dave and Kathy Crawford have been continuing their efforts in keeping the ROW clear. That has been particularly challenging given the recent wind storms.

New email groups

We have started using a group email service from gaggle.email. There are two groups that have been set up. One group consists of the MCRHS board members. The address for that group is mccrboard@gaggle.email. The second group is for volunteers willing to help out in any way or stay informed. The address for that group is cbrr@gaggle.email. This group is used to give notice of rides, ask for help on those rides and other aspects of the day to day operations. Feel free to send an email to either group. If you would like to have your email address added to the [cbrr@gaggle](mailto:cbrr@gaggle.email) group, send a request to centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com.

Board Members:

President: Ann Walter (Waterville)
 Vice-President: Charles Weickert (Marysville)
 Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Crawford (Blue Rapids)
 Gene Harding (Waterville)
 Gary Holbert (Concordia)
 Jeffrey Richter (Clay Center)

Newsletter Cost

As newsletter editor, I have never before actually calculated the cost of each newsletter. It costs 21 cents per newsletter for the ink alone. The paper, envelope and labels add another 11 cents. Postage is 59 cents. This makes the total cost to mail each newsletter 91 cents. We currently mail 55 newsletters for each edition at a total cost of \$50.05.

Email centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com if you would like to change from USPS delivery to an email.

Revision In The suggested Ride Donations

We are making some minor changes in what we suggest for a ride donation. There are two main changes. One is to lower suggested donation for children from \$7 to \$5. The other is for a minimum donation to schedule a ride.

Ride Options and Suggested Donations

ROUNDRIP DESTINATION	ADULTS	CHILDREN	TIME
Waterville to Somewhere (4 miles)	\$5	(6-11)\$5	40 min.
Waterville to Blue Rapids (8 miles)	\$10	(6-11)\$5	60 min.
Blue Rapids to Blue River Trestle (8 miles)	\$10	(6-11)\$5	60 min.
Waterville to Blue River Trestle (16 miles)	\$15	(6-11)\$10	120 min.
Rail Rides to the Blue River Trestle cross the Big Blue River			
(No charge for Children 5 and under)			
Gang Car only: \$30 (Maximum of 4 passengers)			
Suggested Minimum Donation for an 8 mile ride is \$50 for 1 trailer and \$125 for both trailers			
Suggested Minimum Donation for a 16 mile ride is \$75 for 1 trailer and \$150 for both trailers			
Schools and Nursing Homes are exempt from the Minimum car rates			

Minnesota Guests

On Sunday, July 3, five members of the Minnesota Street Car Museum (MSM) in Minneapolis, MN visited the CBRR.



The ride was arranged by Aaron Isaacs, editor for the Heritage Rail Alliance (HRA). HRA is an organization dedicated to the preservation of railroads and railroad history. HRA publishes a print magazine four times a year. Aaron is doing research for a future HRA magazine article.

Prior to the ride, our guests toured the Waterville depot and caboose and then had a meal at the historic Weaver Hotel. Joining them for the meal were MCRHS members Jim and Freda Dobbins, Kenny and Pat Winkenwader, Charles and Mary Weickert, Gene and Sandy Harding, Ann Walter, Sarah Kessinger, Dan Livers, George Lookhart, Jim Turner, and Dave Crawford.

The ride went west past “Somewhere”, east across the Big Blue River and then returned to Waterville. Crew members for the ride were Gene Harding, Charles Weickert, George Lookhart, Jim Turner, and Dave Crawford.

In addition to our guests learning about the MCRHS and CBRR, we also learned about the Minnesota Street Car Museum operation. They too are an all volunteer organization and have about 300 members. MSM operates two streetcar lines. One is a mile plus long and the other is a half mile long.



You can check out the MSM web site at trolleyride.org or their Facebook page at facebook.com/TrolleyRide.

Lets Party!

Want to have a unique birthday party or family gathering? Take a ride from Waterville west to our 20” x 20” shelter, complete with benches for seating and tables for serving. The cost is only \$15 for the shelter rental and a donation of \$5 per person for the train ride. Sorry, No Alcohol.



20 ft x 20 ft Shelter
donated by the Waterville
Lions Club - Fall 2015

Contact Sandy Harding for any reservations. 785-562-8803 or shading1948@gmail.com

