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Past newsletters can be found on the MCRHS web Site

- centralbranchrailroad.com/Newsletters.html

Whistle Stop History Ride

Sunday, June 11, was a hot day but otherwise the MCRHS had a very successful Whistle Stop History Ride. Twenty-Eight Passengers began their adventure at the caboose in Waterville, They were transported by vans to Vista Road where they were greeted by Dave Crawford who gave a short talk on the history of the CBRR and how the MCRHS acquired the rails. The ride first headed East to the Big Blue River. High winds that day prevented us from crossing the bridge over the Big Blue River so after overlooking the bridge and river, the ride headed West to Blue Rapids. At Blue Rapids, Sue Saunders and her daughter Zoe gave a living history presentation of an orphan agent and orphan before boarding the train. Proceeding West, the train was met at Musil Farms by Aunt Betta, portrayed by Ann Walter. Aunt Betta shared stories that had been passed down by Ester Musil.

Upon arriving in Waterville and taking a short break, participants enjoyed living history performances in the Waterville Opera House. Living history performers were Vernita Peeks, Laura Musil, and Pat Osborne. Following the Opera House performances, a light meal consisting of a Philly steak sandwich and macaroni salad with iced tea or water was served in the dining room of the Weaver Hotel.

We then boarded the train again and headed West to "Somewhere" for home-made ice cream. After enjoying a serving or two of ice cream, we then returned to Waterville.

There were many people involved with the success of the Whistle Stop History Ride. Some of the participants came with Joseph Hirsch of Sunflower State Tours. He also helped provide transportation to Vista Rd. Rick Boss, owner and operator of People Movers LLC in Waterville provide a van for transportation and Gene and Sandy Harding handled the logistics of returning vehicles to Waterville.

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More on the History Ride

In Waterville, Kathy Menzel took care of preparing the Opera House for the performers and operating the lights and sound during the performances. Sharon Steenson coordinated the meal at the Weaver Hotel and Larry Springer made the ice cream. Mary Weickert and Sandy Harding were the hosts at "Somewhere" and served the ice cream. Larry Springer and Kenny Winkenwader took care of getting the sight at "Somewhere" ready. "Somewhere" is an open area along the rails West of Waterville where the Waterville Lions Club donated a 20ft x 20 ft metal shelter with a wood floor and bench seating along each side. The crew for the ride consisted of Larry Moon, Charlie Weickert, and Dave Crawford.



Facebook Problems Again!

Just when we thought we had our Facebook account going well again, Facebook has discovered and doesn't like that we are using a "Personal" Profile for an organization. As a result I was forced to convert the MCRHS site to a "Page" within a personal profile bearing my name. Facebook must approve the name of an organization page and rejected MarshallCountyRailroadHistoricalSociety. It is possible there is another page somewhere by that name. Anyway, I can't try to change the name again for 7 days. Meanwhile things are in a little bit of limbo. David Crawford

- MCRHS is a 501 (C) (3) Nonprofit Corporation. Donations are appreciated.
- P.O. Box 242, Waterville, KS 66548-0242
- Want to become more involved? Contact any board member to find out how you can volunteer.
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