



Rhythm of the Rails Event



April 15 was a cool and damp day but the event was very successful. Chris Biggs and Ken Gustin did a “warm up” session the night before in the Nigley Saloon. Inside the saloon was standing room only so several gathered outside to enjoy the evening.

Many people helped make this event possible. Special recognition goes to Wayne Kruse and the Marshall County Arts Cooperative, Bruce Dierking for doing the narration, Tommy McNish for running the video presentation, Kathy Menzel for doing the lighting, Sandy Harding and Ann Walter for coordinating things and of course Ken Gustin and Chris Biggs for performing.

On Saturday, rail rides were given from Waterville west to “Somewhere”. Sharon King was a reenactor and at “Somewhere”, the train was robbed on horseback. Crew members for the rides were Gene Harding, George Lookhart, Jim Dobbins, Charles Weickert, Don King, and Dave Crawford. Pat Winkenwader, Freda Dobbins, and Kathy Crawford managed the tickets. Approximately 100 people had lunch at the Weaver Hotel, including a bus trip from Topeka with about 54 participants. While the rides were taking place, Beverly Hedke played the piano in the Nigley Saloon and Kenny Winkenwader and Rod Lamoreaux gave tours of the depot. Even though the weather was less than desirable, we collected \$350 in ride revenue.



At the conclusion of the show, Ann Walter made a presentation to the family of Milford Godsey to recognize him for being the last Missouri Pacific RR ticket agent in Waterville.



Newsletter Update

For several years this newsletter has been printed on a regular home printer. That is no longer possible and it will now be commercially printed. To cut down on the cost, most newsletters will have colored pictures on the first page and either black and white or no pictures on the second page.

The estimated cost to print and mail a newsletter with color on both sides is \$140 per issue. With one page in color and the other in black & white, the cost estimate is \$95 per issue. We are once again asking for a small donation of \$20-\$25 each year to offset this cost. Donations can be sent to MCRHS, PO Box 242, Waterville, KS 66411.

Nickel Day

The annual Waterville Nickel Day on Saturday, May 27 was very successful. Helping with rides that day were Gene & Sandy Harding, George Lookhart, Charles Weickert, Don King, Pat and Kenny Winkenwader and Ann Walter. Dan Livers operated the children's train. We took in \$490 in ride revenue on Nickel Day and \$130 from the children's train.



Ride Summary

We have had a good year for rides so far. To schedule a ride, contact Sandy at 785-562-8803. Visit our web site at centralbranchrailroad.com for ride options.

BRCF Match Day

The Blue Rapids Community Foundation has received a grant from the Patterson Family Foundation for up to \$70,000 in match money for the annual Circle of Giving Match event. In recent years the event has lasted a week for online and mail in contributions, culminating with an in-person Match Day. Details of how the \$70,000 in match money will be used are yet to be determined but this is very exciting for the BRCF and its member organizations, including MCRHS. Start making plans for the Circle of Giving Event, September 11-18.

Celebrate at "Somewhere"

We have a very nice 20' x 20' shelter west of Waterville that was donated by the Waterville Lions Club. You can schedule a ride from Waterville to Somewhere and have a birthday party or family reunion, etc. The cost to rent the shelter is \$15. The rail ride to Somewhere is \$5 per person ages 6 to adult. Ages 5 and under ride free.



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