



## Web Site

[centralbranchrailroad.com](http://centralbranchrailroad.com)

## Membership

Individual Annual: \$40

Family Annual: \$55

Individual Life: \$100

Family Life: \$150

## Schedule a Ride

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## Volunteer to Work

Contact Larry Moon

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## Events

- On-Line  
Calendarcentralbranchrailroad.com/Calendar.html

## Archives:

Past newsletters can be found on the MCRHS web Site

- [centralbranchrailroad.com/Newsletters.html](http://centralbranchrailroad.com/Newsletters.html)

## Theatreworks USA

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon February 19, actors from Theatreworks USA in New York took a ride across the Big Blue River. Sponsored by the Marshall County Arts Cooperative, they were here to do two performances of "Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School". The live theatre performance was done in the Marysville High School Auditorium with 1200 Elementary students from Valley Heights, Axtell, Centralia, Marysville, Good Shepherd, Frankfort, and St. Gregory's in attendance.

Wayne Kruse with the MCAC handled the arrangements for the performances and asked about the possibility of the rail ride. MCRHS crew members for the ride were Larry Moon, Gene Harding and Ann Walter.

Below are two web links for additional information:

[http://www.theatreworksusa.org/show\\_detail.cfm?show=1587](http://www.theatreworksusa.org/show_detail.cfm?show=1587)



<http://www.theatreworksusa.org/history.cfm>

## History Ride

The 2017 Whistle Stop History ride is in its early stages of planning but the date has been set for Sunday, June 11. The ride will start at the East end of the rails and proceed East with living history stops at Blue Rapids, Musil Farms, and Waterville. Participants from the 2015 living history workshop will provide some of the living history, including performances in the Waterville Opera House. A light meal will be served at the Weaver Hotel and serving homemade ice cream at "Somewhere" is under consideration.

## Welcome to the 2017 Ride Season

The normal operating season for rides on the CBRR is April 1 through October 31. Last year our first ride was on March 5 and as noted on page 1 we already had our first ride this year on February 19. Normally a ride can be scheduled for almost any time as long as the weather permits. The safety of our rides is our #1 priority so the board decided last fall to have passenger safety signs installed on the two passenger cars. The signs read as follows:



### Passenger Safety

- Remain Seated while the car is in motion.
- Keep your hands, arms, legs, & head inside the car.
- Watch out for hanging branches.
- No alcohol beverages / No smoking.
- Listen to & follow all crew instructions.
- Enjoy the ride.

Additionally, a checklist for drivers was put into printed form and a log will be kept for each ride.

### Motorcar/Passenger Car Checklist

- Gasoline
- Oil
- Inspect engine
- Radiator fluid
- Brake tension
- Brake linkage
- Wheels/Bolts
- Fire Extinguisher

It should be noted that none of these are new procedures, but the MCRHS board felt it would be better if our emphasis on safety were more visible. This information is included in the newsletter for the same reason.

### 2017 Donation Fee Schedule (Special Rates May Apply)

Roundtrip Destination	Adults	Children Age 6-11	School Rate per Passenger Car	Trip Time (min)
Waterville to Somewhere	\$10	\$7	\$70	40
Waterville to Blue Rapids	\$10	\$7	\$70	40
Blue Rapids to Trestle	\$10	\$7	\$70	40
Waterville to Trestle	\$15	\$12	\$80	120
Shelter House Rental - \$15 plus cost of ride for family reunions, groups, birthday parties, etc. There is no shelter rental fee for school groups.				

We have recently had several people change their membership status from an annual membership to a life membership or make large donations. Generally when people do so they are not seeking recognition but have a genuine desire to support the organization. Their names will not be mentioned here but we do not want their contributions to go unnoticed. Thank You to all who donate their time and or money in support of the MCRHS.

**Annual Dues:** Are your dues paid up? If not please send the appropriate amount to Marshall County Railroad Historical Society, P.O. Box 242, Waterville Kansas 66548.

- As with all things, it is becoming more and more costly to operate the CBRR. Any donations are greatly appreciated. MCRHS is a 501 (C) (3) Nonprofit Corporation.
- Want to become more involved? Contact any board member to find out how you can volunteer.
- email questions to centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com

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## MCRHS Newsletter Subscription and Renewal Form

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to improve the communication with members, the Marshall County Railroad Historical Society is producing a monthly newsletter. In addition to printed newsletters that is mailed via the United States Postal System, extra copies will be printed for advertising purposes.

The MCRHS Board understands that most members paid a life membership but operation costs to maintain the railroad have and are increasing greatly. For the Central Branch Railroad to remain viable, MCRHS simply cannot absorb the cost of mailing newsletters without additional member support.

Please indicate your preference for the method of delivery of the newsletter and enclose an annual fee of \$20 to support this and other efforts for the continued success of the CBRR. This form and your payment can be sent to the address below.

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