



Passing of Randy Rundle

After more than a year long battle with pancreatic cancer, the president of MCRHS, Randy Rundle passed away on February 1.



The obituary for Randy can be found at <https://www.nsrh.com/obituary/randy-rundle>

Randy had served as the president of MCRHS since 2007 and will be greatly missed. In the past year we have also lost members Larry Springer, Lester Wiese, Kenneth Oppenlander, Tom McCutcheon and Bill Hoffman.

Memorial Bench

To Honor former MCRHS-CBRR volunteers who have passed away, a 6 ft memorial bench will be placed in the garden area in Waterville. The bench will be engraved with "IN MEMORY OF MCRHS-CBRR VOLUNTEERS".

Grade Crossing Fundraiser

There are two crossings on Genessee ST in Blue Rapids and the Nebraska and Colorado Street crossings in Waterville that we need to replace. The Kansas Ave crossing in Waterville was replaced with asphalt in the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019. A rough estimate of the cost is \$2,000 per crossing. MCRHS has matching funds available and have set up a GoFundMe Charity fundraiser. A more long term goal would be to also put in a hard surface grade crossing on Vista RD, east of Blue Rapids. The URL for the campaign is <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/preserving-the-cbrr>

Volunteers Needed

MCRHS began with a small group of people meeting in the Waterville RR depot in the fall of 1999. Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Kansas Secretary of State in May of 2000. MCRHS began offering rides on the CBRR in 2002. Many of the currently active volunteers have been with the organization since its inception. Quoting one of those members, "age tends to curb enthusiasm and physical abilities".



Blue Rapids Community Foundation Circle of Giving Week

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 fundraiser was changed from a "Match Day" to a "Giving Week". The date of the event was also moved from June to September. This year the format will remain as a "Giving Week" from June 1 thru June 8. A letter with more details will be mailed about 2 weeks prior to the event.

It is not only the number of active volunteers but also their physical ability that is placing some limitations on how much work on grade crossings and other maintenance MCRHS can do without hiring outside help.

MCRHS has a wonderful experience to offer. There are only a few places in Kansas where the public can ride on historic rails like the Central Branch RR. It is possible that the rails between Blue Rapids and Waterville are the same rails laid in 1867-1868. None of the other places in Kansas provide a better scenic ride, especially with the crossing of the Big Blue River.

We could use some new volunteers. It doesn't take much training to become an engineer and drive a motorcar down the track. We can also use volunteers to flag vehicle traffic at crossings (the ride is free!!) and if you would like to enjoy nature and help trim tree limbs we would welcome that as well. If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering, contact a board member or send us an email at centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com.

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Board Members:

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MCRHS is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization

2021 Ride Donation Schedule

Adults: \$10 Children ages 6-12: \$7 Children 5 & under: Free

- Waterville west to "Somewhere" (45 minutes)
- Blue Rapids east across the Big Blue River (60 minutes)
- Between Blue Rapids & Waterville (60 minutes)
- Waterville east across the Big Blue River (2 hours - \$5 added fee)
- Rental of "Somewhere" for picnics, cookouts or celebrations - \$15 plus ride fare

MCRHS Membership List 3-24-2021

Member Name(s)	City	State	Member Name(s)	City	State	Member Name(s)	City	State
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Broky	Tempe	AZ	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Doyle	Manhattan	KS	Chuck Bragunier	Waterville	KS
Laverne Thomas	Burbank	CA	George & Judy Lookhart	Manhattan	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chase	Waterville	KS
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Jones	Irvine	CA	Aileen Oppenlander	Manhattan	KS	Citizens State Bank	Waterville	KS
Wanda Weickert	North Hills	CA	Steve Cohorst	Marysville	KS	Gene and Sandy Harding	Waterville	KS
Ron & Judy Dayhoff	Boulder	CO	Roger Cottrell	Marysville	KS	Don King	Waterville	KS
Doris Blair	Slater	IA	Clinton & Kim Day	Marysville	KS	Norma Hirt	Waterville	KS
Maxine Haller	Abilene	KS	Bruce Dierking	Marysville	KS	Shirley Jensen	Waterville	KS
Anthony Reiss	Abilene	KS	Todd & Rachel Frye	Marysville	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Victor Jones	Waterville	KS
Donald Bleam	Auburn	KS	Dr. & Mrs. David Hamel	Marysville	KS	Don King	Waterville	KS
Tom Smith	Axtell	KS	Sarah Kessinger	Marysville	KS	Rod Lamoreaux	Waterville	KS
April Privett	Barnes	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kickhaefer	Marysville	KS	Don Mann	Waterville	KS
Mr. & Mrs. K.G Stettinisch	Barnes	KS	Christine Kravitz	Marysville	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Blake Martin	Waterville	KS
David Beck	Blue Rapids	KS	Dolores Krug	Marysville	KS	Chris McNary	Waterville	KS
Mr. & Mrs. John Bergkamp	Blue Rapids	KS	Don Landoll	Marysville	KS	Richard Nelson	Waterville	KS
Rev. & Mrs. Richard Coleman	Blue Rapids	KS	Paula Landoll-Smith	Marysville	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Roepke	Waterville	KS
Dave & Kathy Crawford	Blue Rapids	KS	John McGarry	Marysville	KS	Terry & Alice Roepke	Waterville	KS
Brandon Day Family	Blue Rapids	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Schell	Marysville	KS	RuthAnn Roepke	Waterville	KS
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Mr. & Mrs. Jim Musil	Blue Rapids	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Swim	Marysville	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Taylor	Waterville	KS
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Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pope	Blue Rapids	KS	Charles & Mary Weickert	Marysville	KS	Helen Weaver	Waterville	KS
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Popejoy	Blue Rapids	KS	Bill & Bert Hellmer	Oketo	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wilson	Waterville	KS
Sharp Mfg.	Blue Rapids	KS	Jim & Martha Turner	Olsburg	KS	Ken & Pat Winkenwader	Waterville	KS
State Bank of Blue Rapids	Blue Rapids	KS	Linda Chans	Onaga	KS	Laren & Mary Zager	Waterville	KS
Mr. Jim Wessel	Blue Rapids	KS	Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Copeland	Riley	KS	Joe Brown	Wichita	KS
Clayton Coulson	Clay Center	KS	Larry Moon	Riley	KS	Kevin Yowell	Holden	MO
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