



Going on 25 years....

The Articles of Incorporation for the Marshall County Railroad Historic Society, more commonly know as the Marshall County Railroad Historical Society, were notarized on May 17, 2000. This means MCRHS and the CBRR will be starting their 25th year of operation. Charter members included Ann Walter, Gene Lott, and Kenny Winkenwader who signed the Articles of Incorporation, as well as Ray Petr, Charles Weickert and Ed Wiggers.

Larry Parsons, CEO of the Wheeling and Lake Erie RR in Ohio, provided a lot of guidance in the early stages of the corporation. Larry is a graduate of Blue Rapids High School. Other MCRHS members in the early years of the organization were Jim Dobbins, Jack Haller, Wayne Hill, Vic Jones, Howard Kessinger, Marc Lamoreaux, Don Musil, Jim Musil, Theodore Musil, Vern Osborne, Tom Parry, Adrian Pralle, and Lester Wiese. Lester Wiese had actually worked for the Missouri Pacific RR. More information about the early years of the corporation will appear in future newsletters. Any errors or omissions in this information is unintentional.

For an interesting article on Larry Parsons and the WLE RR, follow this URL:

https://www.progressiverailroading.com/short_lines_regionals/article/Wheeling-Lake-Erie-Railway-A-regional-with-the-right-connections--32059

2024 Board of Directors

There have been some changes in the make-up of the board of directors since the annual membership meeting in November of 2023. Ann Walter and Sandy Harding have swapped roles and David Wessel replaced Pat Winkenwader. The board members and officers are listed below.

President: Sandy Harding, Waterville
Vice President: Charles Weickert, Marysville
Secretary: Ann Walter, Waterville
Gene Harding, Waterville
Jim Turner, Olsburg
Casey Campbell, Waterville
David Wessel, Frankfort

The group email address for the board is mcrhs-board@gaggle.email

Rhythm of the Rails (Revisited?) Update

Due to circumstances beyond the control of MCRHS, the Rhythm of the Rails performance that had tentatively been planned for June 8, 2024 has been cancelled.

Did You Know?

The CBRR highway 77 crossing in Waterville got paved over with asphalt not too many years after MCRHS had acquired the abandoned rails. In 2006, the old rails were dug up and new rails with the current concrete crossing planks were installed. Photos courtesy of Charles Weickert.



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 East across the Big Blue River (8 miles)	\$10	(6-11)\$5	60 min.
Waterville East across the Big Blue River (16 miles)	\$15	(6-11)\$10	120 min.
(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			

For reservations, call Sandy at 785-562-8803