



### 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

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### Nursing Home Rides

On Tuesday, October 11 a group of seniors citizens from a nursing home in Beatrice, Nebraska made the trip down to Blue Rapids to ride the rails east across the Big Blue River. Then on Thursday, October 13, a group from the Blue Valley Nursing home in Blue Rapids made the same trip. Ann Walter, Ray Petr, Gene Harding, and Dave Crawford helped with these rides.



### Fall Harvest Ride and Bonfire

The Harvest Ride and Bonfire on Saturday, October 22 was a big success. The ride was sold out with 30 passengers on both the 6:30pm ride and the 7:30 pm ride and a waiting list. Once the passengers boarded the cars they were given a short presentation by Sue Saunders, acting as an orphan agent and her daughter Zoe, acting as an orphan boarding the train. Once they arrived at "Somewhere", they roasted hot dogs and made s'mores for dessert. A big hit for the meal this year as well as past years is a special recipe of beans cooked in a Dutch oven over a fire. This secret recipe is from Ray Petr.





## Fall Harvest Ride and Bonfire (continued)

Also appearing at "Somewhere" were history reenactors Pat Osborne, Linda Swim, and Noland Sump. Pat Osborne portrayed Sarah Francis Keyes. Linda Swim did a composite of a pioneer woman on the Oregon trail named Jane Elizabeth Wilkenson. Noland Sump portrayed a pioneer farmer and his wife, Monica also joined in the fun dressed as a pioneer wife. Paul Kessinger, Tim Davis, and David Beck provided musical entertainment throughout the evening with occasional help from Edward Hoover. Edward Hoover set up the new MCRHS/CBRR canopy and did a presentation of the various colors and uses of railroad lanterns.

Special thanks are extended to Ann Walter for coordinating the event and taking reservations, Edward Hoover for setting up the canopy and providing adequate lighting, and Larry Springer & Ken Winkenwader for the site preparation with the straw bales, bonfires and a privy. Also helping with the event were Larry Moon, Randy Rundle, Charlie & Mary Weickert and Dave & Kathy Crawford. (Photos courtesy of Sarah Kessinger.)



Prior to the evening ride Randy Rundle, Charlie Weickert, and Larry Moon spent the day riding the rails on their personal motorcars. Edward Hoover also rode along and took the picture. Edward Hoover is also pictured with his Buda Velocipede in front of the UP 844 Steam Locomotive in Marysville, Kansas.



**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.**

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## MCRHS Newsletter Subscription and Renewal Form

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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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