



## Web Site

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

## Membership

Individual Annual: \$40

Family Annual: \$55

Individual Life: \$100

Family Life: \$150

## Schedule a Ride

Call Ann at 785-363-2343 (H)

785-799-4294(C)

[aw@centralbranchrailroad.com](mailto:aw@centralbranchrailroad.com)

## Volunteer to Work

Contact Larry Moon

[lm@centralbranchrailroad.com](mailto:lm@centralbranchrailroad.com)

## Board Members

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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)

## Semaphore Signal Light

On Friday, September 8, Chuck Tryon, Superintendent for the City of Waterville hoisted the Semaphore into place on the north side of the main line in Waterville. The Semaphore Signal Light was refurbished and set in place in memory of Marc Lamoreaux. Marc was a life member of the MCRHS and a local historian and railroad buff. (See below)

The photo on the left is looking East and the photo on the right is looking West.



## Membership Meeting and Dedication

The annual membership meeting will be on Sunday, October 29 at 2pm in the Waterville Community Center. At approximately 3:30pm following the meeting there will be a dedication ceremony to honor Marc Lamoreaux, a railroad historian and life member of MCRHS. The dedication will be held

at the site where the block signal light and semaphore light were placed (Location of Steam Locomotive at the intersection of S. Kansas and E. Front Streets in Waterville, KS). Following the dedication ceremony members and guests for the ceremony will ride west to Somewhere for a picnic.

## The Story Behind The Block Signal Light

Several years ago, Ken Oppenlander, a MCRHS life member from Manhattan, KS became acquainted with a railroad buff from Missouri named Richard Dodd. He brought Mr. Dodd up to Waterville and Blue Rapids to see the CBRR operation and ride the rails in a motorcar. Upon returning to Missouri, Mr. Dodd saw a block signal light for sale by David Pendergast in Springfield, MO. Mr. Dodd offered to buy the block signal and donate it to MCRHS. When Mr. Dodd inquired about buying it and stated his intention to donate it to a historical railroad group in Kansas, Mr. Pendergast said if Richard was willing to trailer the block signal 300 miles he would donate the signal himself.

So there you have it. David Pendergast donated the block signal, Richard Dodd hauled it up from Springfield, MO and Ken Oppenlander was the liaison with MCRHS.

## Help Wanted

October has turned out to be a busy month for the Central Branch Railroad. Listed below are rides scheduled for the remaining days in the month. If you are interested in helping out with a ride or finding out more about the operation of the CBRR, contact Larry Moon or Ann Walter (contact info on front page).

1. Friday, Oct. 6th, Waterville west to river back to shelter for a picnic, one car 12:30.
2. Sat. Oct. 14th, Waterville west, 1 car, 4:00
3. Tues., Oct 17th, BR east at 1:30, 1 car
4. Friday Oct. 20th, BR east at 11:00. Possibly 2 cars
5. Sat., Oct 28th, Waterville to trestle at 3:00, 1 car (18 but some small children)
6. Sun. , Oct. 29th, Membership picnic, Waterville to shelter. Time to be determined at board meeting.

If you would like to help with the membership picnic on Sunday, October 29, please contact Ann Walter.

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email: [centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com](mailto:centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com)

### **Waterville Lions Club Scholarship Fundraiser**

**Sunday October 15th with 4:00pm and 5:30 pm boarding times**  
**Train ride from Waterville to see the fall foliage and a meal at Somewhere**  
**\$25 per person with limited seating**  
**Call Sandy Harding for reservations - 785-562-8803**  
**Boarding will take place at the Caboose in Waterville, KS**

## Silent Auction

Just in time for Christmas, the MCRHS is putting up for auction a railroad lantern. The lantern is a zinc plated Adams & Westlake Adlake 300 kerosene lantern. It is monogrammed with CBRR and MCRHS. Adams & Westlake has been making railroad lanterns since 1857.



Bids can be submitted via email to [centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com](mailto:centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com) or mailed to the address below. The minimum bid is \$100 and they are a "one of a kind lantern" in that MCRHS posses 8 of them. The deadline for submitting bids is December 1, 2017. Please include in your bid how you can be contacted if yours is the winning bid. Not everyone has access to eBay so it was decided not to use that format this time. There will be other auctions to follow. The money generated by the auction will go into the operating expenses account. The current high bid will be posted on our web site and on Facebook.

## Newsletter Options

You have two options for how you would like to receive your MCRHS newsletter. Newsletters sent by USPS are printed in black and white. Newsletters sent by email are in full color. If you would like to change the method by which your newsletter is delivered you can simply email [centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com](mailto:centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com) with your request.

MCRHS is currently spending about \$70 per month to mail newsletters. Whether you receive your newsletter by USPS or by email we would greatly appreciate it if you made a \$20 donation to offset the publication costs. It has been over a year since we first made this request and we will try not to send you a request again for 2018. We would like to migrate this to a calendar year payment.

Any donations, instructions regarding the newsletter, or lantern bids can be mailed to:  
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% Dave Crawford  
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