



**Central Branch Railroad
Sesquicentennial
Sunday October 14, 2018
1pm to 5 pm
Waterville, KS**

Activities

- Ride the rails west of Waterville to "Somewhere" and enjoy a campfire and entertainment
- Pump car rides
- "Little Train" rides
- Dulcimer music at the Gazebo
- Living History performances at the Waterville Opera House / Weaver Hotel
- Musical Entertainment
- Model train display
- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Food available at the Weaver Hotel Restaurant
- Waterville Depot and Caboose Tours
- Vendors

There is no cost to attend the event. Some of the actives will have an admission price or suggested donation.

Membership Meeting and Ride

The annual membership meeting and ride is scheduled for 2pm on Sunday, November 4. The meeting will take place in the Waterville community center and be followed by a ride out to Somewhere for a picnic. There is no cost to members for the ride and meal.. Make plans now to attend.

Red Hat Ladies

On Thursday, August 23 a group of 12 Red Hat ladies from Jewell County, KS visited Waterville and Blue Rapids. After having lunch at the Weaver Hotel they visited Auntie M's in Waterville and then took a ride on the CBRR across the Big Blue River. Dave Crawford, Kathy Crawford and Ann Walter were the crew members for the ride. On Saturday August 25 Larry Moon and Jim Dobbins gave another group a ride.



Storage Shed Makeover

Don Ward , Waterville, KS spent several days working on some repairs to the storage shed in Waterville and painting the siding. Kenny Winkenwader spearheaded the project and acquired donations from Chuck Braganier and Beverly Tabor to cover the labor costs.

150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad

The Utah legislature has appropriated 1 million dollars for the upcoming celebration and on August 16, 2018 Union Pacific matched that with a 1 million dollar donation. The celebration is being billed as the "biggest and best party ever held in the state of Utah" and better than the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

As part of the celebration, the world's large steam engine, Union Pacific No. 4014, otherwise known as "Big Boy" will be part of the celebration. No. 4014 is currently in the Union Pacific Steam Shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming undergoing restoration. It was originally designed to burn coal but is being converted to burn oil. Steam locomotives are classified by their wheel arrangement. The Big Boy locomotives had a 4-8-8-4 wheel arrangement, meaning they have a 4 wheel leading truck, two sets of 8 driving wheels and a 4 wheel trailing truck. Twenty-five Big Boys were built between 1941 and 1944, numbered 4000 to 4024. The Union Pacific was the only railroad that had Big Boy steam locomotives.

UP steam locomotive 844, with a 4-8-4 configuration will also be in Ogden, Utah for the celebration. UP No. 844 stopped in Marysville in October of 2016

Traveling Museum

The following is an excerpt from a news release regarding a traveling museum celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad.

The Race to Promontory: The Transcontinental Railroad and the American West

Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE: October 6, 2018 – January 6, 2019
Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT: February 1 – May 26, 2019
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA: June 23 – September 29, 2019

Union Pacific, in partnership with Joslyn Art Museum and the Union Pacific Museum in Council Bluffs,

Iowa, announces a new traveling exhibition in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad. The Race to Promontory: The Transcontinental Railroad and the American West celebrates the "Meeting of the Rails" at Promontory Summit, Utah, on May 10, 1869, through the photographs and stereographs of Andrew Joseph Russell (1830 – 1902) and Alfred A. Hart (1816 – 1908). Drawn exclusively from the Union Pacific Historic Collection, located at the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, these images represent the largest collection in the world of original photographs documenting the construction of the transcontinental railroad between 1866 and 1869.

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2018 Ride Rates

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

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