



Annual Meeting & Picnic

The annual membership meeting and picnic at "Somewhere" is scheduled for Sunday, October 6. The membership meeting will be at 2pm in the Community Center at Waterville. Following the meeting we will ride out to "Somewhere" for the annual picnic. All members are invited to attend.

More Cleanup from the June 10 Storm

One of the downed trees from the wind storm on June 10 was laying across the west end of the Coon Creek bridge west of Waterville.

they came upon a bunch of large trees and were too exhausted to begin to tackle that challenge.



Knowing the crew could use some extra help, Ann Walter recruited her husband Lyle, Dennis White, and Pierce Holliman for a return trip on Thursday, September 12. Pierce had spent a good part of his life as a tree trimmer so his expertise was invaluable.



Needless to say nobody was looking forward to cleaning up that mess. On Tuesday, September 10 Larry Moon, George Lookhart, Kenny Winkenwader and Dave Crawford ventured out onto the bridge with a pole saw and managed to get the track cleared. As usual, clearing that tree exposed several more. After cutting some more smaller trees,

Storm (cont.)

Unfortunately the above mess was not the worst of it but the tracks were finally cleared from Waterville to "Somewhere". Following the morning of tree cutting, Larry Moon, Dave Crawford, Lyle, Dennis, and Pierce enjoyed a meal at the Weaver Hotel.

That afternoon Dave Crawford and his wife Kathy trimmed some overhanging limbs along the rails west of Waterville and did some trimming around the shelter at "Somewhere" in preparation for an upcoming ride and picnic the following Sunday.

Supporting MCRHS

There are several ways in which you can support the MCRHS and CBRR.

- Volunteer to help with rides, groundskeeping in Blue Rapids or Waterville, or helping with right of way maintenance.
- Make a 1 time annual donation of \$20 to our publicity fund. This money supports the MCRHS Web Site and newsletter. Donors receive the newsletter printed in color.
- Make a donation to our general fund for day to day operational expenses such as right of way maintenance, insurance, etc.
- Donate to our Community Foundation Designated Fund through the Blue Rapids Community Foundation web site. <https://www.bluerapidscf.org/giftstobrcf.cfm>
- Make a \$20 Donation and receive a limited edition 160th Anniversary Commemorative coin. Only 160 of these coins were minted. Please include with your donation your name, shipping address and a telephone number or email address where you can be contacted. Send your order to the address at the right.

Welcome as a new member Joe Brown from Wichita, KS. Joe worked for the Southern Railway which merged with the Norfolk and Western Railway to become the Norfolk Southern Corporation. Kevin Yowell, who also became a member this summer, is an engineer with the Union Pacific Railroad. Kevin makes the UP run between Kansas City and Marysville.



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2019 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

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