



May Meeting

The May Meeting of Heart of the Heartlands was held May 10, 2017, at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. There were 19 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Summer Hours

We will need members to help staff the museum and Webb Center during June, July and August. We are open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of those 3 months from 11:00-5:00.

Coffeyville Refinery Engine

The CVR engine is still in Coffeyville with no official word as to what and when the next move will be. The railroad shop has fixed the hand brake and is looking into some other possible issues. As the railroad is extremely busy at this time and beginning to enter the summer, patience will be needed as all the parties involved obtain time to help complete this project.



2017 Motor Car Rides

The 2017 motor car rides are off to a very sluggish start. The first ride for the year was scheduled for June 17, out of Chanute. The 1st Iowa Division of NARCOA was planning to attend the ride with us and would be going to Baldwin, KS on the 18th for a ride on that Sunday. As of this writing, all of the information has been given to the railroad's operations department, yet they have not approved the ride at this time. Due to time constraints in getting approval from the railroad, the Iowa group is going to have a two day ride out of Baldwin, KS on June 17-18. We will not have our ride because it will now be in conflict with the ride out of Baldwin. Hopefully, future rides for this year can be planned and approved. We will keep you posted. Thank you for your patience.

Where is it?



This section is a little bit of trivia. Here is the challenge:

- The pictures above are station signs that are currently in our museum.
- For each, what county and state was the town located in?
- What railroad owned each of those station signs?

The answers will be in next month's newsletter.

Photos courtesy of John Chambers

Slide Show

There was a slide show at the Webb Center on April 29th. This was during the height of Mother Nature's cleansing of the earth efforts, with heavy rains and flooding taking place this day. Many members were unable to attend due to flooding and the heavy rain. For the five members that were able to attend, member Dick Rauniker provided a very delicious spaghetti dinner.

Bartlesville Train Ride

The train rides out of Bartlesville, OK on May 6, 2017 were a success. There were 887 persons riding the 3 train rides that day. There were many youngsters sitting on laps of the adults that brought them to the ride. The weather was good and the passengers were greatly appreciative of the opportunity and the experience the rides provided.

Clearwater Train Ride

The bi-annual train ride out of Clearwater in conjunction with the Clearwater Lions Club was a big success. There were 685 persons riding the 2 train rides on April 22, 2017. During the rides, local history of the Missouri Pacific and the locomotive crash that left a locomotive in the Ninescah River was presented. Although the rides were packed, the weather was very nice and everyone enjoyed their ride. The Clearwater Lions' Club made a \$250 donation to the Heart of the Heartlands for assisting them with this event.



Past train ride to Yoder, KS.

Photo courtesy of Jim McKeel

Grass Mowing

With the rain we have had, keeping up with the mowing is becoming an exciting adventure. Jim Lovell and a friend of his along with Tom Johnston were able to mow the grounds recently. Leading into May, we had received 13 inches of rain at the museum, thus making mowing a non-occurring event. We have received many compliments on the appearance of the grounds and want to thank all those that have helped make that possible.

Cimarron River

Member Jim McKeel recently took a week long ride aboard the former Friso Sleeper, Cimarron River from St. Louis to Chicago and then on to Washington D.C. behind the Amtrack Cardinal and Capitol Limited. The layover in Washington was for 3 days. If you have a spot on your bucket list, this definitely a ride to consider.

Donation

Member Alan Chilton donated a 3 TB drive containing all of the pictures that he has scanned and catalogued for Heart of the Heartlands. This drive will be at the museum. A big thanks goes out to Alan for all of his hours of work in cataloging the tens of thousands of photos we have.

Block Signal

The work on the signal for the 1023 display is progressing. The weather has put a damper on the progress, but it has been moving along. Bill Forrest, a local contractor has informed us that he has equipment back from Wichita and plans to soon come to Carona and drill the hole for the base of the signal. When weather permits and all things are in order, a pouring of concrete will be made to place the signal on. Stay tuned.

Passenger Cars

Now that the western portion of our ride schedule is completed, the passenger cars should be returning to Carona soon. When the cars arrive back to the museum complex, work will be done on cleaning the windows, cleaning the restrooms and any other maintenance items.

Benefit Train Ride

The date for the benefit train ride for Deidre Spahn has not been set yet. The proceeds from the ride are to assist Deidre in her medical expenses incurred in her fight with acute myeloid leukemia. The plan was to have the ride in early June before the temperature got hot and the railroad even busier. However, the date has not been finalized at this time.



Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson

May 10, 2017 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The May 2017 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation was called to order by president Larry Spahn at 7:00 pm at the Webb Center building. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, Alan Chilton, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, John & Linda Shomin, Fred & Ruth Maxwell, Larry & Kathy Spahn, Darrell Cave, Jim & Shirley Hogben, Tom Johnston, Joe Murphy, Michael Sheward, John Chambers and Brian & Dawn Carlson

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved [Alan Chilton, Darryl Cave]

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer presented the monthly treasure's report describing the expenditures and monies received for the past month. The report was approved by a vote of the membership present. [Alan Chilton, Joe Murphy]

Old Business:

Bartlesville Train Ride: The three train rides on Saturday May 6th, 2017 went very well. There was 887 persons riding the train with many youngsters sitting on laps. The train crew for the rides were Elvin Revira, conductor, and Zach Hilton, engineer. Heartland members on hand for the rides were: Guy and Brenda Ferguson, Mike and Connie Payton, Ivan and Denzil Voorhees Kathy and Larry Spahn, John Chambers, Jay Hastings, Michael Sheward, Don Richardson, Tony Cook, Brian Carlson and Bryson Spahn. A big Heartland Thank You to these members who gave up their Saturday to provide the opportunity for these folks to take their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a train ride.

Clearwater Train Ride: The Clearwater Lions Club Rides on April 22nd were a great success with 685 persons total on the two rides, getting to have the experience of riding a train. There were many small children on laps for both rides. The Lions Club made a \$250.00 donation to the Heartlands for assisting with the ride. Heartland members attending the ride were Jim McKeel, Brian Carlson, Matt Vogt and Guy Ferguson. Luckily the Good Times caboose was on the train so everyone had a place sit.

Motor Car Rides for 2017: John Chambers reported that the motorcar ride request out of Chanute had been presented to the railroad and no word either way had come back as of yet as to whether or not the rides would take place. Brad Snow said that the operations department had questions about the ride and had not given permission to do the ride yet. Brad said that he was working with the operations department to try and make this ride happen. However, after the most recent communication between Jay Hastings and Brad Snow, it is looking doubtful that the ride will take place.

Slide Show: The slide show that was presented on Saturday, April 29th was enjoyed by those who could make it to the museum. Many members could not get here because of the high water, heavy rains and flooding. For those five lucky members who did attend, John Chambers, Dave Parker, Don

Richardson, Dick Rauniker and Larry Spahn, Dick Rauniker provided a very delicious spaghetti dinner with toasted hard bread and salad. There were several items for dessert. The show was very interesting with many rarely seen pictures of trains that are now just memories.

Grass Mowing: Jim Lovell and a friend, along with Tom Johnson running the weed eater, finally had a chance to mow the grass at the museum in Carona. The heavy rains, over thirteen inches, had prevented them from mowing. Some parts of the grounds were still very wet and some could not be mowed at all. The new mower has been broken in. Tom Johnston had mowed in April but came out to help on Saturday. A big Heartland thank you to these members who also gave up several hours of their Saturday to help keep the grounds and displays looking good. We have had many compliments on the appearance of the museum site

Coffeyville Refinery Engine: The CVR engine is still setting in Coffeyville. The latest word on the engine was that the mechanical department fixed the hand brake, but they were investigating some other issues.

New Business:

Block Signal: Bill Forrest, local contractor, had reported that he now had his equipment back from Wichita and planed to come soon and fill the hole for the base of the signal. His work is backed up because of the heavy rains. Once work begins, there will be a two cubic yard minimum for delivery to Carona. The base for the signal will only take about one yard so discussion was held as to what to do with the extra yard. No decision was made at this time.

Passenger Cars: It was mentioned that when the passenger cars return to Carona they will need to be swept out, windows cleaned and the restrooms serviced. This involves adding water and enzymes to the toilets as well as performing any other minor repairs that might be needed in the cars.

Benefit train ride: The date for the train ride planned for Deidre Spahn to assist in her medical expenses incurred in her fight with acute myeloid leukemia has not been set at this time. We are awaiting a date from the railroad. Deidre is now back in K.U. Medical Center and may soon be participating in a medical trial if she qualifies.

Cimarron River: Jim McKeel was returning, at the time of the meeting, from a week long ride aboard the former Frisco Sleeper, Cimarron River from St. Louis to Chicago and then on to Washington DC behind the Amtrak Cardinal and the Capitol Limited. Once in Washington, Jim was able to stay for a three day visit. The weather should have been a lot more comfortable than our ride in August last year. If you have room on your bucket list, this is a ride that you should definitely take.

Summer Hours: A reminder goes out to all members that we will need members to help staff the museum and Webb Center. Volunteers are needed for the first and third weekends in June, July and August. The dates are June 3-4, June 17-18, July 1-2, July 15-16, August 5-6, and August 19-20. The museum will be open from 11:00 am till 5:00 pm on those days. It is the only time that we have

scheduled hours during the entire year. If you can volunteer it will be greatly appreciated. There is really not a whole lot to do other than make sure the kids, old ones too, don't play with the displays and to tell them a little of what we have and do.

Correspondence: Secretary Brad Bourbina submitted his resignation as Secretary and board member due to conflicts with his job and family. The resignation was accepted by the club and the club is now needing to elect a new board member. This serves as a notice to all members that at the June meeting, there will be an election to fill the vacant board member spot. Once the spot is filled, the board will choose a secretary. If any member is interested in being on the board, please contact a board member.

Additional Items of Discussion:

- An article in the May 10th Morning Sun (Pittsburg, KS newspaper) about the Frisco Event Center was mentioned. The former Frisco warehouse located a couple blocks east of Broadway on 4th Street in Pittsburg was featured. It has been purchased, remodeled and is now available to rent for events.
- Daryl Cave announced that the Heart of the Heartlands 2016 Tax Return had been filed.
- Discussion was held about the possibility of needing to acquire a laser printer for the museum sometime in the future.
- Alan Chilton donated a 3 TB external hard drive to Heart of the Heartlands. The drive contains all the pictures that he has scanned over the years for the club. Special thanks to Alan for the hours of work he has put in scanning and cataloging the tens of thousands of scanned pictures.
- John Chambers mentioned that an article in Trains & Railroads of the Past - 2nd Qtr 2017, talked about the Arkansas & Ozark Railway. This is the line that has been discussed having the CVR engine painted in the A&O Railway unit paint scheme.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 [Linda Shomin, Jack Evans]. The next meeting will be held on June 14 at 7:00 pm.