



September Meeting

The September Meeting of Heart of the Heartlands was held September 13, 2017, at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. There were 21 members and 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Loss of Member

It is with deep regret that we inform everyone of the loss of Deidre Spahn to leukemia. She lost her 18 month battle on September 14, 2017. Deidre was the wife of the late John Spahn, who was also a very active member. She was the daughter-in-law of Heartland president Larry Spahn and his wife Kathy. Our deepest and most heart felt condolences go out to all of Deidre's family.



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What is it?

This section has changed for this month. This is an item that is currently located in the Carona museum. What is it?



Answer next month

Photos courtesy of Brian Carlson

Last Month's signs:

Hepler - Crawford County, KS - MKT

Frontenac - Crawford County, KS - ATSF

Barnsdall - Osage County, OK - Midland Valley

Slide Show

A slide show is being planned for October 28 at the Carona Museum. The scheduled time for the show is 11:00-5:00. Bring a friend or two and a snack.

Motor Car Donation Work

Ivan Voorhees has volunteered to work on the water hopper for the ST-2 motorcar that, when finished, will be placed on display at the museum. Joe Murphey has the car at his home in Joplin and will be working on it as he has time.

Propane for Museum

When Larry visited the McCune Co-Op to purchase some prepaid propane as discussed at the past meeting, it was discovered that we still had over 300 gallons on the books. Since we had never used that much since in a single year since the museum was the recommendation was to not pre-buy any. The Co-Op would prefer to have little or none on their books at the end of the season. Discussion was held on possibly looking into buying a back-up tank if we want to have some on hand. Used tanks sell for around \$1.00/gallon, 500 gallon tank-\$500.00, 1000 gallon tank-\$1,000.00 if one can be located. No action was taken at the meeting.

Motor Car Ride Update

Jay Hastings, NARCOA area ride coordinator has informed us that the plans for a makeup ride on September 16 out of Chanute have been cancelled. The weekend schedules for September were mostly full with train rides during the month. The ride on the Moline Sub on October 21 has been approved and will take place. Set on is in Burden, KS at 8:00 am, departing at 9:00 am. The set on charge will be \$60 with half of the set on fee going to the All Aboard Foundation.

Bailey Brothers Visit

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Display Cases

The three old, unused display cases that have been stored in the Boston depot have been donated to The Railroad Historical Museum, Inc. in Springfield, MO. The sign board that came from the Frisco depot in Ft. Scott, KS has been given to the same group on loan. Being a Frisco museum, the cases will be put to good use and the loaned sign board has a place reserved for it as well. Bill Houser, current Heartlands member as well as former president of the Springfield group was instrumental in this endeavor.

Correspondence

Jim McKeel reports that the Heartlands' website is growing in popularity with increasing numbers of page visits. Our Facebook page is also very popular.

Jim also reported that there was a good article in the recent Cowcatcher Magazine about the Carona Museum being a "Hidden Gem". The article is on pages 16 & 17 and includes a photograph of the Carona depot.

Train Rides

- **Class of 1956 Train Ride:** The Class of 1956 train ride was held on Sunday, September 17. There were 65 passengers on the ride. A rigatoni and Italian sausage dinner was served for all.
- **Dewey, Oklahoma Train Ride:** Three train rides were held at Dewey, OK on Saturday, September 23. Turnout was pretty good for a first time ride.



Passengers await to board the train in Dewey, OK.

Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson

- **Chanute Artist Alley Rides:** Three rides are planned for the Artist Alley celebration in Chanute on September 30th. 10:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. This ride has been provided by Watco for many years, back when flat cars with bales of straw for seats were used and occasionally a caboose.

Annual Meeting

Set your calendars! The annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation will be on November 11, 2017, at 1:00 pm. We will start with the meeting and quickly recess to enjoy an afternoon dinner. The meat for the meal will be provided. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to share with everyone in attendance. Hope to see you there! Also at this meeting, election of board members will take place. Board members whose terms are expiring are Darrell Cave, Jack Evans and Larry Spahn. Elections will need to be held to reinstate these members or elect new board members.

September 13, 2017 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The September 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: Kathy & Larry Spahn, Jack Evans, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Joe Murphey, Tom Johnston, Dick Rauniker, Brian Carlson, Michael Sheward, Linda & John Shomin, John Chambers, Connie & Mike Payton, Bob Capps, W.D. Carter, Jim & Shirley Hogben and their grandson Daniel Hanners, Jimmie Lovell and Steven Gardner.

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved. [John Chambers, Dick Rauniker]

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. [Linda Shomin, Ivan Vorhees]

Old Business:

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Class of 1956 Train Ride: Everything is in readiness for the Class of 1956 train ride to Carona and return. Kaye Lynne reports that there may be as many as one hundred class mates that will ride the train to the Carona and will enjoy a rigatoni and Italian sausage dinner. All of the displays will be open as well as the Webb Center. The water and ice will be put on the train Sunday morning at Pittsburg, we will to move it to the Webb Center when we arrive. We should have more than enough members to do this. We need to have a two or three members with a pickup truck to get the ice and water off the train and to the Webb Center.

Dewey, Oklahoma Train Ride:

This ride date is rapidly approaching, September 23rd. I have been in touch with the groups involved with three train rides out of Dewey on September 23, 2017. We will need volunteers for this ride. Departure times are 9:30 am, 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm.

Chanute Artist Alley Rides: Three rides are planned for the Artist Alley celebration in Chanute on September 30th. 10:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm has been the usual departure times. This ride has been provided by Watco for many years, back when flat cars with bales of straw for seats were used and occasionally a caboose. Ticket prices have not been announced.

Motor Car Rides: Jay Hastings, NARCOA area ride coordinator has informed us that the motorcar ride out of Chanute will not take place. With almost all of the weekends in September allocated to train rides, there was not an available day to have a motorcar ride. The already approved Moline Sub ride is Oct 21st and will go on as planned. That ride is slated for set on at Burden, KS starting at 8:00 am. Departure time is 9:00 am and will travel the former ATSF tracks to Fredonia and return approximately around 6:00 pm.

Display cases: The three, old, unused display cases that have been stored in the Boston depot have a new home. John Chambers spoke to Bill Houser, Heartland member from Springfield, MO and they have a place for them in their new museum. This worked out great for everyone, they have the cases and a use for them and we have more space in the baggage room.

Correspondence: Jim McKeel reports that the Heartlands web site popularity keeps growing with more and more persons visiting the site. Our face book page is also very popular. Jim also reports that a very good article has appeared in the Cowcatcher Magazine which mentions the Carona museum and that we are "A hidden gem: Tiny Kansas town thrives again as a rail fan stop" The article is on pages 16 and 17 and includes a large photograph of the Carona depot.

Claremore Ride: A representative of the Will Rogers Memorial called and expressed interest in having train rides. It was brought up at the meeting that Watco does not have any track in Claremore, OK and therefore a ride would not be an option.

ANNUAL MEETING: THE HEART OF THE HEARTLANDS CORPORATION will hold the 2017 annual meeting on November, 11, 2017 starting at 1:00 pm.

Slide Show: A slide show is being planned to be held at the Carona museum on October 28th, 11:00am until 5:00pm. Bring a friend.

Recent Trips: Kathy & Larry Spahn, John & Linda Shomin, Dave Parker and Dave Rauniker recently went on an Amtrak ride from Kansas City - Los Angeles - San Antonio - St. Louis - Kansas City. The adventures were presented to the group.

Jim Hogben mentioned that on a recent trip to Union Station in Kansas City, car #73 was at the depot. This is a private car and is a sister car to #30 that is currently in Cherryvale. The owner of the car was on board and gave the Hogben's a tour of the car. In exchange, Jim gave the owner some information about the car.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was passed, meeting adjourned. [John Shomin, Jack Evans]

HEART OF THE HEARTLANDS MUSEUM
Motorcar Ride Bulletin
Saturday, October 21st 2017

Set on location: South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad – Burden, Kansas

Excursion Coordinator: Jay Hastings jay_hastin@yahoo.com 918-440-5579

This trip will be on the SKOL Railroad starting at Burden Kansas and travel east on the Moline subdivision to Fredonia Kansas. We will stop for lunch at Fredonia and return to Burden Kansas. Total mileage for Saturday will be 120 miles.

Saturday, October 21st, 2017 – Burden to Fredonia Kansas

Set On Location: We will set on in Burden, KS on main Street. We will be able to park on the street and along the tracks.

Meet Information

Start Set On: 8:00 AM
Safety Meeting: 8:50 AM
Departure: 9:00 AM
Break: Moline (convenience store break)
Turn around: Fredonia KS (lunch)
Approximate Return: 6:00 PM

After departing Burden KS, we will head east roughly following US-160 along the old ATSF Winfield to Chanute line. We will stop in Moline for a break going each direction. In Fredonia (lunch) there is the Western Diner a short walk from the tracks or you may want to bring a sack lunch. There is also a convenience store located within walking distance.

Cost: \$60.00 Payable to Heart of the Heartlands

Other Requirements: Must be a member of Heart of the Heartlands

No shorts, must have sturdy shoes, no open toe footwear will be allowed
Valid NARCOA insurance card and operator's certificate required
NARCOA rulebook 8.0 in effect for this event

Motel information: Winfield Kansas (none in Burden KS)

(Set on will be 19 miles away from Winfield KS. East on 160 approx. 19 miles at Burden Kansas.)
Allow at least 30-minute travel time to set on location.

Super 8 Winfield, KS
3803 S Pike Road
(620) 229-8888

Comfort Inn Winfield, KS
3800 S Pike Road
(620) 221-7529

Econo Lodge Winfield, KS
1710 Main street
(620) 221-9050