



September Meeting

The September meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on September 12, 2018 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 18 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, Guy Ferguson, Joe Murphey, Larry & Kathy Spahn, Fred & Ruth Maxwell, Dick Rauniker, Bob Capps, Maddie Capps, Brian Carlson, Michael Sheward, Jimmie Lovell, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Michael and Connie Payton and John Chambers.

2018 Balkan Days Train Rides

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2018 Fall Train Rides

The fall 2018 train rides are going by fast. The rides after the Pittsburg rides were:

- Dewey, OK - September 22. There were 3 rides at Dewey again this year. Ride times were 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Chanute, KS - September 29. There were 3 rides at Chanute. The rides were at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

An upcoming ride:

- Fredonia, KS - December 15, 2018. There will be 2 rides with the first at 9:00 a.m. and the second at 11:00 a.m. The train will load and depart from the old LeFarge cement plant. These rides are already sold out. All tickets were gone within thirty six hours.

More information will be in next month's newsletter.

2018 Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be November 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Webb Center.

What is it?

This is an item that is currently located in the Carona museum. What is it?



Answer next month

Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson

Last Month's picture was a steel ticket window grate from the Ft. Scott Frisco depot, courtesy of Gordon Garrett. The small AdLake marker lights are from Jane Ballard along with the "To Trains" sign.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be October 10, 2018 at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.
- The plan to revive an old tradition, "Hobo Day" is in the works. We will meet at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13 at the Webb Center. It will be a pot-luck lunch/dinner event.

Miners Museum Exhibit

Heartland member, Dick Rauniker, gave a presentation on Sunday, August 12, titled "Coal was King". This presentation was on the effect of railroads on the development of the mining communities and coal camps of the area. During this time the railroads brought thousands of immigrants into the area and took the coal out to other parts of the country. The museum was full with several people standing to hear Dick's presentation.



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KCS Holiday Express

The KCS Holiday Express train will visit Pittsburg on December 07, 2018. The train will be located at Monroe and Elm Streets and will be open to the public at 4:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to help out is welcome. You will need to be at Monroe and Elm to sign releases and get your elf costume before 4:00 p.m. The train will not make any stops in Joplin this year. Visit their web site, <http://www.kcsouthern.com/corporate-responsibility/giving/holiday-express>, for more information on the train's schedule.

September 12, 2018 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The September 2018 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands, Inc. was called to order at 7:00 pm, September 12, 2018, by president Larry Spahn. There were 18 members in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the August meeting were approved as mailed. The motion for approval was made by Jack Evans and seconded by Guy Ferguson. It passed by the membership present.

Old Business:

Balkan Days Train Ride:

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Upcoming Train Rides:

The Dewey, Oklahoma ride will be held on Saturday, September 22, and will leave at 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Tickets have been on sale for several weeks. Bartlesville is assisting in advertising the rides.

Chanute Artist Alley Rides:

Three rides will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The rides will board at the Chanute depot.

Fredonia Santa Express Train Ride:

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Franklin Miners Museum Presentation:

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Hobo Day:

Plans are still on for the hobo day which is being planned for Saturday, October 13th at the Carona museum. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will be a pot-luck lunch. Final details will be announced after the October meeting.

New Business:**Alco Engine Move:**

Joe Minick called Larry recently and said that they are planning on moving the engine out of the Empire plant at Opolis on Monday, September 17th and hopefully have it on the road to Abilene early Tuesday morning. This is tentative and a lot of things can happen that would cause a delay. If you are around stop by but stay out of the way and enjoy the show. The engine will travel west on US 400 and hopefully up US Route 75 to US Route 54. KDOT will have **the** final say.

Lapel Pins:

Discussion was held in regards to possibly purchasing some more lapel pins. No action was taken at this time.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation will be held at 1:00 p.m. on November 10, 2018.

Correspondence: None

Announcements:

- **Slide Show** — The next slide show is scheduled for Sunday, September 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

Guy Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting, Ivan Vorhees seconded the motion. Motion passed by the membership present.