



October Meeting

The October meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on October 10, 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, W.D. Carter, Larry & Kathy Spahn, John Chambers, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Brian Carlson, Dick Rauniker, Michael and Connie Payton, Jimmie Lovell, Alan Chilton, Nicolas Ybarra, Don Richardson, Gordon Garrett, Michael Sheward, and Joe Murphey.

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2018 Fall Train Rides

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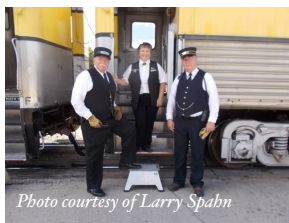


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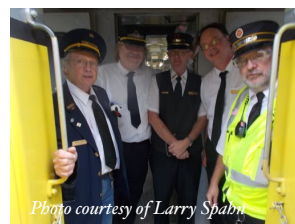


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Humboldt for the return trip. Heartland members assisting in the rides were: Don Richardson, John Chambers, Michael Sheward, Brian Carlson, Brenda and Guy Ferguson, Denzel and Ivan Voorhees, Alan Chilton, Gordon Garrett and Larry Spahn.

Train crew members were conductor, J.D. Ballard and engineer, Daniel Archer. Thanks to all of the SKOL crew members that worked in making these rides a great success.

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 Frisco velocipede on loan from Gordon Garrett. This is a single man inspection car before they became motorized.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. This is the annual meeting. Three board member positions are up at the end of the year. Filling those positions will be one of the things on the agenda. This is a covered dish dinner as well. The club will provide the main meat dish. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish too.
- News about the Hobo Day will be in the next newsletter.

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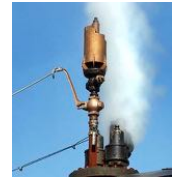
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Got a spot?

Don't hesitate to send something in if you have a place you have been or would like to go to. Our members would love to hear about it!

Whistle Stop!



An awesome rail/bus excursion takes in New England's fall colors



I just finished an exceptionally well planned tour organized by Country Travel Discoveries called New England Rails and Resorts. John and Linda Shomin had originally found this tour and invited me to join in. Then Linda broke her ankle and had to cancel.



After a nice welcome reception the tour began in Boston, boarding Amtrak's Northeaster for a trip through three states to Wells, Maine. Although the lobster boat excursion scheduled for that afternoon was cancelled due to rough seas, we did enjoy a fine lunch at Kennebunkport's historic Nonantum Resort, followed by a very detailed and interesting presentation of the lobster fishing industry by the lobster boat captain. Although not listed on the tour, our tour guide, Sue Orr and bus driver Cheryl, teamed up to take us on a drive by of the Kennedy estate on Cape Cod. It happened that the Kennedy family was in residence at the time as noted by the Texas flag flying and heavy security in the surrounding bay. We later found out a wedding was taking place there. We capped the day off with a visit to and trolley ride at the seashore trolley museum.



The next day found us riding the Maine narrow gauge railway and enjoying a lobster dinner on a floating restaurant in the harbor. Then a tour through the wine appellation area, a covered bridge, waterfall, and finally stopping for the night at the beautiful Sunday river resort.



Day four we went to the grand Mt. Washington Hotel, 240 rooms of absolute splendor where it cost \$400 to \$600 per night to stay. We did have a fine lunch and guided tour, then on to the Mt. Washington Cog Railway and a 3500 foot vertical climb, 3 1/2 hr round trip. It was an experience to remember. A pleasant fall day at the bottom. At the top, wind blowing about 50 mph, temp 34 deg. Total fog, visibility about 50 ft. Sleet hammering. On a clear day you can see for miles and miles....this wasn't the day! It didn't take long to see everything you were able to see up there. You left with a great appreciation for the weather teams that work up there through the winter. The Conway scenic railway was probably the most impressive of the many rail tours on this package and I cannot praise enough the dining car experience. They spend over an hour to meticulously serve you with carefully prepared delicious food. The final day took us through Salem, Massachusetts, famed for it's witch trials and spice trade.



I think any rail enthusiast would immensely enjoy this excursion. Or if you'd like to check out all of their offerings, call Country Travel Discoveries 855-744-8747 and ask for their catalog. I was impressed enough that I think I'll do their Nova Scotia tour next September. Kinda expensive but have you ever seen a Brinks truck in a funeral procession?

Another New Section!!!

This section is for a set of book reviews that member John Chambers has put together. We have several books in our small library at the Webb Center, but we are having more and more people ask about what books talk about the history of the railroads in the 4-state area. John has taken the time to produce these short book reviews to aid in ones' quest for that missing railroad history. Enjoy!



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

A SKOL freight train passes the Carona depot during a early September evening.

From the Past...

Shortline Railroads of Arkansas

Hull, Clifton E. *Shortline Railroads of Arkansas*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1969.

This is the definitive book on the many shortline railroads that operated in Arkansas. It is well written and tells the engaging stories of these companies. The center section is devoted to photographs of the many roads which operated in the state. Rudimentary maps are also included for each railroad. The original version is a hardback book but a reprint was done in 1988 which is a softback version. I recommend this book for anyone interested in Arkansas and shortline railroads. I checked Amazon and both versions are available starting at under \$10.00.

The White River Railway

Adams, Walter M. *The White River Railway*. Branson, MO: The Ozarks Mountaineer, 1991.

This is the history of the White River Division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company from 1901 to 1951. This line ran from Carthage, Missouri to Diaz, Arkansas through the heart of the Ozarks and followed the White River for several miles. The idea of this line was to link the Kansas City and Joplin area with Memphis and the southern region with a more direct route than was in place in 1900. It was also envisioned by Jay Gould and his son George as a link in a transcontinental railroad they were trying to build. The line was constructed to the highest standards of the times with numerous tunnels and high bridges and cost enormous amounts of money. It never lived up to the expectations of its builders and the cost of construction helped in the fall of the Gould railroad empire and their dreams of a true coast to coast railroad. The book is well written and while it has many photographs the reproduction quality is not high. It has a nice bibliography and several tables of stations and other information in the back. Used copies can be found on Amazon.

October 10, 2018 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The October 2018 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands, Inc. was called to order at 7:00 pm, October 10, 2018, by president Larry Spahn. There were members and guests in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report: After the presentation of the the treasurer's report, Alan Chilton moved to accept the report, Joe Murphey seconded the motion, the motion passed by the membership present.

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Empire Engine Move:

After a four day trip, the S-4 Empire engine has made it to its new home in Abilene, Kansas. Joe Minick and his crew successfully made the 200 plus mile journey without many serious problems or injuries. They did blow out a few tires and had a problem with a wheel hub assembly along the way but managed to get the engine set down on blocks in readiness for the next part of their project. Joe is ready for a little rest but is sure they will have the engine running in the near future.

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Hobo Days:

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