



## November Meeting

The November meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on November 10, 2018 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. This meeting was also the annual meeting of the organization. There were 32 members and 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Kathy & Larry Spahn, Brenda & Guy Ferguson, Jack Evans, Connie & Michael Payton, Ruth & Fred Maxwell, Bob Still, Tom Johnston, Dawn & Brian Carlson, Chase Carlson, Bryson Spahn, Denzil & Ivan Voorhees, Linda & John Shomin, Dick Rauniker, Joe Murphey, Darrell Cave, Carol Lewis, Michael Sheward, Bob Capps, W.D. Carter, Gordon Garrett, Nicolas Ybarra, Theresa Singleton, Jim Carlson, Larry Hiat and John Chambers. Our guest was Linda McConaughy.

## 2018 Projects

2018 was another active year for the Heart of the Heartlands. Although we did not have the number of rides in the year as we have had previously, we still were not hurting for projects. The “Whistle Stop” section as well as the “From the Past...” section are not featured this month to make room for a recap of the year.

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## 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 reproduction of an early Harvey girl waitress uniform on loan from Gordon Garrett.

## Announcements

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. At the Webb Center in Carona. It was voted at the November, annual meeting, to not have the December meeting. Therefore, the next meeting will be in January 2019.
- Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
- REMINDER: There is no December meeting!!

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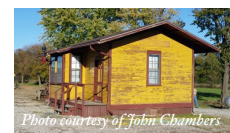


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## Heart of the Heartland Annual Meeting



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The annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held November 10, 2018 at the Webb Center. There was a good turnout and plenty of good food. Member Tom Johnston cooked the pork and the membership in attendance added a plethora of tantalizing sides. Also at the annual meeting, the



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three board members, Connie Payton, Alan Chilton and Brian Carlson, whose terms were expiring, were voted back onto the board for another term. After the meeting, the Corporation Board Members met briefly to choose officers for the upcoming year. After a brief discussion, all board members agreed to keep the current officers as they were in 2018.



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## November 10, 2018 - Heart of the Heartlands, Annual Meeting - Minutes

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

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

### **Old Business:**

#### **— 2018 Heartland Projects —:**

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**Hobo Days:**

The Hobo Days get together on October 10 went very well with many Heartland members attending. The fire was lit on the old elm tree stump that we had to remove in front of the museum. Dutch elm disease claimed another fine tree. The club provided hotdogs and buns and we also had hobo stew, hobo chili and hobo hash as well as many other covered dishes provided by our members. The fire was kept going for several hours as members gathered around to toast marshmallows and cook their hotdogs over the glowing coals. A good time was had by all and brought memories of times past.

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**Other Old Business:****Good Time Caboose Benefit Ride:**

In support of a local charity, Watco, the SKOL and the All Aboard Foundation recently raffled off a caboose ride from Pittsburg to Carona. Also included in the ride was a dinner for eight people at Josie's restaurant in Scammon. The ride was held the same day as our hobo day get together but due to heavy traffic on the BNSF they had to wait at the interlocker at Cherokee for quite some time. The train did not arrive at Carona until later that evening. Once the train arrived, a limousine took the passengers to Josie's.

**Tree Removal:**

Brian Carlson and several members of his family came out and cut up the tree that had been blown over behind the storage container for fire wood. Brian says he will come back and cut up a couple of other trees that have blown over at a later date.

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**Election of Board Members:**

Alan Chilton, Connie Payton and Brian Carlson's terms as members of the board were set to expire at the end of 2018. All three were nominated to continue in their roles as members with each willing to perform the duties of the position. Darrell Cave moved and John Chambers seconded a motion to cease

nominations and that the three members be chosen by acclamation. The motion passed and the three will continue on the board for another term.

**Correspondence:** None

Jack Evans moved to cancel the December 2018 meeting of Heart of the Heartlands. John Shomin seconded the motion. It was passed by the membership present.

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