



July Meeting

The July meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on July 10, 2019 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 18 members and 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, John Chambers, Ivan and Denzil Voorhees, Bryson Spahn, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Fred & Ruth Maxwell, Brian Carlson, Guy & Brenda Ferguson with guest Gage Ferguson, Michael Sheward, Dick Rauniker, Darrell Cave, Steven Gardner, and Connie & Mike Payton.

Heart of the Heartlands

The monthly newsletter is constructed by Secretary-Treasurer Brian Carlson. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions you may reach him at: bcarlson@ckt.net 620-820-9665

New Addition Work Continues

Work on the new addition continued over the past few weeks. Treiber Finishing completed the footing and floor concrete work and removed all of the forms. Luckily the ground had dried enough that a concrete pump truck was not needed. This saved the



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Heartlands at least \$500.00. The next part of the project was for Treiber to form up the sidewalks and pour the concrete to finish the job. Due to the weather issues this spring, his schedule has been in a slight disarray as he tries to get caught up. He was able to make it over a couple of weeks ago and completed the sidewalk and finished the pour.

There is a problem with finding a color match for the yellow metal on the building. It has been discontinued for several years now, thus preventing us from getting an exact color match on the yellow siding to match the current Webb Center yellow. There is always something!!!

Museum Open for Visitors!

Dave Parker, John Chambers, Jack Evans and Larry Spahn were on hand Saturday at the museum for our July 6th week end for having the museum open to the public. Jack Evans, John Chambers and Kathy and Larry Spahn were on hand on Sunday to show visitors around the museum grounds. We really need more members to assist in these visits. We will be open August 3-4 and August 17-18.

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 the ATSF/BNSF station sign for Cassoday, KS located in the Flint Hills on the Transcon.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webb Center. We hope to see you there.
- Jim Lovell finished up his mowing for the month of June and he also had to work between the many rain showers that continue to visit our area. Tom Johnston managed to get a pretty good day to mow on the first of July. He said it was pretty dry but the area north of the museum was still a little damp. Thanks to the members that have kept the museum grounds looking so good.
- The Dewey Oklahoma, Western Heritage Days rides have been cancelled due to a conflict of ride dates.

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Display Pad

Continuing wet weather held up work on the display pad for most of July. Treiber Finishing was able to dig out the site for the rock fill for the new pad just after the middle of July. It was



decided to have him move the top soil that was removed in making the display pad site and place that dirt around the east and north sides of the new building site where it was badly needed. Although the cost of this was \$500.00, which was what we saved in not needing a pump truck for the pouring of the concrete floor, the process was much needed and will help in many ways.

REA Express Baggage Cart

John Chambers has been working on the baggage cart and now has it painted. Bob King donated the cart to the Heartlands in 1996 and it has been on display in front of the Carona Depot. The continual exposure to the sun and weather had taken quite a toll on the old baggage wagon. The hard work John



put in applying the new green and red paint has it looking good. Plans are to have some lettering decals made to apply to the wagon to complete the project. Thanks John for your time and work and thanks to Darrell Cave for donating the green paint!

Test Passenger Train

The operation of this train is still pending. All information at this time is **TENTATIVE** and subject to change or cancellation.

Weed Control

Five gallons of weed killer concentrate were bought from the Cherokee County Noxious Weed Control Dept. We managed to get forty gallons mixed and sprayed around the buildings and displays between the rains. The effect of the spraying is beginning to become apparent.

Donation

- Rick Webb has placed several presentation switch lanterns and a wooden model of a locomotive that was given him by the company that has contracted to build eight, narrow gauge engines for the Australian Railway that is operated by Watco.
- Jay Benedict of Watco contacted Larry Spahn about donating some KCS memorabilia to the Heart of the Heartlands. These items were given to him by a friend and were mostly paperwork and manuals that belongs to David L George, a long time employee and conductor for the KCS. John Chambers has been working on cataloging these items.

WPA Outhouse - Eagle Scout Project Continues

Eagle Scout, Seth Lindsey and five others came out on Saturday to begin work on their project. A hole was dug and a plastic barrel was installed. Lateral rock was placed below and around the barrel. The



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

outhouse was then placed onto the prepared site. Jim Oberbeck brought his tractor down and assisted in getting the concrete base moved and out house moved. It is very heavy. Seth hopes to have the project complete before he starts school at PSU this fall.



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Donation from Axe Library

Randy Roberts, Director of the Axe Library at PSU has contacted Larry Spahn in regards to the possible donation of a display case for the new addition to our museum. The case is ten feet in length, thirty inches wide, forty three inches in height, two



Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

sliding, lockable glass doors and one shelf. The pedestal that the case sits on has drawers on the back that can be used for storage. The top is glass making it viewable from both sides and could be used to divide an area. It is being replaced as part of a remodeling of the lobby. It will need to be moved soon.



Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

Passenger Cars Return

The passenger cars have returned to the Carona museum siding. The cars arrival have been delayed due to the heavy rains and track repairs brought about by the flooding caused by the heavy rains. The cars will be cleaned up and readied for the upcoming fall rides.

July 10, 2019 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The July 10, 2019 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting: Jack Evans moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Michael Sheward seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: After the presentation of the treasurer's report by treasurer Brian Carlson, Darrell Cave moved, Jack Evans seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Car Club Visit: Many thanks to John Chambers, Mike Sheward, Dave Parker and Larry and Kathy Spahn for being at the museum to welcome the Cassville Missouri Cruisers Car Club who paid us a visit on Saturday, June 22nd. The group enjoyed their stay before departing to Big Brutus and a chicken dinner at Chicken Mary's in Yale.

Museum Open for Visitors: Dave Parker, John Chambers, Jack Evans and Larry Spahn were on hand Saturday at the museum for our July 6th week end for having the museum open to the public. Jack Evans, John Chambers and Kathy and Larry Spahn were on hand on Sunday to show visitors around the museum grounds. We really need more members to assist in these visits. Dave and Larry took down the barbed wire fence along the front of the museum grounds. Jack and John mounted several of the depot signs in the museum. Jim McKeel stopped by on his way home from his visit at Branson, MO. He said that he is not going there on a holiday weekend anymore. There were a whole lot of people and it was very hot and humid to boot.

Grass Cutting: Jim Lovell finished up his mowing for the month of June and he also had to work between the many rain showers that continue to visit our area. Tom Johnston managed to get a pretty good day to mow on the first of July. He said it was pretty dry but the area north of the museum was still a little damp. Thanks to the members that have kept the museum grounds looking so good. It takes over two hours to mow not counting the trimming.

WPA Out House: Eagle Scout, Seth Lindsey and five others came out on Saturday to begin work on their project. A hole was dug and a plastic barrel was installed. Lateral rock was placed below and around the barrel. The outhouse was then placed onto the prepared site. Jim Oberbeck brought his tractor down and assisted in getting the concrete base moved and out house moved. It is very heavy. Seth hopes to have the project complete before he starts school at PSU this fall.

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Carona depot with the continual exposure to the sun and weather taking its toll on the old baggage wagon. The new green and red paint has it looking good for now.

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New Addition: Treiber Finishing has completed the footing and floor concrete work and all of the forms have been removed. Luckily the ground had dried enough that a concrete pump truck was not needed. This saved us at least \$500.00. Treiber now needs to form up the sidewalks and pour the concrete to finish the job. He is still trying to get caught up with his schedule delays caused by the continuing wet weather and will finish as soon as possible. There is a problem with finding a color match for the yellow metal on the building. It has been discontinued for several years now. There is always something!!!

Display Pad: Continuing wet weather continues to hold up work on the display pad. Treiber is going to dig out the site for the rock fill for the new pad when it dries out. We have decided to have him move the top soil that will be removed from the display pad site and place the dirt and level the dirt around the east and north sides of the new building site where it is badly needed. This will cost \$500.00, so our savings did not last long.

New Addition: Treiber Finishing of St. Paul, Kansas has started work on the footing, floor and sidewalks. Bill said that it should not take long to do the work once he gets started. When the floor is completed, work on the building shell will begin.

Display Pad: Wet weather has also delayed any work on the display pad for the Coffeyville Resources engine. Hopefully the wet weather will ease up a bit and allow us to get some work done.

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Train Rides: The Dewey Oklahoma, Western Heritage Days rides have had to be cancelled due to a conflict of ride dates. We are working on trying to set up other arrangements for these rides.

Correspondence:

- None

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Jack Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. Ivan Vorhees seconded the motion and it passed by the membership present.