



November Annual Meeting

The November Annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on November 9, 2019 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 28 members and 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, Brian Carlson, Jim McKeel, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Guy & Brenda Ferguson, Reed & Pat Hartford, Ivan & Denzil Vorhees, Don Richardson, Alan Chilton, Linda & John Shomin, Connie & Mike Payton, Dick Rauniker, W.D. Carter, Darrell Cave, Carol Lewis, Lois & Jim Carlson, Bob Capps, Paige Capps, Gordon Garrett, Bryson Spahn and John Chambers.

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

— Motor Car Ride! —

There's a Heart of the Heartlands Motor Car Ride coming up! It has been over a year since our last ride, but there is now one in January. Here is the information from the ride bulletin.

The coordinator for the meet is Drake Rice. The ride will be Saturday, January 18, 2020 in Stillwater, OK. The set on location is 3 blocks south on US-177 of the highway-51 and US-177 intersection to the west one and half blocks. Set on will be at MP 29.7 at the old ATSF depot in Stillwater, 401 E. 9th Street. Start of set on is scheduled for 8:00 AM. Safety meeting will be at 9:00 AM with departure scheduled for 9:10 AM. Return to Stillwater is slated for 12:45. If a second trip is desired, they will leave as soon as the cars are turned. The return time for the second trip should be around 4:30 PM.

Cost for the ride is \$40 donation to the Heart of the Heartlands. Also, you must be a member of the Heart of the Heartlands and have a valid NARCOA Insurance card and operator's certificate. The current NARCOA 8.2 Rulebook will be in effect for this event.

For more information, contact Drake Rice at drake.rice@cox.net, 405-478-3225. Thanks goes out to Drake Rice for putting this event together.

WPA Outhouse Project

Seth Lindsey, the Boy Scout from Pittsburg has completed the work on the WPA outhouse. It looks great and is functional with maybe the exception of a few corn cobs and a Sears catalog. A big Heartland Thank You to Seth and his fellow scouts that took on the job. Joe Carlson donated the outhouse to the Heartlands that he acquired from his neighbor, Alva Smith, many years ago.

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 route or car indicator from a streetcar on loan from the James Conrad collection

Announcements

- There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Webb Center
- Mike Sypult, the editor of the Boston Mountain NRHS chapter newsletter came to the train show in Joplin on November, 30. He then came out to Carona and toured the museum and grounds with John Chambers.
- The Watco Christmas Express will be December 9th at 10 am. This is the ride for the 1st graders of Pittsburg. This ride is not open to the public. Any member that normally works train rides is encouraged to arrive by 8:00 to help with this ride. The location will be between Jefferson and Monroe streets, west of Joplin street.

New Addition - Phase I

Despite several periods of rain and a mistake in ordering the proper molding for the wainscoting by the metal distributor, phase I of the new "North Addition" was completed on October 17th. The crew from Better Built by Barnes worked twelve plus hours a day and did a very fine job with attention paid to every detail. Jim and Kevin also incorporated the two roof braces that were saved during the demolition of the NEO depot that served the Picher, OK area many years ago. These are installed at each end of the west side of the new addition. The two braces were saved by Bill Collins and Bob King several years ago. The heavy rains disclosed a definite need for guttering and downspouts on the new and original building. A great deal of water run off from the roofs of the two structures has added to the saturation of the lateral field area. We need to consider having guttering installed to alleviate this problem. Larry checked with a contractor and the cost for guttering and down spouts is around \$5.00/ft. If we only do the west side of the new addition and north side of the Webb Center the cost will be around \$600.00. The cost will be \$1,200.00 or so for all of the north side.

New Addition - Phase II

This phase will involve the location of the electrical service and wiring and installation of the lighting fixtures, ceiling fans and receptacles. The heating and air conditioning should also be done at this time. These items will not be in-expensive to say the least. The insulation and sheet rock will follow. The delivery and installation of R-38 insulation for the ceiling and R-19 for the walls have been bid on by Seward Insulation and Dry Wall. The delivery of the sheetrock and installing the insulation will be around \$2,700.00, installation, taping, finishing and painting will be extra. When all of this is completed the floor covering will be the last on the list. At the annual meeting on November 9, it was decided that the new addition would become a meeting area with a walk-in storage closet in the southwest corner for storage and housing of the electrical panel. There will be updates as progress moves on over the winter months.

KCS Holiday Train

The KCS Holiday Train will be in Pittsburg on December 16. If you wish to help as an elf, please be at Monroe and Elm Streets around 3:00 pm to prepare for the evening.

Passing Through...

Last month, the switcher "Bubba" was seen passing through Carona. A sight to see!



Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

Donation

- Kevin Love donated items from the Missouri Pacific Historical Society
- William Downes made a donation towards the new addition in appreciation for the display an care of the Downes Collection in the Webb Center

On TV!

Recently, President Larry Spahn was interviewed at Carona by FOX 14 out of Pittsburg. The 2 interviews are available online. Thanks Larry!

Sad news

Our condolences go out to member and board member, Jack Evans on the passing of his brother, Ron Evans on November 18.

Heart of the Heartlands, Corp. Election of Board Members

New board members for the Heart of the Heartlands were selected at the annual meeting on November 9, 2019. Guy Ferguson, John Chambers and Bob Capps terms were expiring at the end of the year. Guy and John agreed to remain on the board, but Bob respectfully requested not to continue on the board. Ivan Vorhees was voted to replace Bob on the board. Thank you Bob for your service on the board!

Heart of the Heartlands Corporation Board Members, Officers and term Expiration dates:

December 2020

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn (President)

December 2021

Brian Carlson (Secretary-Treasurer), Alan Chilton, Connie Payton

December 2022

Guy Ferguson, John Chambers (Vice-President), Ivan Vorhees

Frisco Engine Horn Donation

Editor Note: The original article on the Frisco Engine Horn Donation was in the October Newsletter. There were some errors. This is the correct information. Sorry for the incorrect information in October.

Ron Chamberlain has donated a LESLIE-SUPERTYFON AIR HORN for display at the Webb Center. The five chime horn was manufactured by the Leslie Co. (now defunct) of Lyndhurst, NJ. The air horn was from Frisco engine #597. The #597 was a GP-7 road switcher for



Photo courtesy of John Chamberlain

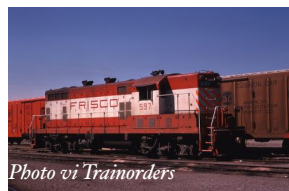


Photo vi Trainorders

the Frisco, retired on 12-18-79 and sold to the Chicago and Northwestern RR to become their #4459. In 1994, the engine was sold to OmniTrax in Wichita. Ron acquired the horn on 2-28-97. According to Ron, the horn weighs 46 lbs and measures 25" long, 30" wide and 11" high. Thank you to Ron for this impressive donation.

November 9, 2019 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The November 9, 2019 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 p.m.

The membership in attendance then enjoyed a meal of smoked pork and covered dishes brought by the membership. After the meal, the meeting continued.

Minutes of previous meeting: Jack Evans moved to accept the minutes as mailed. W.D. Carter seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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

Old Business:

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electrical panel. When all of this is completed the floor covering will be the last on the list. After discussion by those present, Jim McKeel moved for the new addition to become a meeting area with a walk-in storage closet in the southwest corner for storage and housing of the electrical panel. John Chambers seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Engine Display: No work has been done or the delivery of any ties and rails has occurred at the display site yet. Cameron Lundy is working with the track department to accomplish the task. Wet weather is a big factor.

New Business:

First Graders Train Ride: WATCO and the SKOL are planning a Christmas ride for the first graders again this year. It will be in December. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. This ride has been very popular and interesting in the past.

Donations: Ron Chamberlain has compiled and sent more information pertaining to the LESLIE-SUPERTYFON, five chime horn from Frisco engine #597 a GP-7 road switcher. John Chambers has placed the air horn in the display case that the PSU Library donated to the Heartlands. Brian Withers, the son of George Withers, a noted illustrator for many magazines and corporate entities over the years has donated several items in memory of his father. Included is a railroad related print that was used to promote travel by rail. Mr. Withers also served with General Eisenhower in WWII and did several illustrations for the Stars and Stripes Magazine. He also did a portrait of the General and received a letter of appreciation from him.

4014 Big Boy: The UP engine, the largest in the world, will stop in Coffeyville on Saturday, November 16 and depart at 8:00 am Sunday. It will stop for 15 minutes in Neodesha at 9:30 am and depart at 9:45 am. Come see it if you can, it may never come this way again!! It will also stop in Kansas City and Topeka. More info at up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm.

Train Rides for 2020: We need to start thinking about the train rides for the upcoming year. This is nearing the time when we present the proposed schedule to the railroads for their approval.

December Meeting: There will not be a meeting in December as this is always a very busy time of the year with family and friends. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Board Member Elections: Board member elections were held. Guy Ferguson, John Chambers and Bob Capps' terms were expiring at the end of 2019. Guy and John were willing to continue with another term. Bob Capps expressed his desire to no longer be a member of the board. Ivan Vorhees agreed to be a board member. Jack moved and Don seconded a motion that Guy and John be renominated for their positions and that Ivan Vorhees fill the remaining position and that those would be filled by acclamation. The motion passed by the membership present.

Correspondence:

- KCS Christmas Train will be in Pittsburg on Monday, December 16.
- Sugar Creek Model Railroad Club submitted a corporate membership.
- Bobbie Clymer sent John Chambers pictures of railroad memorabilia.

Donations:

- Kevin Love donated items from the Missouri Pacific Historical Society
- William Downes expressed thanks for displaying and caring for the Downes' train collection currently on display in the Webb Center. He sent a donation to be used towards the construction of the new addition

Alan Chilton moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim McKeel seconded the motion and it passed by the membership present.

2019 Heart of the Heartlands Annual Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Spahn at the conclusion of the November meeting.

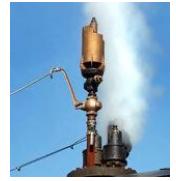
Ivan Vorhees moved to keep Larry Spahn as president, John Chambers as vice-president and Brian Carlson as Secretary-Treasurer for 2020. Guy Ferguson seconded the motion and it was passed by the remaining board members.

John Chambers moved to adjourn the board meeting. Darrell Cave seconded the motion, it was passed by the remaining board members, adjourning the meeting.

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!



The Union Pacific - "Big Boy" 4014



Photo by Dawn Carlson



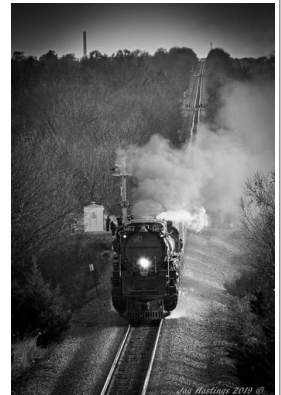
Photo by John Chambers

South of LeRoy, KS



Photo by Don Richardson

As many of you know, the Union Pacific "Big Boy" 4014 steam engine rolled through our area the weekend of November 15-16. It was nearing the conclusion of its 50 day trip from its home in Cheyenne, WY to Utah, Nevada, California, southern Arizona and New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and through our area on its way to Kansas City. After a day in Kansas City, it proceeded west to Denver and then back up to its home in Cheyenne. The internet is not hurting for videos or pictures of the 4014 on its 50 day trip through the southwest United States. Countless number of people were on hand wherever the steam locomotive stopped with plenty of others along the route it took. Here are some members pictures of the "Big Boy" as it traveled through Oklahoma nearing Nowata, OK through eastern Kansas. Thanks to the members that contributed photos. Enjoy.



South of Nowata, OK



Lenapah, OK



Photo by Dawn Carlson

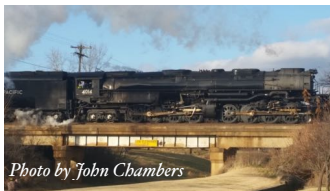


Photo by John Chambers

Paola, KS



Photo by Dawn Carlson

North of Greeley, KS



West of Garnett, KS



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Book Review 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!



Museum open for visitors July 2018

From the Past...

Kansas City Streetcars from Hayburners to Streamliners

Conrad, Edward A. *Kansas City Streetcars from Hayburners to Streamliners*. Blue Springs, MO: HeartlandRails Publishing Co., 2011.

This large hardback book is the most complete history ever done on the streetcars of the Kansas City metro area. They started out as mule cars, included cable cars, electric streetcars and trolley buses. The number of companies and lines that ended up becoming the Kansas City Public Service system is large and hard to trace. Conrad has done an outstanding job untangling all of these companies and telling how they all became one and why the system eventually collapsed. The photographs are profuse and the maps and description of each streetcar route are extensive and include many maps. This book is essential for anyone interested in the Kansas City streetcar system. I found only two copies for sale on an internet search and that was through Biblio.com but the price was very reasonable at around \$50.00 for new copies.

The Streetcars of Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Winters, Charles E. *The Streetcars of Fort Smith, Arkansas*. Fort Smith, AR: Fort Smith Historical Society, 1979.

This 50 page book is a nice concise history of the Fort Smith streetcar system. It is well illustrated with photographs and maps. It also contains a roster of all of their equipment owned over the years. It is it a nice compliment to own if you visit the Fort Smith Trolley Museum as they operate one of the cars from this system. I believe the museum still has copies for sale in their gift shop.