



## February Meeting

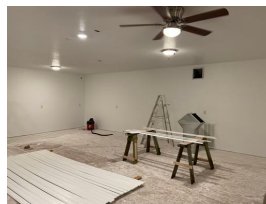
The February meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on February 12, 2020 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 11 members and 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Kathy & Larry Spahn, Bryson Spahn, Alan Chilton, John Chambers, Brian Carlson, Steven Gardner, Darrell Cave, Dick Rauniker, and Mike and Connie Payton.

## Heart of the Heartlands

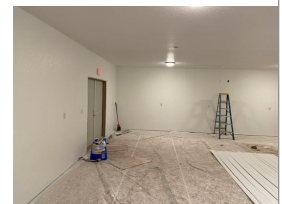
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## Morgan Addition

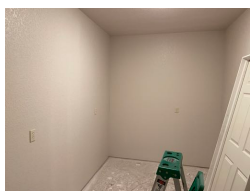
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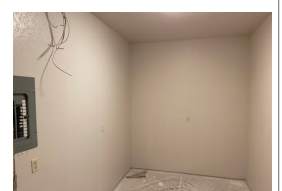
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good investment and will pay for itself in the energy savings very quickly. The sheet rock was also delivered by Seward's and a crew from J&B drywall of Joplin installed the sheetrock on January 21st. The two-man crew started at 10 AM and was finished around 3 PM. On January 23rd the finishing crew of two covered the entire floor with heavy paper and taped it all down. They then taped and put on the first layer of mud on the screw heads, finished all of the joints and inside corners and installed the outside corners. They returned on the 27th and sanded all of the joints and sprayed on the finishing coat, which is called "knock down". After everything had been coated with mud the finish was lightly smoothed down and left to dry. It took several days for the mud to completely dry but it resulted in a very nice finish for painting. On the morning of February 2, Super Bowl Sunday, Lee Cameron of Cameron Painting of Joplin came over and sprayed on a coat of sealer-primer. When this was dry the finish coat



was then applied. He cleaned up and left to get things ready for the Super Bowl party at his house. He said that the paint would be dry enough to work the next day but would be



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*Photos courtesy of Brian Carlson*

## 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:

Two railroad issued decals used on equipment. Top is a MoPac buzz saw herald for their Chicago & Eastern Illinois subsidiary. The other is a coonskin for the Frisco (St. Louis - San Francisco) railroad. On loan from the John Merman collection.

## Announcements

- The next meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Webb Center.
- If you have attended a train ride safety meeting in the past, there is an online option available. Contact Brian for more info.
- The annual train ride safety meeting will be held at Carona on March 14 at 1:00 pm. If you have not attended a meeting before, you must attend this meeting in order to be able to work on the train rides. If you have previously attended this meeting, there is an online option available. Email or call Brian Carlson for more information.

## Morgan Addition (continued)

installing the switches, receptacles, light fixtures and fans and still did not get everything done. Dave and Larry came out on February 11th and finished installing everything electrical. They also put the first coat on the base and door trim that was recently purchased. Hopefully we can get Better Built to put the trim up when they come and put in the two closet doors.

The next major part of the Morgan Addition is the subject of carpet. At the February meeting, there was discussion about the carpeting in terms of which bid to accept and as to the type of carpeting to install. All Seasons Flooring and Derailed Commodities both submitted bids for commercial grade carpeting. Derailed Commodities also submitted a bid for "carpet squares". This are 2 foot by 2 foot squares that can be taken out if damaged and replaced with a similar 2 foot by 2 foot square. This allows for repairs to the floor in a specific spot without having to replace the entire carpet. The bid for the squares was about \$1,000 more than the other bids. Since All Seasons had installed the carpet in both the original Webb Center building as well as the addition a few years ago, it was decided to go with them for installing the carpet.

## Carona Depot Sign

Cameron Lundy noticed the condition of the depot sign at the corner of K-102 and NW 20th street that points travelers to our museum. He offered to help get a new one made. Preliminary plans have been made as well as contact with the land owner has been accomplished. Be on the look out for a new sign in the upcoming months!

## 2020 Train Rides

Preliminary work on the 2020 Train Ride schedule is underway. There will be rides in Pittsburg on Labor Day weekend, Chanute on the last Saturday in September and for the Pittsburg 1st graders in December. Bartlesville and Dewey, Oklahoma have both expressed interest in rides for this year. Other possible locations discussed have been Winfield and maybe a 4th of July ride to Carona from Pittsburg. More information will be presented at the March meeting.

## February 12, 2020 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The February 12, 2020 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Alan Chilton moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Darrell Cave seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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

### Old Business:

**Morgan Addition:** Quite a few things have been done since our last meeting. On January 16th the insulation was delivered and installed by the crew from Seward's Insulation of Dueneweg, MO. The crew completed the job in about three hours. There is now R-38 insulation in the ceiling and R-19 in the walls. This is a good investment and will pay for itself in the energy savings very quickly. The sheet rock was also delivered by Seward's and a crew from J&B drywall of Joplin installed the sheetrock on January 21st. The two-man crew started at 10 AM and was finished around 3 PM. On January 23rd the finishing crew of two covered the entire floor with heavy paper and taped it all down. They then taped and put on the first layer of mud on the screw heads, finished all of the joints and inside corners and installed the outside corners. They returned on the 27th and sanded all of the joints and sprayed on the finishing coat, which is called "knock down". After everything had been coated with mud the finish was lightly smoothed down and left to dry. It took several days for the mud to completely dry but it resulted in a very nice finish for painting. On the morning of February 2, Super Bowl Sunday, Lee Cameron of Cameron Painting of Joplin came over and sprayed on a coat of sealer-primer. When this was dry the finish coat was then applied. He cleaned up and left to get things ready for the Super Bowl party at his house. He said that the paint would be dry enough to work the next day but would be "cured" and fully dried in three days.

Dave Parker, John Chambers, and Larry Spahn worked most of the day installing the switches, receptacles, light fixtures and fans and still did not get everything done. Dave and Larry came out on February 11th and finished installing everything electrical. They also put the first coat on the base and door trim that was recently purchased. Hopefully we can get Better Built to put the trim up when they come and put in the two closet doors.

### New Business:

**Carpeting:** We are now at the point that we will have to decide if we will be installing the carpeting at this time. The opinion is it should be done now as it will not be getting less expensive anytime soon. Larry had a bid from all seasons flooring in Pittsburgh to furnish and install 158 square yards of a good grade of commercial carpeting for \$2603.45. Larry also had a bid from Derailed Commodities of Joplin

for \$2349.68 to furnish and install a “good” grade a commercial carpeting. There was a price difference of about \$253.00 between the standard carpets. The Derailed Commodities also gave Larry a price for “carpet squares” which are 2 foot squares of carpet originally placed and can be replaced if one or more are damaged. The price for those squares delivered and installed was \$3352.00. This price is about \$1000.00 more. Larry had not personally seen the carpeting, but was assured it was a “good“ grade of carpet. After discussion, Darrell Cave moved to have All Seasons Flooring install the carpet in the Morgan addition. Dick Rauikner seconded the motion. The motion passed by the membership present.

**Carona Depot Sign:** Cameron Lundy noticed the condition of the depot sign at the corner of NW 20th St. and volunteered to work on getting a new one made, if we wanted. Needless to say Larry excepted his generous offer and there will soon be a new sign installed. Kevin Anselmie of Watco came out to Carona to see where the sign would be installed. He wanted to speak with the owner of the property to get permission to bring equipment in to prepare the site for the new sign as his crew would be installing it. Kevin and Larry spoke with John Thompson and he gave us permission to replace the old sign. Mr. Thompson was the individual who donated the Carona Depot to the Heartland’s in 1996. This was the beginning of everything that is now here.

**Train Rides:** Discussion was held about upcoming train rides for 2020. There will be rides in Pittsburg on Labor Day weekend, Chanute on the last Saturday in September and for the 1st grade students in Pittsburg in December. Bartlesville has contacted us and is interested in a ride in April. Dewey is also interested in a ride in September. Discussion was held in regards to the possibility of a ride in Winfield. Additional discussion mentioned possibly having a ride to Carona on the 4th of July.

**Correspondence:**

- Alan Chilton mentioned that a friend of his would be donating 11 Missouri Pacific drawings to the Heartlands.
- Jim Clock contacted Larry an discussed his antique car group coming to Carona on May 28th.
- Larry also mentioned that there was discussion with a local tractor club in possibly coming to Carona during the summer.

**Donations:**

- None

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