



March Meeting

The March meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on March 11, 2020 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 15 members and 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Joe Murphey, Jack Evans, W.D. Carter, Bryson Spahn, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Brian Carlson, John Chambers, Ivan & Denzil Vorhees, Connie Payton, Ed Brinkmeyer, Bob Capps, Steven Gardner, and Nicolas Ybarra.

Heart of the Heartlands

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Covid-19

It is the talk of the town everywhere. COVID-19 has become the focal point for everyone's lives for the foreseeable future. We hope that everyone is staying safe and following the guidelines as outlined by local, state and federal authorities. As a result of the mandates in place, the April 8, 2020 Heart of the Heartlands meeting has been cancelled. There will be no meeting. In addition, there will be no April or May train rides either. NARCOA has cancelled all motor car rides through May 15th. Depending on how things are going in May will determine whether or not the cancellation will be extended or not. It is an unprecedented time. Please take care of yourself and your loved ones during this time. Hopefully the crisis will end sooner than later. In the meantime, stay safe and well and think happy train thoughts!

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Cancellations

At this time, the following events have been cancelled

- April 8, 2020 Heart of the Heartlands Meeting
- All train rides in April and in May of 2020
- All NARCOA motor car rides, nationwide, until May 15, 2020.

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 picture of 3 lanterns. Left was a Canadian National train order signal oil lantern. The middle was a non railroad marked train marker oil lantern with mounting holder. The one on the right was a non railroad marked electric switch stand lantern.

Announcements

- The April meeting will NOT be held due to the restrictions currently in place in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.
- There are about a dozen members that have not paid their 2020 dues. Secretary, Brian Carlson, has been in touch with those individuals. We thank all members for their continued support.
- If you have attended a train ride safety meeting in the past, there is an online option available. Contact Brian for more info.

Display Cases

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March 11, 2020 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The March 11, 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: Jack Evans moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Joe Murphey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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

Old Business:

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Train Show: There will a train show and swap meet at the Joplin, Missouri, Mineral and History Museum in Schifferdecker Park on April, 25th, 2020.

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Reminders:

- Safety Training at Webb Center on March 14 at 1:00 pm

Ivan Voorhees moved to adjourn the meeting. Nick Ybarra seconded the motion and it passed by the membership present.