



July Meeting

The July meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on July 14, 2021 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 15 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: John Chambers, Jack Evans, W.D. Carter, Joe Murphey, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Ivan & Denzil Vorhees, Tom Johnston, Darrell Cave, Brian Carlson, Don Richardson, Connie & Michael Payton and Paul Morgan.

Heart of the Heartlands

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Heartlands - YouTube

Check out our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMlkqWyCxftDlf_ezgw3UyQ

Slide Show

More than twenty persons attended the slide show that was held at the Webb Center recently. All of the presentations were good and enjoyable. Ken Albrecht and Bob Plough presented slides associated with the many short line railroads that once served the Ozark areas. Jim Gattis also made a presentation. Seven of the presenters were either current or former railroad employees with a combined 200+ years of railroading experience. Members in attendance also showed slides out of their own collections. Several members brought refreshments to share with the group including Dick Rauniker who brought a large box of various kinds of sandwiches. The question of "When is the next one?", was asked the day of the show. Plans are in the works for the next slide show with a target date sometime in the fall. Thanks to John Chambers for all of his efforts in putting the slide shows together.

Visitors to the Museum

Visitors continue to tour the museum. Many families have called ahead and made arrangement for a tour of the museum. Members who volunteered to help with the bi-monthly visits were Jack Evans and Kathy and Larry Spahn. John Chambers was very busy keeping up with the visitors as he gave his walking tour of the many items that are part of our displays. John has met with several groups through the week to tour the museum and displays. The KCS #1023 steam engine continues to be a very popular display with many pictures taken of kids ringing the bell and sitting in the engineer's seat.

Museum Staffing

Kathy Spahn, Jack Evans, Connie Payton, John Chambers and Don Richardson have also been on hand to sell souvenirs and show people around the displays inside the museum during our weekends that we are open. We can use your help if you are looking for a place to go.

What is it?

This is an item that is currently located at the Carona museum. What is it?



Answer next month

Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson

Last month's picture was of the Watco caboose. It is a bay window type caboose built for the Southern Pacific railroad by International Car of Kenton, Ohio and acquired and painted its present color by Watco in 2000. On long term loan and currently used for storage of parts for the passenger cars.

Announcements

- The next meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands will be August 14, 2021 at the Webb Center starting at 1:00 pm.
- The weeds around the displays and parking lot have been treated.

Train Rides - 2021

Little Balkan Days

The Little Balkan Days train ride will be held on the Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 4. Two rides are scheduled, the first at 9:00 am and the second at 11:00 am. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at Memorial Hall in Pittsburg, KS.

Dewey Western Days Ride

No news as of yet as to whether the rides will be able to be held at this time. Cameron will get back with us when he learns more of the upcoming track repair schedule. Hopefully the work will start on the trackage towards Caney, KS, first.

Donation

Heartland member, Paul Morgan, a retired KCS engineer with 43 years of railroad service has donated several items from his railroad collection to the Heartlands. This donation includes many tools and various paperwork and other items associated with; "Working on the railroad". One of the highlights of his donation is his KCS retirement gift. A pewter steam engine that is a replica of the engine that used to pull the Flying Crow. Paul has worked in many fields of railroading over the years before he entered engine service.



Paul's KCS retirement gift *Brian Carlson photo*

In Memoriam...

It is with great sadness that we report the recent passing of two Heartland members: Alan Chilton and Doris Titsworth. Alan was a long time Heartland board member, Alan passed away on July 10th. Alan was active in various club projects. One of those projects included scanning the hundreds of thousands of slides that have been donated to the Heartlands. Doris and her husband, Rudy were both long time Heartland members. Doris passed away on July 9th. They will be missed. Our condolences go out to their families.

New Members

We have had some new members join during the last few months. We would like to welcome all of you to the Heart of the Heartlands. Thank you for your support.

Stephen Farrell - Parsons, KS

Gene Gilley, Jenifer and Jackson - Oswego, KS

Gerald Hook - Russellville, AR

Paul Morgan - Pittsburg, KS

Kevin Oakley - Vinita, OK

Peyton Orr - Farmville, NC

Big Boy

- Here are a couple of photos of the Big Boy on it's last visit to Kansas in November of 2019 (*Photos courtesy of Brian Carlson*)



Big Boy Returns

The Union Pacific steam engine #4014, the “Big Boy”, is returning to the area. According to the current UP steam schedule, the Big Boy will be in Kansas City on the night of August 10th. It will leave from there at 8:00 am on August 11th making it's way to its next overnight stop in Parsons, KS arriving at 4:00 pm. At 8:00 am August 12th, it will leave Parsons continuing it's journey to McAlester, OK to stay that night. This part of Big Boy's trip is a small segment of its journey from it's base in Cheyenne, WY to Ft. Worth and Houston, TX, New Orleans, LA, St. Louis, MO and Denver, CO. For more information, check out the UP Steam website at: <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam>.

August Meeting

The August meeting has been moved to Saturday, August 14. The monthly meeting will be at 1:00 pm followed by the safety meeting. There were two reasons for moving the meeting in August. Having it on Saturday the 14th allowed for one trip to Carona for individuals planning on attending the safety meeting. The other reason is that the U.P. #4014 will be in Parsons on the regular meeting night. Many members are wanting to see the locomotive that night.

Passenger Safety Meeting

With the upcoming rides schedule for this fall, it is time for us to have our annual safety meeting for car attendants. The safety meeting will be held at the Webb Center on August 14, 2021. The safety meeting will be after the August monthly meeting that will begin at 1:00 pm. We have not had a safety meeting since March of 2019, since all of our 2020 rides were cancelled due to Covid-19. Anyone that is interested in becoming a car attendant (and has not been one before) needs to attend the safety meeting. Anyone that has been a car attendant before needs to either attend the safety meeting or contact secretary Brian Carlson to have the information sent to you to take the online safety exam. If you have any questions, contact John Chambers or Brian Carlson.

Vacant Board Member Position

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, long time Heartlands member, Alan Chilton passed away on July 10th. Alan was currently on the board for the Heart of the Heartlands. With his passing, there is now a vacant position on the board. Alan's term started this year and will expire December 2024. If anyone is interested in filling this position please let us know.

Museum Items

- We are still short on members who can help with the grass mowing. With all the rain the grass has really been growing. The members that have been mowing regularly are Jim and John Lovell, Dawn and Brian Carlson and Larry Spahn.

Membership Proposal

Earlier in the year, the club discussed changes for membership for the club. A membership committee of Jim McKeel, John Chambers and Brian Carlson was formed to look into some plans and draw up a proposal for the club. Below are two options that the club will decide on during the August meeting. The proposals would be in effect for memberships starting on or renewing on January 1, 2022. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact a board member or contact Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Carlson. Brian’s contact information is on the first page of the newsletter.

Proposal 1

	1 Year Membership	2 Year Membership	3 Years (10% discount)
Adult	\$35	\$70	\$94.50
Senior (60+)	\$30	\$60	\$81
Family	\$50	\$100	\$135
Student (High School, College, Trade School - age 22 or less)	\$20	\$40	\$54
Contributing	\$100	\$200	\$270
Sustaining*	\$250	\$500	\$675
Life Membership	\$1,000		
Membership is for calendar year - no discount for joining later in the year.			
Memberships include:			
Monthly Newsletter 10% discount in the gift shop Free train rides IF SPACE AVAILABLE			
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Proposal 2

	1 Year Membership	2 Year Membership	3 Years (10% discount)
Adult	\$30	\$60	\$81
Senior (60+)	\$25	\$50	\$67.50
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July 14, 2021 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The July 14, 2021 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Old Business:

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Correspondence:

- John Chambers informed the group that he would be selling some things from his collection. If anyone is interested, contact John.
- Larry Spahn mentioned that Dave Calwell is progressing in getting things in order for his collection to be moved to Carona. There are several things that are being addressed and they will be completed in due time. Currently, a couple of the items in the works are display cases being made as well as working out the moving details.
- Don Richardson requested a train ride in the fall for Cherryvale’s 150th anniversary celebration.

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