



November Meeting

The November meeting (annual meeting) of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on November 13, 2021 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 23 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Brian Carlson, John Chambers, Darrell Cave, Bryson Spahn, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Connie and Mike Payton, Jack Evans, Dave Parker, Ed Brinkmeyer, Bob Capps, Bill Gillfillan, Don Richardson, Ivan & Denzil Vorhees, Paul Morgan, Mike Sypult, Jim McKeel, John Randall, Reed Hartford, Dick Rauniker, and Jay Hastings.

Heartlands - YouTube

Check out our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxftDif_ezgw3UyQ

Calwell Collection

Things continue to progress with the Dave Calwell collection. The Heartlands has received a copy of his donation document that covers the transfer of his collection to the Heart of the Heartlands. This document will be reviewed by the Heartlands in preparation for the collection being moved to Carona. The packing up and moving of the collection is on track and should be at our museum around the end of this year or the beginning of 2022. Dave will keep us posted on his progress. He will need some assistance in setting up and arranging the displays. This will probably take two or three days to do. If anyone can assist please contact Larry Spahn.

Museum Visitors

Even though we are not officially opened, visitors are coming to the museum complex on a more frequent basis. On November 20, a group from the Southwest Missouri Tractor group came to visit the



Tractor Group listens to John Chambers at the 1023

- Brian Carlson photo

museum. John Chambers gave the group a guided tour of the exhibits. The group remained at our complex for 2.5-3 hours.

They enjoyed what we had to offer and were appreciative of John's explanations of the exhibits. After leaving Carona, the group continued their trip by heading to Big Brutus.



- Brian Carlson photo

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 Missouri Pacific decal that would be applied below the cab on diesel electric locomotives starting in the late 1970's. It was known as the "screaming eagle buzzsaw". It was donated by Perry Lambert; brand new, never used. It was mounted by Vital Signs of Columbus, KS free of charge.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands will be January 12, 2022 at the Webb Center starting at 1:00 pm. The December 2021 meeting has been cancelled. We hope to see you on January 12, 2022.

Watco Christmas Express

The Watco Christmas Express train ride will be held on Thursday, the 9th of December, 2021. The train will leave Pittsburg at 9:00 am. Due to current Covid policy for the Pittsburg School District, their first and second graders will not attend. Saint Mary's Elementary School first and second graders will attend. Each class will have their own coach. This is a very special ride that Watco Companies has provided for the children for many years and is greatly enjoyed by all who attend. Members that are planning on assisting should be at the loading area at the intersection of Monroe and Elm streets by 8:30 am.

Board of Directors

At the annual meeting held on November 13, elections for positions on the board of directors was held. Connie Payton and Brian Carlson agreed to remain on the board for another 3 years. Heartlands member, Ed Brinkmeyer agreed to be on the board to fill the position previously held by Alan Chilton. Connie, Brian and Ed were all voted on by the members present to begin serving their three year terms beginning in January 2022. Our thanks to Ed for being a board member and bringing his expertise and input to the group. The current list of board members is below along with their term expirations.

December 2022

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

December 2023

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn (President)

December 2024

Brian Carlson (Secretary-Treasurer), Connie Payton, Ed Brinkmeyer

A huge Heartlands Thank You to all of our board members. Your willingness to help the organization can not be put into words!

Announcements

- The KCS Holiday Express will not be taking place this year. It was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic and it was recently announced that it would not be running in 2021.
- MEMBERSHIP DUES - It is time to renew your membership with the Heartlands. At the right is the new pricing for the 2022 year. You can renew your membership three ways:
- Filling out the form at the end of this newsletter and sending it and payment to either address below.
- Go to our website, <http://www.heartlandstrainclub.org> and then selecting the “Click Here” link on the right hand side of the page.

Send Payment to:

Brian Carlson
2209 S. Taylor St.
Pittsburg, KS 66762

OR

Heart of the Heartlands
% Brian Carlson
PO Box 211
Scammon, KS 66773

2022 Membership Dues

It is that time of year for membership dues to be renewed. At the September meeting, it was passed to adopt a new membership pricing plan beginning with memberships for 2022 and beyond. If you already purchased multiple years, you do not need to pay anything until your current membership expires. All members will receive a statement, either by email or mail, informing you of when your membership expires. Any questions, please, please contact Brian Carlson.

Previously, a single membership was \$25 and a family membership was \$35 for one year. With the new proposal, a single adult membership will be \$35 for a year. Single adult memberships for senior adults (60+) will be \$25 for the year. Family memberships will be \$50 each year. There is a 10% discount for memberships that are purchased for a three year period.

Heart of the Heartlands Membership Plans

	1 Year Membership	2 Year Membership	3 Years (10% discount)
Adult	\$30	\$60	\$81
Senior (60+)	\$25	\$50	\$67.50
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

*Sustaining Membership- for two or three years includes the use of the Good Times Caboose on one regular excursion train for family or group

*Life Membership - includes the use of the Good Times Caboose on two regular excursion trains for family or group

November 13, 2021 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The November 13, 2021 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Old Business:

Calwell Collection: Dave has sent us a copy of his donation document for the transfer of his collection to the Heart of the Heartlands to review. The packing up and moving of the collection is on track and should be at our museum around the end of this year or the beginning of 2022. Dave will keep us posted on his progress. He will need some assistance in setting up and arranging the displays. This will probably take two or three days to do. If anyone can assist please contact Larry. Larry also read the legal agreement draft between Dave and the Heartlands that will be signed on the date of delivery.

Museum Visitors: John Chambers reported on the number of visitors that continue to come to the complex even though we are not officially "opened". There have been several small groups that have scheduled visits in addition to the people that just happen to drop by when John is at the museum working. The Southwest Missouri Tractor group was scheduled to come by the museum on November 20 for a visit. They will not be having a tractor drive, so there will not be tractors at the museum on this visit.

NARCOA: After some discussion, it was agreed to not renew our membership with NARCOA for 2022. We will also not be renewing our insurance for motor car rides with NARCOA as well.

New Business:

Security System: Larry reported that he had been in conversations with Dave Touchton, owner of Touchton Electric and Alarms of Pittsburg, Kansas concerning the installation of the new alarm system in the Morgan Addition. Dave has made a proposal and offer that I feel is very fair. Touchton Alarms installed the present security systems now in use at our museums. After a brief discussion, John Chambers moved to accept the proposal at a cost of \$100. Darrell Cave seconded the motion. The motion passed by the members present.

Train Rides: Hopefully the Covid epidemic will soon be under control and we will be able to once again have train rides next year. Even with the easing of the epidemic there may be scheduling conflicts because of ongoing track repair on the SKO railroad hopefully we can work things out.

Watco Christmas Express: The latest word is that the Watco Christmas Express train ride will be held on Thursday, the 9th of December, 2021. The train will leave Pittsburg at 9:00am. Due to current Covid policy for the Pittsburg School District, their first and second graders will not attend. Saint Mary's Elementary School first and second graders will attend. Each class will have their own coach. This is a very special ride that Watco Companies has provided for the children for many years and is greatly enjoyed by all who attend. Members that are planning on assisting should be at the loading area at the intersection of Monroe and Elm around 8:30-9:00 am.

MOP Convention in Wichita: John Chambers is in contact with members of the MOP Historical Society concerning their plans about their upcoming 2023 Annual Convention in Wichita. Hopefully he will be able to set up a train ride for the convention in 2023. Watco Companies and Heartlands have provided train rides for the Katy Historical Society, Missouri Pacific, KCS, Santa Fe and Frisco Annual Meetings and Conventions in past years. Having a train ride in conjunction with their convention is always a high point for attendees to the convention.

SEK Museum Alliance: Heartlands member, Don Richardson, who is also a member of the Cherryvale Historical Museum, talked about the SEK Museum Alliance. Brian and John have been to meetings with the Alliance previously. As things progress, the hope is to be more active with the group in the future.

Museum Hours: Discussion was held in regards to the hours the museum is currently open. With the increase of groups scheduling visits as well as people stopping by whenever a member is at the museum, ideas were discussed about being open more. Talk about the availability of volunteers was also held. Jim McKeel moved to form a committee to investigate options for increased hours as well as possibilities having a position to help facilitate the increase in visitor hours. Members for the committee, included in the motion were Jim McKeel, Don Richardson, John Chambers, Bill Gillifan and Brian Carlson. Motion was seconded by Bill Gillifan and was passed by the membership present.

December Meeting: Don Richardson moved to cancel the December meeting. John Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the membership present. The next meeting will be in January 2022.

Election of Board Members: Connie Payton and Brian Carlson agreed to continue as board members for another term. John Chambers nominated Ed Brinkmeyer to fill the remaining board position. Ed accepted the nomination. John Chambers moved and Darrell Cave seconded a motion to close nominations and for Connie Payton, Brian Carlson and Ed Brinkmeyer to board member positions by reason of acclamation. Motion passed.

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

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

The annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation’s Board of Directors was held after the annual meeting on November 13, 2021. President Larry Spahn called the meeting to order. Connie Payton moved to keep Larry Spahn - President, John Chambers - Vice-President and Brian Carlson - Secretary-Treasurer, officers of the Board. John Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the board members present. John Chambers moved and Larry Spahn seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion also passed by those present.

Heart of the Heartlands
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Membership Form
 (Please print and complete this form)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Circle your membership category choice and write the total at the bottom of the column:

	<u>1 year</u>	<u>2 years</u>	<u>3 years</u> <u>(save 10%)</u>
Adult	\$30	\$60	\$81
Senior (60+)	\$25	\$50	\$67.50
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Contributing	\$100	\$200	\$270
Sustaining*	\$250	\$500	\$675
Life Membership*	\$1,000		
Additional Donation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Membership term is for a calendar year (January through December). (No discount for a partial year.)

Memberships include:

Monthly newsletter sent by email or US Postal Service.

10% discount in our gift shop.

Member can help as a car attendant on our passenger trains or ride free (if space available) when trains are operated.

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Mail your check and this completed form to:

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 Scammon, KS 66773