



### April Meeting

The March meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on April 9, 2022 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 18 members & 1 guest present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Kathy & Larry Spahn, Don Richardson, John Chambers, Denzil & Ivan Voorhees, Brian Carlson, Jack Evans, Jim McKeel, Bob Capps, Joe Murphey, Bill Gillfillan, Mike & Connie Payton, Paul Morgan, Bryson Spahn, Dave Calwell and Scott Colebank.

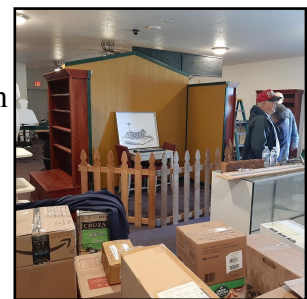
### Heartlands - YouTube

Check out our YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxftDlf\\_ezgw3UyQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxftDlf_ezgw3UyQ)

## The Dave Calwell Collection

It has arrived! The Dave Calwell Collection has arrived at the Webb Center. It has been a little over 3 years since the discussion began in bringing Dave's extensive collection to the Heartlands. Around noon on April 7th, the much anticipated items arrived at Carona, courtesy of Two Men & a Truck moving company. Work began immediately on unloading the boxed collection as well as the larger, unboxed items.



Part of center display  
- John Chambers photo



Another view of center display  
- John Chambers photo

Unloading was one thing, but putting the items in an orderly arrangement for display was quite another thing to accomplish. Display cases and other features to house the collection was the first order of business. With Dave's friend Kent leading the way, members worked into the evening in getting things mounted, created and put together for the collection items. The group returned on Friday,

April 8th at 8:00 am and worked again into the evening. Saturday at 8:00 am the group was back to work some more before the monthly Heartlands meeting at 1:00 pm. A great amount of work was accomplished, but it is not complete. Dave hopes to return in a couple of weeks to finish getting things in place. The amount of time, energy and cost Dave has endured bringing his collection to the Heartlands has been sizable. Dave, along with two ladies he hired to help, put together a book that includes a photo of each item in the collection, an description of where the item was found or



Work on displays  
- John Chambers 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 swing crossing gate that protected the crossing in Fredonia, KS between the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Frisco. The gate was donated by Watco. It is now used as the gate to the entrance of the Carona museum complex. The control lock box was from the Cherokee, KS crossing between the Frisco and the Missouri Pacific. It was donated by the BNSF.

## Announcements

- The May meeting of the Heartlands will be Saturday, May 14 at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center
- The annual safety meeting will be held after the May meeting at the Webb Center. There will be an online option starting May 1st.



Dave Calwell on the right and his friend Kent - Larry Spahn photo

acquired and an explanation of how the item was used. Included in the collection is approximately 200 books, complete with associated information categorizing each of the books.

On behalf of the Heart of the Heartlands, we wish to thank David Calwell for his time, his energy, his dedication and his most generous gift to the Heartlands. Dave's collection contains so much history that having it along side our current items raises our museum to a new level. Our goal at the Heartlands is to provide education on the history of the railroads in the four state area. This addition will help promote that goal for years and decades to come. Thanks hardly seems enough but again, Thank You!

## Big Kansas Road Trip

On May 05 thru May 08 we will need members to be on hand to show visitors around our museum and grounds. We need to be there from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm on these days. We will need to have a work day to get things spiffed up around the depots, museum and displays. There are quite a few things that need to be attended to before these folks arrive to visit our museum. We want to share what we have and what we have done. For more information about the Big Kansas Road Trip check out their website: <https://www.bigkansasroadtrip.com>

## 2022 Train Rides

We are awaiting approval for the rides out of Carona on Saturday, June 11. Cameron Lundy has been in contact with the general manager of the SKOL, but we are awaiting word on whether the rides will take place or not. The first ride will leave at 10:30 am with the second ride departing at 2:30 pm. The Saturday coincides with the Big Iron Overland Rally that is being held at Big Brutus on June 10-12. If the rides are approved by the railroad, we hope for a good size turnout. With current and scheduled track work this year, it will depend on how that progresses.

**There will be a work day at the Carona complex to clean and tidy things up for the upcoming year. It will be Saturday, April 23, starting at 10:00 am. Any member that can come and help would be greatly appreciated!**

## April 9, 2022 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The April 9, 2022 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 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, John Chambers seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

### Old Business:

**Dave Calwell Collection:** Two Men and a Truck loaded Dave Calwell's collection on Wednesday, April 6. They left for Carona the next morning with Dave and his friend Kent leading the way. They arrived at Carona around noon and immediately began the unloading of the collection. It took them more than three hours to get everything into the museum. We had a good turn out of members to help out in the task of unloading and assembling the collection. A very good meal was prepared and served by Connie Peyton, Don Richardson and Kathy Spahn. Dave Parker and Ed Brinkmeyer brought desserts for all that were on hand to assist. Members worked into the evening helping Kent in assembling the display for the collection. Work began the next day at 8:00 am and again continued into the evening with a lot of work being accomplished.

**Train Rides:** We are still awaiting word on the approval of the Big Iron, Big Brutus Rides on June 11. Cameron Lundy has been in contact with the general manager of the SKOL and at this time we have not heard anything back about having the rides. We are hoping that we will be able to have a couple of train rides in conjunction with the Big Iron Overland Rally being held at Big Brutus on June 10-12, 2022. Last year over there were over three thousand visitors. If possible, two rides will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022. The first one hour ride would depart at 10:30 am and the second ride at 2:00 pm. These two rides would be the first revenue rides that we have had in two years.

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It was decided to have a work day at the museum complex on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 am.

**Announcements:**

- President Larry Spahn thanked Dave Calwell for the donation of his collection as well as all of the hours and money spent in bringing the collection to Carona to be housed in the Webb Center.
- President Larry Spahn also thanked Connie Payton, Don Richardson and Kathy Spahn for the meals they prepared in feeding everyone working to get Dave's collection set up.
- Safety training is scheduled for May 14 after the meeting. This training is the annual training to be able to work on the train rides for 2022. There will be an online option available as well.
- In the April 8 edition of the Columbus News there was an interesting article about the Heartlands. In the 25 years ago section it was mentioned the club was restoring the Carona Depot.

**Program:**

Dave Calwell spoke to the group about his collection that he brought to the Heartlands on April 7th.

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