



October Meeting

The September meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on October 12, 2022 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 14 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: John Chambers, Brian Carlson, Denzil and Ivan Voorhees, Jack Evans, Joe Murphey, Kathy and Larry Spahn, Bill Gillfillan, John Randall, Connie and Mike Payton, Jimmie Lovell and Darrell Cave.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center in Carona. This will be the annual meeting.

Heartlands - YouTube

Check out our YouTube channel:

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

Artist Alley Train Rides

The annual Chanute Artist Alley train rides took place on Saturday, September 24th. It was a nice day for rides and everything went well. Kevin Schoenhofer and Scott Greaves were our engineers for the day and did a fantastic job. There were 134 passengers on the 9:00 am ride, 248 passengers on the 1:00 pm ride and 262 on the 3:00 pm ride. This amounted to a total of 644 passengers for the day. Our thanks to our Heartland members that were on hand to help people board and exit the train as well as answer any questions during the three 1-hour trips. The Heartlands members present were John Chambers, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Paul Morgan, Jack Evans, Mike & Connie Payton, Don Richardson, David Wallace, Jim McKeel and Brian Carlson.

Donation to the Heartlands

In late August, we received an email from Connie Osner informing us of her decision to make the Heart of the Heartlands one of the recipients of one of her charitable gifts this year. Here is the email we received:

“Dear Heart of the Heartlands,

I selected your organization as one of my charitable gifts this year - in memory of my father, Max Craft Sr. (1922-1993), retired AT&SF Signal Maintainer working from McPherson KS.

I believe JnJ will match the donation with equivalent funds.

Thank you for your organization's work preserving railroad history for future generations!

*Best regards,
Connie Osner”*

From our Past

We will be featuring photos from our past for awhile.



This photo was taken in 2011 on Sunday of Little Balkans Days. This is the Chicken Dinner ride arriving in Carona with the Cherryvale Charger locomotive in the lead.

Announcements

- The KCS Holiday Express Train is returning! It will be in Pittsburg on December 10th and on display starting at 4:00 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer need to be at the train's location, Monroe and Elm Streets by 3:30 pm.
- The 2022 annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Webb Center. The meal will be a catered chicken dinner.

Heart of the Heartlands

Any questions, comments or suggestions, contact:

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620-820-9665 (leave message)

Since this email, we have received a check for \$1,000 (donation made by Ms. Osner) and a check for \$2,000 from Johnson and Johnson as part of their Matching Gifts Program. This donation is greatly appreciated by the Heartlands. It reinforces the continued reach that our organization has in the area and beyond.

Heartlands Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands will be held Saturday, November 12, at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center. The club decided at the October meeting to have a chicken dinner catered in for the meeting. One of the main items of business at the annual meeting is the elections for positions on the board of directors. Guy Ferguson, John Chambers and Ivan Voorhees terms are expiring at the end of this year. If there is anyone interested in being on the board, please let one of the officers know. The current list of board members are below along with their term expirations.

December 2022

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

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!

Museum to be Open Additional Days

There has been discussion off an on for the past several months in regards to being open more than our usual June, July, and August dates. At the October meeting, member John Chambers presented a proposal to the club in regards to being opened through the end of November. In the proposal, John Chambers would be at the museum Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm starting on October 14th and running through November 27. After discussion it was decided to have John Chambers be on hand each day the museum was open to answer questions from visitors, show them around, and make record of their attendance. When visitors are not at the museum, then he would work on cataloging recently received items in the museum as

Museum to be Open Additional Days ... continued

well as cleaning and organizing displays. The club approved this proposal. As a result of this decision, the museum will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from now until the 27th of November. After the 27th, we will look at how things went during the period and formulate a plan going forward.

Nick Muff Collection

We have received the last shipment of the Pullman "Red Books" from Dr. Muff and we are incorporating them into our library. We are very fortunate that Dr. Muff has selected the Heartlands to be the home of his extensive collection of the history of the Kansas City Southern. Now that the KCS has become a part of the Canadian Pacific, we do not want the history of this great railroad to ever be forgotten. We have also received more interesting information from Dr. Muff. There are quite a number of CDs and photographs. Nick said that there are a number of photographs that are in 3D and some are of the 1023 under steam with black smoke trailing over the engine. He is including the 3D glasses to view them with. A big Heartland THANK YOU to Dr. Muff for trusting us with his legacy.

Upcoming Slide Show

There will be a slide show at the Webb Center on Saturday, December 3 starting at 10:00 am. It will run till 5:00 pm. There will be more information in the next couple of weeks, but put this date on your calendar.

Dave Calwell Visits the Webb Center

Dave Calwell and his friend Eddie Dawson came to Carona on September 20th for a short visit. Dave delivered several more items of his collection including a builder's plate from a Union Pacific steam locomotive.

Internet Services at the Webb Center

The internet cable was installed by Century Link on August 23rd. On September 20th a crew arrived to bury the line since it had been just on the ground open to the elements since August 23rd. Once a decision was made as to the best route for the cable to go, it only took them about an hour to trench it in and re-hook up the connections to the building and their box.

Kansas City Vintage Car Club Visit

There were about 15-20 vintage cars from the Kansas City area that came to visit the Carona museum on Saturday, October 15. Look for more information on this visit in the next newsletter.

October 12, 2022 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The October 12, 2022 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. Ivan Voorhees seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: After the presentation of the treasurer's report created by treasurer Brian Carlson, Joe Murphey moved, Mike Payton seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Dr. Muff Donation:

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Calwell Visit:

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New Business:

Artist Alley Train Ride:

There were three one hour train rides held in Chanute on Saturday, September 24th. There were 644 people total for all three rides. Heartland members staffing the train were: Mike and Connie Payton, Brian Carlson, Jack Evans, John Chambers, Paul Morgan, Don Richardson, Dave Wallace and Kathy and Larry Spahn.

Kansas City Southern Holiday Express:

The KCS Holiday Express Christmas train will be on display in Pittsburg, Kansas on Saturday, December 10th. The train will be located at the intersection of Monroe and Elm Streets and will be open to the public at 4:00 pm. Heartland members that want to volunteer to be elves should be at the train around 3:30 pm

to sign releases and get their elf costumes. Hopefully it won't be too cold or snowing as it has been in the past.

Kansas City Vintage Car Club Visit:

There will be about twenty vintage cars coming from the Kansas City area to visit the Carona museum on Saturday, October 15th. Plans for the visit are from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, times are approximate. Heartland members wanting to help out should be at the museum around 12:30pm.

Internet connection:

The internet cable was installed by Century Link on August 23rd. On September 20th a crew arrived to bury the line since it had been just on the ground open to the elements since August 23rd. Once a decision was made as to the best route for the cable to go, it only took them about an hour to trench it in and re-hook up the connections to the building and their box.

Annual Meeting:

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation will be held at 1:00 pm on November 12th. After some discussion, John Chambers moved to have chicken catered for 50 people for the annual meeting. Jack Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed by the membership present.

Johnson & Johnson Donation:

We recently received a donation from Johnson & Johnson on behalf of Connie Osner. In an email sent to the club, Connie Osner explained that she selected the Heart of the Heartlands as one of her charitable gifts this year in memory of her father, Max Craft, Sr. Mr. Craft lived from 1922-1993 and was a retired Signal Maintainer from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe RR working from McPherson, KS. Ms. Osner donated \$1,000 to the Heartlands and Johnson & Johnson then sent an additional \$2,000 as part of their Matching Gifts Program.

December meeting:

The December meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was cancelled due to the arrival of the Holiday Express! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!! 2022 has been a very interesting time for the Heartlands! Thank you all for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. We have many things planned for the future. Please be there with us to help our in efforts to preserve our great railroad legacy.

John Chambers Proposal:

Member John Chambers presented a proposal to the club in regards to being opened through the end of November. In the proposal, John Chambers would be at the museum Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm starting on October 14th and running through November 27. The museum would be open to visitors from 9 am to 5 pm on those days. John Chambers would bill the club for his services in covering the museum during its open hours as well as for his work in cataloguing the recent additions to the collection. During discussion, duties and tasks were discussed as well as invoicing the Heartlands secretary. It was agreed that the club would be invoiced by John Chambers at a rate of \$104 per day.

Darrell Cave moved to accept the proposal from John Chambers, Bill Gillifan seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the members present.

Slide and Media Show:

John Chambers announced that he has a date for an upcoming slide show. The date will be Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Additional details will be coming at a later time.

Other New Business:

Darrell Cave moved to purchase two folding tables. Connie Payton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcement's:

- John Chambers announced that on October 21, Jim Dobins from Goff, KS would be at Carona.
- On October 23rd, a family would be hosting a birthday party for their child's 2nd birthday. The plan is for them to use the outdoor picnic area for their gathering.

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