



March Meeting

The March meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on March 14, 2018 in the Webb Center in Carona, KS. There were 16 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, Guy Ferguson, Alan Chilton, Dick Rauikner, Brian Carlson, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Joe Murphey, John Chambers, Mike & Connie Payton, Linda Shomin, Darrell Cave, and Bob Capps.

KCS Motor Car

Larry brought a sheet of Lexan to the museum for Joe to use on the windshields of the KCS car. When the weather improves, work will begin again on the car.

Slide Show

The slide and media show held on Sunday March 4th was a great success with 30 or more attending from all over the area. Michael Landis of Springfield, author of the new book Show-Me Katy, attended and gave a presentation and sold 10 books. He also donated one to the Heartland library.



We also had John Merman, Lance Garrels, Brad Bourbina and Alan Chilton make presentations. The SKOL gave a nice performance with two trains going by, one with 70 the other 119 cars. Dick Rauniker made his famous chili and Brian Carlson provided hot dogs and buns. We had many others also provide excellent food. We never go hungry at our events. Don Richardson was able to sell all but one of the railroad books he was getting rid of. A big thank you to John Chambers, Daniel Archer, Brian Carlson and everyone else who made this the best show we've had so far. Daniel and John are thinking the next one maybe in late spring or early summer and on Sunday again. We also received rave reviews from Michael Landis on his Facebook page as well.

Photo 1 - Fort Smith & Western 4-4-0 American, Fort Smith, AR circa 1935.
 Photo 2 - Midland Valley new engine terminal at Tupelo, OK circa 1920
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Photos above were some of the hundreds shown at the show. These photos were from the late Bob Read collection given to the Heart of the Heartlands by the family of Frank Tribbey.

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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 J&P summer conductor's hat & badge on loan from the Dick Webb collection. Streetcar and interurbans usually assigned numbers to conductors for identification, similar to law enforcement.

2018 Train Rides

The train ride list has been approved as we have requested. There was a question in regards to where we will board passengers for the Columbus ride. Whatever location is chosen it will need to be dry and easily accessible. There will not be a chicken ride on Sunday for Little Balkan Days this year. The number and times of rides on Saturday of Little Balkan Days will be determined later.

City	Date	# Rides	Departure Times
Bartlesville, OK	April 14	3 - 1 hr each	10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
Winfield, KS	April 28	2 - 2 hr each	9 am & 2 pm
Wichita, KS	May 5	1 ride	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Columbus, KS	June 23	1 ride	10:00 am - 11:30 am
Pittsburg, KS	September 1	??	??
Dewey, OK	September 22	3 - 1 hr each	10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
Chanute, KS	September 29	3 - 1 hr each	10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
Pittsburg	December	1	Watco Santa Train
Fredonia, KS	December 15	TBD	TBD

Safety Meeting

The annual safety meeting was held at Carona on Saturday, March 10th at 1:00 pm. It was well attended with 18-20 members attending. John Chambers presented the safety program and administered the safety test. Jim McKeel reported that four members attended his meeting in Wichita on March 11th. He also reported that there were three additional members that were unable to attend the meeting on the 11th and that he would be meeting with them at a later date. Those members wishing to work on the passenger train rides must attend these meetings.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be April 11, 2018 at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.
- Amtrak Ride - Six members have made their reservations for an overnight trip to Reno, Nevada from April 21st - April 26th. The group will arrive in Reno in the morning of the 23rd, stay the night and then leave late in the afternoon on the next day. For more information contact Larry Spahn, 620-396-8594 after 5:00 pm.
- About 90% of the membership has renewed for 2018. That is a good number and we want to thank all of our members for their membership. Our group needs the help from all members in whatever way they can help to keep our little group functioning. If you find someone that is interested in becoming a member, there is a membership form on our website. We need new members.

Fredonia Gate

We have received another great picture of the Fredonia depot while the gate was still in use. The gate is on the ground at Carona waiting for warmer weather. At that time, the welder will put the gate back together. Dave Parker has donated a gallon of white, oil based, rust-o-leum paint for the painting of the gate. Painting of the gate now would be much easier to do than after



it is in place. The areas where the gate will be welded back together will be left unpainted. After the gate is reassembled, those areas will be painted. If anyone is interested in helping with this project let us know.

Grass Mowing

It will soon be that time of year again. As we do each year, we are asking for volunteers to help with the grass mowing. Tom Johnston has put the list together for the past several years but we have yet to get with Tom to see if he is interested in heading this endeavor for another year. At any rate, if you are interested in volunteering to help mow the grass at the museum, let us know.

Motor Car Rides

Jay Hastings and John Chambers are working on motor car rides for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for future updates!!

A New Section!!!

On this page is a new section. This section is for a railroad point of interest that a member has visited or would like to visit. If anyone has a place to share, email Brian Carlson at bcarlson@ckt.net. The place can be of any site railroad related. Whether it be a trip, a ride, a museum, any place of interest, please share with our members. If there is not a particular place submitted for a given month, then there will not be a place mentioned to visit for that month. Hope to see some interesting places!

Side Note

These small adventures tend to make one hungry. Instead of grabbing that ever convenient fast food try the tasty smoked meats at R&R Custom Cooking. A tasty little side road eatery that filled our tummies. Friendly family and good conversation to boot. It is located a little south and east of Clinton, MO. Find them on the web at rrcustomcooking.com.

Whistle Stop!



Sedalia MKT Depot

Take a drive off the beaten path and you may find a jewel or two. My family and I recently took a day trip to Sedalia, MO to see the Katy Depot there. Official opening day was on May 10, 1896 and it served Sedalia and the MKT until the final passenger train left the depot in 1958. Like many depots from the era of passenger trains, it fell in disrepair. It was offered for sale in 1983 and title was transferred in 1987 to the Missouri Department of State Parks as part of the Katy Trail State Park. The Katy trail is a 240 mile bike and hiking path that runs on the former MKT right of way from Clinton, MO to Machens, MO near St. Louis. Approximately 400,000 people use the trail annually.



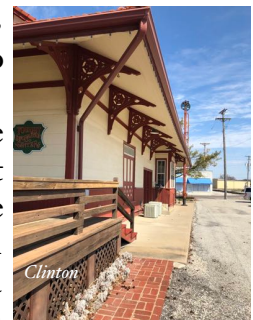
The Katy Depot is also home to Sedalia's Welcome Center. It has a small museum that depicts the railroad history and its importance to Sedalia and the surrounding area. The fully restored depot has an area large enough for 50-120 guests to attend functions. Hours for the depot are from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday-Friday, from Jan 1st through March 31st. From April 1st to December 31st, the depot is open from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday-Saturday. It is closed on Sunday. Parking and admission is free although there is a \$1 charge per person to go through the museum. For more information, go to katydeptosedalia.com.



Along the way to Sedalia, we stopped briefly in Appleton City, MO to take pictures of the Katy depot there. It is

available by appointment for tours and also rents out the old baggage room for functions.

Between Appleton City and Sedalia, we stopped at Clinton, MO to see the Katy depot in that city. Like the one in Appleton City, the Clinton depot has been moved from its original location. The depot houses the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, a tourist information center and a small gift shop.



- Brian Carlson

March 14, 2018 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The March meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 7:00 pm on March 14, at the Webb Center. There were 16 members present for the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the February 2018 meeting were approved as mailed. The motion for approval was made by Alan Chilton and seconded by Darrell Cave. It passed by the membership present.

Treasurer's Report: After presentation of the treasurer's report, Darrell Cave moved to accept the report, Alan Chilton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business

2018 Train Rides:

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Slide Show:

The slide show held at the Carona museum on March 4 had a very good turnout, with thirty people in attendance. The presentations were very good and well received. Dick Rauikner made a large pot of his "road kill" chili and there were many other side dishes, snacks and desserts brought for the occasion. Don Richardson brought his collection of railroad books and sold all but one of them. Another individual had many assorted prints and negatives for sale. Michael Landis, the author of his new book, *Show Me Katy*, was present and gave a presentation of the Katy in Missouri and Kansas. He also sold several of the Katy books and donated on to our museum.

KCS Motor Car:

Larry brought a sheet of Lexan to the museum for Joe Murphey to use on the windshields of the KCS car.

Motor Car Rides: John Chambers reported that he has been working with Jay Hastings on some spring motor car rides. There will be an announcement of rides once plans are completed.

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Amtrak Ride:

Time is rapidly running out!! A train ride and overnight stay to Reno, Nevada and return is planned for a departure on April 21st and returning on April 26th. Six members have already made their train and room reservations. Anyone interested is welcome to come along. Four members will leave from Osceola, Iowa on the Zephyr and two from Kansas City, MO on the Chief where they will make connections with the Zephyr at Galesburg, IL. The group will arrive in Reno at 8:25 am on the 23rd, stay overnight in Reno and leave at 4:06 pm the next day. For more information contact Larry Spahn, 620-396-8594 after 5:00 pm.

Motor Car Opportunity:

Larry Spahn spoke to the club about the Frisco Fairmont MT14 motor car that is owned by him and his wife Kathy. This was the car that was used by their late son, John. They decided to offer the car to the club for \$1500. A brief discussion was held and John Chambers moved to purchase the car for \$1500. Alan Chilton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously from the membership present. The car has been on loan to the club and has been stored at the museum in one of the motor car sheds. The plan is to get the car ready for motor car rides in the future.

Correspondence:

Dick Rauikner announced that the McCune library would be celebrating its 50th anniversary on March 17. He asked if a member of the club could come and stop by. John Chambers said he could make it.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Evans and seconded by Dick Rauikner. The meeting was adjourned by approval vote of the membership present.