



March Meeting

The March meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on March 13, 2019 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 16 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, Ivan and Denzil Voorhees, W.D. Carter, Larry & Kathy Spahn, Brian Carlson, Dick Rauniker, Bryson Spahn, Darrell Cave, Mike and Connie Payton, Michael Sheward, Gordon Garrett, Steven Gardner, John Chambers, and Nicolas Ybarra.

Heart of the Heartlands

The monthly newsletter is constructed by Secretary-Treasurer Brian Carlson. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions you may reach him at: bcarlson@ckt.net 620-820-9665

2019 Train Ride Schedule

The proposed 2019 Train Schedule has been approved and is below:

Date	Location	Number of Rides	Departure Times
March 23	Bartlesville, OK	3	10:00, 1:00, 3:00
April 20	Winfield, KS	2	9:00, 2:00
April 27	Clearwater, KS	2	10:00, 2:00
May 4	Wichita, KS to Yoder, KS	1	8:30
August 31	Pittsburg, KS	2	TBA
September 21	Dewey, OK	3	TBA
September 28	Chanute, KS	3	TBA
<i>Possibly</i>	<i>Cherryvale, KS</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>?</i>
<i>Possibly</i>	<i>Fredonia, KS</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>?</i>

Annual Safety Meeting

The 2019 safety meeting was held on March 16th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Webb Center in Carona, Kansas. There were 15 members that attended and completed the safety test. Jim McKeel held a meeting in Wichita, Kansas on March 10th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Panera Bread restaurant. There were seven members in attendance that also completed the safety test. These meetings are required for members that wish to work on the passenger train rides. This year, Brian Carlson with the help of Jim McKeel and John Chambers, setup an online safety test that includes the safety video. Members that had previously attended a safety meeting could take the online test to complete their requirement. An additional four members completed their test using this method. So far to date, we have had about 25 members complete the safety requirements to work on the passenger train rides. Thank you for your time!

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 Missouri Pacific Railroad stepbox.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webb Center. We hope to see you there.
- The next slide show will be held April 7, 2019 at the Webb Center in Carona. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. and run till 5:00 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a snack.

Webb Center Building Addition

So far we have received two bids for construction of the new addition. Larry has been in contact with Better Built by Barnes and they submitted a price of \$33,195.88 for the rough structure only. We will have to have the slab ready. This does not include any sheet rock or insulation or anything else. The bid is for a 30'x50' structure, will be of 2x6 walls on 16" centers, 2x4 rafters on 24" centers, [if we want 16" centers it will be \$1,300.00 more], 6 ft overhangs on each side, 3ft eaves on ends, one 6ft double door and one 3ft single door. The metal is R-panel, lifetime paint, 26 gauge. After looking at the mower building in reference to moving it from its present site, Jim said it would probably be around \$200.00. Russ Green has stated that he will be presenting a bid but has been battling a bad case of pneumonia and will get one to us as soon as he can. Stay tuned as we move along on this project.

Coffeyville Engine



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severely vandalized while it has been sitting in the yard at Coffeyville with much of the copper wiring being removed. The condition of the wheels and associated running gear including some very bad cracks in the frame prevents the engine from being moved by rail.



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There is a great deal of work and money involved with this project. A move by truck will be very expensive. Before the engine is moved a site will have to be determined and a ballasted display track built. The engine will then need to be cleaned up, inside and out, and pressure washed. Once the clean up work is completed, it will have to be sand blasted and lastly, painted. With the move possibly occurring in the next two or three months, we need to have a dedicated group ready to do this



Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

work. After much discussion about the details of the project, it was agreed to proceed with the project.

Carona Depot

The work on the Carona Depot is progressing as the weather permits. The depot signs have been repainted and are ready to be hung when the time comes.

Dave Calwell Collection

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the acquisition of the Dave Calwell collection has been put on hold for the time being. If more information becomes available on this we will let you know.

The Forgotten..



Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson

This is a photo taken in November of 2018 of the former MKT line at Ft. Scott. This is located just east of the US 69 highway north of Wall St. This line ran from Parsons, KS through Ft. Scott on its way to St. Louis, MO.

Test Passenger Train

The operation of this train is still pending. Further communication has determined that there will be two round trips per day, seven days a week. The train will depart Sapulpa at a place to be determined and arrive at Midwest City at a place to be determined and return to Sapulpa for the next round trip. There are no stops planned between Sapulpa and Midwest City. The train is scheduled to run for six months. All information at this time is **TENTATIVE** and subject to change or cancellation.

Membership Roster

A membership roster will be made available to all members starting April 1, 2019. The roster will include the name, address and phone number of each member. The secretary, Brian Carlson, has sent emails or mailed letters to each member explaining the membership roster and including instructions on how to opt out if a member wishes to not have their information on the roster. If any member has any questions, contact Brian Carlson.

New Driveway and Culvert

Larry contacted the Cherokee County Department of Roads and Bridges and they have installed a new driveway into the north side of the museum where the site of the new addition will be. The crew installed a 24 inch x 24 foot pipe and covered it with four truck loads of road rock. The crew then compacted and smoothed



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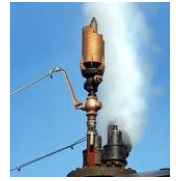
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the rock. Larry had to take down the barbed wire fence before they could do the work. We may or may not want to replace the fence. It is very hard to mow around and maintain.

Got a spot?

Don't hesitate to send something in if you have a place you have been or would like to go to. Our members would love to hear about it!

Whistle Stop!



A Trip Through the Ozarks

Recently, my wife and I traveled down to Springdale, AR for a Sunday afternoon train ride. We accomplished our goal courtesy of the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad. The AMR offers various rides throughout the year. This particular ride that we chose to enjoy departed from Springdale, AR and ran just past the small little town of Winslow. The highlight of the ride was traveling through the 1700 foot Winslow tunnel and over one of their three large trestles. This ride was a three hour, 70 mile, round trip ride

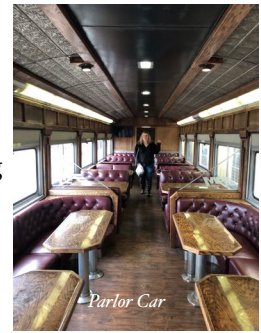


Springdale Depot

through the Boston former Frisco track was leased Burlington 1986 with the AMR purchase of the line



Vista Dome Car



Parlor Car

line now consists of welded rail along its of a sandwich, chips, a cookie and a drink The tickets we purchased were for the in the Vista Dome car insures you a ticket in the dome in one direction. The other direction, your seats are below the dome in the car. We were fortunate on our ride that due to the low number of tickets sold for the dome, we were able to ride in the dome both directions. Besides the dome car, the train has a dining car and a coach car. There are different ticket levels based on price and seating.

Mountains along trackage. The from the Northern in completing in 2001. The entire length. A small lunch consisting was included in our ticket purchase. Vista Dome car. The purchase of seats

The Arkansas & Missouri offers three types of regular rides as well as special occasion rides. Their three regular rides consist of a ride from Springdale to VanBuren, VanBuren to Winslow and Springdale to Winslow. The Springdale to

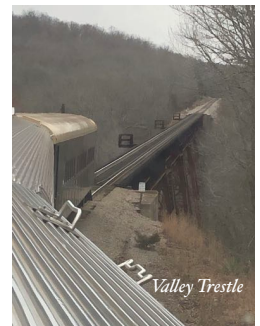
Van Buren ride is an all day trip. The train leaves Springdale at 8:00 am and has a three hour layover in Van Buren for lunch and shopping. The return Springdale arrives in 4:30 and 5:30. The Van ride leaves Van Buren at to Winslow. This ride, Winslow ride, is a three hour round trip and travels through the same 1700 foot Winslow tunnel as well as all three valley trestles. In addition to the train rides, there is a small museum connected to the Springdale depot that can be viewed while waiting to board the train. The 2019 Special Event rides are listed on their web site and cover the entire year. We are planning on taking the Springdale to Van Buren ride later this year. For a relaxing and scenic ride, not too far from Carona, KS, you might give the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad a try!



Winslow Tunnel



Parlor Car Bar Parlor Car



Valley Trestle

Arkansas & Missouri Railroad train ride website: www.amtrainrides.com

- Brian Carlson

Book Review Section!!!

This section is for a set of book reviews that member John Chambers has put together. We have several books in our small library at the Webb Center, but we are having more and more people ask about what books talk about the history of the railroads in the 4-state area. John has taken the time to produce these short book reviews to aid in ones' quest for that missing railroad history. Enjoy!



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

A SKOL freight train approaches the Carona depot on a March afternoon.

From the Past...

Author: Lloyd E. Stagner

In this review instead of doing it on one book I'm going to describe the writings of one author. Lloyd E. Stagner (1923-2008) is the dean of Kansas railroad authors and wrote over 30 books. Lloyd was a long time Santa Fe railroad employee who worked and lived in Hutchinson and Newton. He was very active in railroad historical groups including the Wichita NRHS chapter. He was an authority on steam locomotives, especially of the railroads of the Midwest. He also did many books on the Santa Fe. Most were of the picture style with very informative captions and other useful information. Lloyd was always willing to help others in their research. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by all who knew him.

Below is a list of the books on railroads of the four state region that he authored that I think should be in your collection. He also wrote books on other railroads including the UP, Rock Island, CB&Q, CGW, IC, D&RGW and Milwaukee Road. Lloyd came down with the late John Arbuckle and road/chased the SP 745 steam locomotive when we had the rides out of Pittsburg in 2006. I will always remember talking to him on the train and he gladly signed many of his books that I had in my collection. Most of his books were published by South Platte Press or Morning Sun books and can be found used on Amazon.

ATSF Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment

Santa Fe, 1940-1971 in Color. This title is in four volumes.

Santa Fe Facilities in Color. This title is in two volumes.

Santa Fe Steam: The Last Decade, 1949-1959

Santa Fe Steam Finale in Kansas

Santa Fe Trackside with Bill Gibson

The Santa Fe Railway and the Lost Locomotives of Topeka, co-authored with James Reisdorff

Santa Fe Steam Survivors

Missouri Pacific Steam to Diesel Era, 1945-1955

Missouri Pacific Steam Finale in Kansas

Steam Locomotives of the Frisco Lines

Frisco Steam Finale

Katy Steam Finale

Midland Valley: Rails for Coal, Cattle and Crude

Trackside around Kansas, 1960-1975

March 13, 2019 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The March 13, 2019 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting: Nick Ybarra 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, Nick Ybarra moved, W.D. Carter seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Carona Depot: Weather continues to hamper work on the depot. The depot signs have been repainted and are ready to be installed.

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Train Ride Schedule for 2019: Upcoming train rides have all been approved. Three rides are scheduled for Bartlesville, Ok, on Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Tickets are on sale now. Two, three hour rides are scheduled out of Winfield, KS on Saturday, April 20th. The first ride leaves at 9:00am, the second ride leaves at 2:00pm. Two, one hour rides are scheduled out of Clearwater, KS on April 27th, departing at 10:00am and another at 2:00pm. One ride from Wichita to Yoder and return on Saturday, May 4th which will depart at 8:30am, arriving at Yoder at approximately 11:00am. The train will depart Yoder at 2:00pm and arrive in Wichita at approximately 4:30pm. Check our web site and Facebook for more information.

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Dave Calwell Collection: There has been a change in the plans for the movement of the collection. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the process has been placed on hold for now.

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Membership Roster: Discussion was held in regards to a membership roster. One had not been sent to the membership since 2016. Concerns were brought up about how much information to include in the roster. As a result of the discussion of the membership present, it was agreed upon that a membership roster would be provided to those members that request it. The roster would include the mailing address and phone numbers of all members. Any member that wishes to not have their information included on the roster would be allowed to opt-out and not have that information in the roster. A deadline of March 31, 2019 was agreed upon for members to opt-out. Secretary-Treasurer Brian Carlson would send and email or mail a letter informing membership of the roster details. Regardless, the number one rule with the membership roster was that all members are asked to NOT give out any of the information in the roster to any non member or outside agency.

Correspondence: Seth Lindsey, an Eagle Scout from Pittsburg called and wanted to know if we had any projects that would benefit the public that he could do. This will enable him to earn points toward his merit badge. After discussion it was agreed upon to see if he would be interesting in restoring the WPA outhouse that we had recently acquired.

The next slide show was announced. It will be April 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a snack.

Ivan Vorhees moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack Evans 2nd the motion, motion passed by the membership present.