



June Meeting

The June meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on June 12, 2019 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 18 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: John Chambers, Jack Evans, Joe Murphey, Dawn & Brian Carlson, Bob Capps, Jimmie Lovell, Dick Rauniker, Ivan and Denzil Voorhees, Bryson Spahn, Connie & Mike Payton, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Michael Sheward, Steve Gardner, and Darrell Cave.

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

New Addition Work Begins

Work on the addition has begun On June 12, workers from



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

Treiber Finishing began pouring the floor for the new addition.

Several loads of rock, approximately



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

100 tons, were brought in to bring the north end of the addition up to the same level as the south end.

All the rock was compacted and brought up to grade, ready for pouring.



Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

Working between rains the base was prepared, footing dug and poured and the floor itself poured. There is



Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

40 cubic yards of cement and over 3000 pounds of rebar in the footings. As the weather cooperates, work will commence on the construction of the building shell.

Car Club Visits Carona

The Cassville Cruisers car club visited Carona and the Webb Center on June 22. John Chambers, Dave Parker, Michael Sheward and Kathy and Larry Spahn were on hand to greet the members that drove over to the Heartlands for a visit. There will be more about this visit in next month's newsletter.



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

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 the number board out of SEK CF7 locomotive #1001. It is a sister to the #1000 that is at Carona.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webb Center. We hope to see you there.
- The mowing has been delayed due to the twenty plus inches of rain that has fallen across the area in the last few weeks.

Carona Depot

Russ Green has finished work on the Carona depot. Russ scraped all of the old paint and primer off, sanded and pressure washed the entire building before applying five gallons of oil based primer and then painting with the best, outdoor Behr paint available. He replaced several of the old screens on the depot windows and several boards on the steps and hand rails on the porch entrance. All of the old outdoor lighting fixtures were replaced.

Motor Car Sheds

Russ will start work on the two motor car sheds in the very near future, weather permitting. Both of the buildings were used on the Missouri Pacific, one once stood at the north end of the yards near north 11th and Broadway in Pittsburg, KS and the other was located in Chetopa, KS. Many men were employed to work on the section gangs out of these buildings. Russ plans on jacking both of the buildings up and replacing the rotted and missing bottom mud sills with treated lumber. There are several rotted and broken boards on both of the sheds that will need to be replaced before scraping and pressure washing and applying primer and paint.

Summer Visitor Hours

We need volunteers to help out at the museum for the upcoming months of June, July and August. We will be open from **11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m** on June 1-2, June 15-16, July 6-7, July 20-21, August 3-4, and August 17-18. We have information available to help anyone tour the museum grounds. Members available to watch and help guide visitors are of the utmost need.

Test Passenger Train

The operation of this train is still pending. All information at this time is **TENTATIVE** and subject to change or cancellation.

Donation

- Jim Conrad stopped by last weekend and added several items to his railroad memorabilia display. Jim was on his way to the Miners Reunion at Big Brutus. Jim said that he had several more items that he intends on bringing out.
- Susie and Gary Lundy stopped by with several railroad related items that they would like to add to the Watco display in the Webb Center. Several of those items are on display now.
- Our neighbor, Bob Black, better known as “Blue”, has donated a box of Little Blue Books to the museum. The Little Blue Books were published by E. Haldeman-Julius, a very controversial writer, publisher and individual back in his day. His headquarters were located in Girard, Kansas and employed quite a number of people.

WPA Outhouse - Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout, Seth Lindsey plans to start work on the WPA “sanitary closet” after he returns from the Scout Jamboree in



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

Philmont, Colorado at the end of June. Seth and several scout leaders met at Carona the first weekend of June to evaluate the project and take measurements and pictures. Seth will use the old building as a pattern and will use as much of

the original structure as possible. When completed it will be a functional outhouse but will probably not be used very much other than for pictures. Seth began work on the project the last weekend in June. Both Seth and his group of helpers seem to be energized for the project and plan to have a very fine looking project when completed.



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

Note from the Editor...

I hope that everyone enjoys the monthly newsletter. Sometimes it is later than I wish for it to be sent out, but there are months that are more challenging than others in getting things done in a timely manner in my daily world. Thanks for your patience.

I wanted to take a moment and mention something that we are doing more and more of as time goes by. With the benefits of technology and the ease at which pictures and video can be posted on the internet, we are coming across more and more items of interest to our members. For example, last month member Jim McKeel was featured in an interview for Channel 3 in Wichita. The link for that interview was sent to those members who have given an email address to us. Some of our members only receive a mailed copy of the monthly newsletter. That is great! We are glad to have you as a member. However, if you would like to still receive your newsletter mailed to you BUT ALSO would like to receive things from the club such as videos, pictures, links to interesting articles, etc. send me your email address and we can get you setup. You will still have your monthly newsletter delivered to you via the USPS.

June 12, 2019 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The June 12, 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: Jack Evans moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Bob Capps seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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

Old Business:

Museum Open for Visitors: Several persons took advantage of the two days without rain on June 1st and 2nd to visit the Carona museum and displays. John Chambers, Jack Evans, Brian Carlson, Bryson, Kathy and Larry Spahn were on hand to show visitors around the museum and displays.

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New Addition: Treiber Finishing of St. Paul, Kansas has started work on the footing, floor and sidewalks. Bill said that it should not take long to do the work once he gets started. When the floor is completed, work on the building shell will begin.

Display Pad: Wet weather has also delayed any work on the display pad for the Coffeyville Resources engine. Hopefully the wet weather will ease up a bit and allow us to get some work done.

New Business:

Building Addition: President Larry Spahn presented a proposal by Better Built by Barnes for a 30 ft x 50 ft wood frame constructed structure for the cement pad. After discussion, Darrell Cave moved to accept the bid from Better Built by Barnes for the 30' x 50' addition at a cost of \$34,700.00 (plus the extra cost of a 42 in door. John Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the membership present.

Summer Hours: We need volunteers to help out at the museum for the remaining weekend in June and the months of July and August. We will be open from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grass Mowing: The mowing has been delayed due to the twenty plus inches of rain that has fallen across the area. There are still several areas that are too wet to mow without getting stuck or cutting ruts in the ground.

Car Club: The antique car club of Cassville, MO is planning on visiting the Carona museum on June 22. They hope to get here around 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. With old cars the time can vary. The age of the cars can be from 1900-1970's. The number of cars attending is dependent upon the weather.

Correspondence:

- None

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