



August Meeting

The August meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on August 14, 2019 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 17 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Larry Spahn, Alan Chilton, Tom Johnston, Joe Murphey, Brenda & Guy Ferguson, Ivan and Denzil Voorhees, Dick Rauniker, Nicolas Ybarra, Bryson Spahn, Don Richardson, Connie Payton, John Chambers, Steve Gardner, and Joe Carlson Aug.

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

Train Rides!!!

With the approach of fall, our fall train rides are coming up!

Little Balkan Days

Two rides out of Pittsburg were held on August 31, 2019 in conjunction with Little Balkan Days. Both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am rides departed from Elm and Monroe Streets in Pittsburg and took riders out of town on the former Frisco tracks towards Cherokee, KS. After 30 minutes from departure, the train stopped and returned passengers back to the boarding location. More information on this ride will be in the September newsletter.

Chanute Artist Alley Rides

There will be 3 train rides out of Chanute on Saturday, September 28th. The 3 rides will depart from the historic Santa Fe Depot in Chanute at 9:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Volunteers working these rides should arrive a minimum of 45 minutes prior to first departure. Part of the depot is now the Chanute Public Library and every year they have a library book sale where many bargains can be found.

Defender's Days in Coffeyville

The Cherryvale ride scheduled for October 5, 2019 was cancelled due to lack of interest by the group asked to sell tickets. As that ride was being cancelled, an opportunity to have a ride on the same date came to the club's attention in Coffeyville in conjunction with the Dalton Defender Days celebration. This is the 150th anniversary of the Dalton gang's attempt to rob two banks simultaneously. There was great interest in a ride out of Coffeyville so there will be three rides on October 5. Departure times are 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 1:30 pm. Volunteers wishing to work these rides should arrive a minimum of 45 minutes prior to first departure.

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 inside of the former Frisco concrete signal house that sat at the crossing of the Frisco and Missouri Pacific at Cherokee, KS.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webb Center. We hope to see you there.
- Due to a date conflict, the ride in Dewey, OK, originally scheduled for September 21, 2019 has been cancelled.
- The decision was made to not have the test passenger train in Oklahoma. Thanks to everyone that was willing to help on this project.

Coffeyville Engine - 70 tonner



70-tonner right after donation to the Heartlands

The General Electric 70-ton engine that was donated to the Heartland's by the Coffeyville Resources Refinery is now sitting on the display siding at the Carona Depot. Next



View from the back of the 70-tonner now at Carona

month, look for a short history of this engine. Also, there is work to be done



View from the front of the 70-tonner now at Carona

on the engine to get it fully ready for display. If you are interested in helping with this project, speak up! We need all the help we can get!

- Photos by John Chambers

Museum Open for Visitors

John Chambers, Jack Evans, Ruth and Fred Maxwell, Bryson Spahn, Brian Carlson and Kathy and Larry Spahn were on hand on Saturdays at the museum for our July and August weekends for having the museum open to the public. John Chambers reported that while he has been working at the museum there are always a number of visitors that stop in and he has been taking the time to show them around.

Slide Show

The slide show on Saturday, August 10 was well attended with about 14 persons attending. There were a lot of great slides viewed with many favorable comments.

WPA Out House

Despite the extreme heat and continual rains, work on the outhouse by Boy Scout, Seth Lindsey has been continuing over the past weeks and progress is being made. Seth hopes to have the project complete before he starts school at PSU this fall and before he turns eighteen.

Donation

- Ken Albrecht brought several more items that he has donated to the museum. He has donated many great railroad related items to the museum in the past and this time he brought some more. Thanks Ken!
- Tom Johnston finished up his mowing for the month of July and he had to work between rain showers to get the grounds mowed. Thanks to the members that have kept the museum grounds looking so good.
- The Heartlands has lost another tree. High winds took their toll on the ash tree that is located at the east end of the museum. The tree has been damaged so badly that it will have to be removed. There is also a maple tree that is not in very good shape that should also be taken out.

New Addition

Treiber Concrete Finishing has finished the two sidewalks and entrance into the new addition and the concrete work is now complete. We are now awaiting the beginning of construction on the new building. We were told that it would probably be some time in September according to Jim Page, Better Built who is schedule to put up the building. Treiber also dug out the area for the new display track. Heavy-duty, geo-textile matting was laid in the excavation and three loads of rock was placed and compacted. The base was raised one foot above ground level and is now ready for ties and rails. Two loads over rock was placed and leveled at the east end of the museum building in preparation for the moving of the lawn mower storage building to its new location.

New Bench

Steve Parsons, the retired pipe line welder that has done a lot of metal work for the Heartlands over the years came to our aid once again and did the metal fabricating and welding on the donated wheel set that has been on site at Carona. Larry Spahn cut and fitted the boards to the frame and we now have a real neat bench to sit on near the 1023 display.

Note from the Editor...

The past 5-6 weeks have been extremely busy for me and my family. This month's newsletter was perhaps the most difficult one for me to find time to get put together. I hope for next month to be a bit better for time on my end of things. Thanks for your patience. As always, if you have any suggestions or idea, please let me know!

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August 14, 2019 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The August 14, 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. Alan Chilton seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: After the presentation of the treasurer's report by John Chambers (Treasurer Brian Carlson was unable to attend the meeting), Alan Chilton moved, Don Richardson seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Museum Open for Visitors: John Chambers, Jack Evans, Ruth and Fred Maxwell, Bryson Spahn, Brian Carlson and Kathy and Larry Spahn were on hand Saturday at the museum for our July and August week ends for having the museum open to the public. John Chambers reports that while he has been working at the museum there are always a number of visitors that stop in and he has been taking the time to show them around.

Grass Cutting: Tom Johnston finished up his mowing for the month of July and he had to work between rain showers to get the grounds mowed. Thanks to the members that have kept the museum grounds looking so good.

WPA Out House: Despite the extreme heat and continual rains, work on the outhouse by Boy Scout, Seth Lindsey has been continuing over the past weeks and progress is being made. Seth hopes to have the project complete before he starts school at PSU this fall and before he turns eighteen.

Test Passenger Train: There will be no test passenger train! The decision was made to not to pursue the operation of the train that was to run in Oklahoma. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work on this project.

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PSU Display Case: John Chambers, Kyler Spahn and Kathy and Larry Spahn met at 9:00 am at the Axe Library on the PSU campus on a Wednesday morning to pick up the newly donated display case. Fortunately, Randy Roberts, Director of the Axe Library was there and he brought a worker with him to help load the case. Luckily we were able to drive right up to the front door of the library and loaded the very heavy and awkward case. The case was then taken to Carona, unfortunately we did not get to take the extra help with us. With only three people on hand it was decided not to try and unload it at the time. We came back on the following Saturday and with the help of John Chambers, Jack Evans, Brian Carlson, Larry and Kathy Spahn and Randy Johnson we managed to get the case unloaded with no one getting hurt or any damage done to the case.

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New Business:

Train Rides:

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Chanute Artist Alley Rides: There will be three train rides out of Chanute on Saturday, September 28th. The first ride will depart the Chanute depot at 9:30 am and return at 10:30am, the second ride will depart at 1:00pm and return at 2:00 pm, the last ride of the day will depart at 3:00 pm and return at 4:00 pm. Volunteers working these rides should be at the train at least a half hour before departure time, earlier if you want to look for book bargains at the library book sale.

Cherryvale Ride: The Dewey Western Heritage Days Ride has been annulled due to a scheduling conflict. Don Richardson had requested rides in Cherryvale on October 5th for the Cherryvale museum fund. It was agreed to do 2 rides at Cherryvale on October 5.

Wind Damage: The Heartlands has lost another tree. High winds took their toll on the ash tree that is located at the east end of the museum. The tree has been damaged so badly that it will have to be removed. There is also a maple tree that is not in very good shape that should also be taken out.

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Correspondence:

None

Donations: Along with many one of a kind slides and a narrative of each, Ken Albrecht also brought several more items that he has donated to the museum. Ken has donated many great railroad related items to the museum in the past. Ken said that he is “thinning his collection”.

publisher and individual back in his day. His headquarters were located in Girard, Kansas and employed quite a number of people. Larry mentioned that he had read a few of his books and that they were interesting and would still probably raise some hackles.

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