



September Meeting

The September meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on September 11, 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, Brian Carlson, Bob Capps, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Jim McKeel, Dick Rauniker, Frank H. Osborn, John Chambers, Bill Gilfillan, Steven Gardner, Jimmie Lovell, Guy & Brenda Ferguson and Connie & Mike Payton.

Heart of the Heartlands

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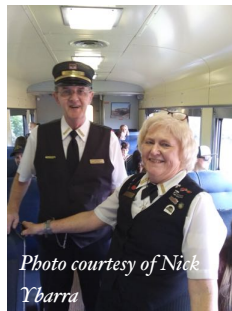


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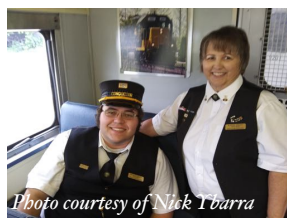


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Michael Sheward, Nick Ybarra, Gordon Garrett and Bryson Spahn were on hand to assist in staffing the trains for the rides. Both rides went well with most everyone aboard enjoying the trips. We received a thank you from Cameron Lundy for our services. Cameron and members of his family rode in the Good Times caboose on the second trip of the Balkans Days ride.

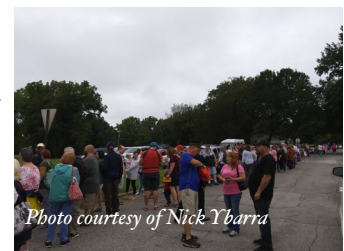


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What is it?

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 small battery operated conductor's lantern as used on passenger trains.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webb Center. We hope to see you there.
- There will be three train rides on October 5, 2019 in Coffeyville for the 150th Defender Days Celebration. Rides will be at 9:30, 12:00 and 1:30.
- The grass continues to grow and the rain continues to fall. It was so wet through August that there were several areas that were so soaked that they could not be mowed. Thanks again to the members that have kept the museum grounds looking so good.

New Addition Work Continues

Jim Page of Better Built by Barnes came out and took exact measurements of the slab and has started on the construction of the various jigs for the roof trusses and walls. He will assemble as much of the frame work as he can in his shop buildings and will transport the pre-assembled pieces to Carona where he will set them into place with his boom truck. He will also move the lawn mower storage building to the new location. Stay tuned as this project proceeds. The recent rains has delayed his progress. However, as of this writing, the walls have arrived and are being erected. The hope is to have the walls secured and trusses in place before the next round of rain.

Coffeyville Engine Display Pad

The track foreman has been here to assess the site and said that the track crew would be here to put down the ties and rails in the very near future. They will bring a bundle of ties and a couple of sticks of rail to build the display track. Cameron Lundy says that as soon as the track is ready there will be a crane brought in and the engine will be placed on it.

Wind Damage

The large tree limbs that were broken out of the large ash tree have been removed by Marvin Barnaby. Marvin got the limbs down and cut them up for the firewood. He also stacked the brush in neat piles where it can be burned. He also removed the maple tree and cut it up too. He was reluctant to try and cut the tree down as he was worried about branch over the museum. He said that if we had the limb removed he would come and get the rest of the tree. This will save the Heartlands a considerable amount of money.

Items of Interest

- John Chambers has spent a great deal of time hanging and mounting new pictures. There have been plenty donated in the last few months.
- The regularly scheduled November meeting has been moved to November 9, which is the Annual Meeting for the Heart of the Heartlands. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, November 13.
- There will be no meeting in December.
- The KCS Holiday Express will be in Pittsburg on December 16 at 4:00 pm.
- UP's historic Big Boy steam locomotive No 4014 left September 27, for a 50 day trip through the southwest U.S. It is scheduled to reach Coffeyville, KS on November 16 and depart for Kansas City on the 17th. For more information check out: <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>



Union Pacific photo

2019 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation will be held on November 9, 2019 at the museum located at 6769 NW 20th Street in the unincorporated city of Carona, Kansas. The meeting will be called to order at 1:00 pm and then suspended for the covered dish meal. The meeting will resume at the conclusion of the meal. Tom Johnston has agreed to do the barbecuing of the meat again this year. The Heartlands will provide the meat for the meal and members are encouraged to bring a covered dish.

The annual meeting will include the election of board members. Bob Capps, John Chambers and Guy Ferguson are the three board members whose terms expire at the end of 2019. Their positions will be up for election at the November meeting. Anyone interested in being a board member, attend the annual meeting.

Heart of the Heartlands Corporation Board Members, Officers and term Expiration dates:

December 2019

Guy Ferguson, John Chambers (Vice-President), Bob Capps

December 2020

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn (President)

December 2021

Brian Carlson (Secretary-Treasurer), Alan Chilton, Connie Payton

Fredonia Mile Post Donation

The mile post marker 414, that once stood near the Fredonia gate that is now part of our entrance to the museum grounds has been donated to the Heartlands by John Wescott from Springfield, MO. He was track foreman for the Frisco while in Fredonia. The mile post marker has now been mounted on the gate post at the entrance to the museum grounds.



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

September 11, 2019 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The September 11, 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. Jim Local seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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

Old Business:

Grass Cutting: The grass continues to grow and the rain continues to fall. It was so wet through August that there were several areas that were so soaked that they could not be mowed. Brian Carlson has had a very challenging month of September. The grass should have stopped growing a month ago. Thanks again to the members that have kept the museum grounds looking so good.

WPA Out House: It's been a learning experience for the scout. They are nearing completion of the project.

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Correspondence:

John Chambers - Has spent a great deal of time hanging, mounting, new pictures. Asked if we could get someone out to spray the building. John reported that there were brown recluse spiders everywhere. Larry will contact a sprayer.

Brian Carlson - Discussed with the club an upcoming meeting at St. Paul for the group for museums in SE Kansas.

Jim McKeel - Mentioned to the group that we might want to consider cancelling our December meeting as we have done in the past.

Larry Spahn - KCS Christmas Train will be in Pittsburg on Monday, December 16.

Donations: The mile post marker 414, that once stood near the Fredonia gate that is now part of our entrance to the museum grounds has been donated to the Heartlands by John Wescott from Springfield, MO. He was track foreman for the Frisco while in Fredonia.

Connie moved to cancel the December meeting. Guy Ferguson seconded the motion and it passed by the membership present.

Annual Meeting Notice:

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Election of Board Members: At the annual meeting in November, we will need to elect 3 board members to fill the 3 positions expiring at the end of 2019. Bob Capps, John Chambers and Guy Ferguson positions are up for re-election this year.

Jack Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. Guy Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed by the membership present.