



October Meeting

The October meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on October 14, 2020 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 11 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Jack Evans, John Chambers, Brian Carlson, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Darrell Cave, Jim McKeel, Ed Brinkmeyer, W.D. Carter, Connie & Mike Payton.

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

Dave Calwell Collection

Heartlands member, Dave Calwell continues to work on bringing his railroad collection to Carona and the Webb Center. He has enlisted the aid of two ladies to assist in cataloging his collection in preparation for the move to our museum. The "Calwell Collection" will become a center piece of our historic displays of the railroad history of this area as well as the Santa Fe Railway. It has taken several years for Dave to acquire his collection and his work in preserving and maintaining it has been exemplary. The tales of Dave's adventures in acquiring his collection are well worth hearing. Hopefully we can share some of those tales in future issues of the newsletter. Stay tuned for more information as this wonderful project continues to unfold.

Two Groups Visit Museum

On October 17, two different groups made arrangements to visit the Webb Center and the museum complex. The first group was a small car club consisting of four couples from the Rogers - Bentonville, Arkansas area. The group was out on a drive for the day with their journey taking them to Big Brutus and then to Carona. The group was very intrigued by what we had to offer.



Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson

After the car club made their visit, the Xi Delta Psi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority from Erie, KS stopped in for a visit. There were 7 members and 2 guests in their group. They too enjoyed a nice day seeing the items both in the Webb Center and on the grounds. After their visit, they were on their way to Josie's, the local Italian restaurant in Scammon.

These were just two of the groups that have been to our museum over the last few months. Larry Spahn and John Chambers have been taking the time to meet with groups that have scheduled times to come for a visit. Thanks to Larry and John for their time!

What is it?

This is an item that is currently located at the Carona museum. What is it?

Answer next month

Photo courtesy of Brian Carlson



Last month's picture was the two motor car sheds that are located north of the Carona Depot. The sheds were for housing vehicles railroad employees used when working on track maintenance. One of the sheds was located at Chetopa, KS and the other was at 11th and Broadway in Pittsburg on the Missouri Pacific Railroad that ran through Carona. Both of the sheds were donated by the Webb family.

Announcements

- The November meeting will be the annual meeting. It will be held November 14th at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center. All those in attendance are asked to wear a mask. Due to the pandemic restrictions, there will be no meal this year.
- Dave Calwell has two Santa Fe Depot-Office clocks for sale. If you are interested, contact Dave at 785-478-4291

Heart of the Heartlands, Corp. Election of Board Members

The annual meeting will include the election of board members. Darrell Cave, Jack Evans and Larry Spahn are the three board members whose terms expire at the end of 2020. Their positions will be up for election at the November meeting. Anyone interested in being a board member, either attend the annual meeting or contact a Board Officer.

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

December 2020

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn (President)

December 2021

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

December 2022

Guy Ferguson, John Chambers (Vice-President), Ivan Vorhees

Donations to the Heartlands

Jane Ballard

Jane Ballard has donated numerous items to the Heartlands in the past few months. John Chambers has been going through the items and cataloging the material to add to our collection. There have been 356 items added to the Heartlands from this donation. We have also added more than 300 pieces for sale at the museum. Thanks go out to Jane for her contributions to our growing collection.

Herb Shawver III

Last month, Herb Shawver III donated seven boxes of railroad related books and magazines to the Heartlands. The processing of the donation is not complete at this time. Herb also donated \$100 to the Heartlands to use in support of processing the items received by us for our collection.

On behalf of the Heart of the Heartlands, we would like to thank Jane and Herb and all of our donors for their continued support of our organization.

October 14, 2020 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The October 14, 2020 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting: John Chambers moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Darrell Cave seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: After the presentation of the treasurer's report by treasurer Brian Carlson, Darrell Cave moved, Jack Evans seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Museum Passports: We have been asked to join a coalition of museums in Southeast Kansas that are trying to expand tourism by encouraging tourists to visit the many small museums in our area. Because we do not currently have an established group of volunteers that want to become involved with tourists at the museum on a regular schedule we have been and are still reluctant to become involved. It just would not be fair to visitors who have traveled some distance to see our museum if it is not open. We have discussed the possibility of being open to larger groups and tours but the same problem with staffing is still present. Currently John Chambers and I have been setting up visits with some local groups but we need a larger base of members that would be available, often at short notice. Brian has also volunteered to assist but he is already working forty plus hours a week.

Donations:

- **Ron Morgan:** A large plastic tote, full of many paper items, time tables from several different railroads, including Missouri Pacific, Santa Fe, Frisco, KCS, New York Central, SEK, K&O, SKO, operating manuals of several diesel engines, passenger train tickets and other railroad related items belonging to Ron Morgan has been donated to the Heartlands. Ron passed away in January of this year.
- **Calwell Collection:** David Calwell is still planning to come to Carona and work on the setting up and arrangement of his collection of railroad history. The "Calwell Collection" will become a center piece of our historic displays of the railroad history of this area and of the Santa Fe Railway. Dave has enlisted the aid of two ladies to assist in the cataloging of his collection in preparation for their movement to our museum. The collection will be appreciated and enjoyed by the many railroad enthusiasts and lovers of the railroad history of our country who visit our museum. Dave has spent many years gathering the artifacts that will soon become a wonderful part of our growing collection of historical items. The tales of Dave's adventures in acquiring this collection is a story in itself. We hope to share these memories in future articles of our newsletter. Please stay with us for this fantastic journey.

— **Herb Shawver Collection:** Brian Carlson recently met with George Conigan at the Carona Museum when he delivered seven boxes of railroad related books and magazines that Herb wanted donated to the Heartlands. He also made a \$100.00 donation to the museum. Herb is now living in an extended care facility.

Eagle Scout Ceremony: Seth Lindsey, the Boy Scout who restored the WPA era “sanitary facility” this summer has earned the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout for his work. Seth will be honored with the Eagle Scout Badge at a ceremony on November 07 at 2:00pm at the Trinity Baptist Church in Pittsburg, KS.

Annual Meeting: The Heartlands Annual meeting is scheduled to be held on November 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm. This is the second Saturday of November. Due to the Covid epidemic, this will be an abbreviated meeting. There will be no meal. Social distancing and proper wearing of face masks will be observed. The election of Board Members and Officers will be held.

Correspondence:

- Larry read a letter from David Calwell. He also shared some photos that were included with the letter.
- Brian Carlson brought up the idea of possibly having a Heartlands calendar for 2021. After a brief discussion it was agreed that it would be difficult to sell all the calendars, especially when there would not be very many purchased.

W.D. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Cave seconded the motion and it passed by the membership present.