



November Meeting

The November meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on November 14, 2020 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 16 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Ivan & Denzil Vorhees, Jack Evans, W.D. Carter, Jim McKeel, Bryson Spahn, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Mike & Connie Payton, Darrell Cave, Alan Chilton, Bob Capps, Steven Gardner, Brian Carlson and John Chambers.

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

Display Track Work

The Watco track crew came in on November 3 and moved the display track which they had recently built onto the display pad at the



Photos courtesy of John Chambers

northeast side of the museum. The extremely wet weather in the spring prevented access to the display pad for the construction of the track. The ground finally dried sufficiently to allow heavy



machinery to place the track on the pad.

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be moved. This will entail the use of a heavy crane to lift the engine and also an engine and train crew to move the engine to the main line where it can be accessed by the crane. A lot of things have to occur at just the right time to make this happen but we are one step closer.

Tallgrass Returns to Carona

The Tallgrass business car has returned to Carona after maintenance at the Coffeyville repair facilities and is parked at the north end



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of our display track. It is currently parked behind the CVR 70 ton locomotive that will be placed on display sometime in the future.



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 of the 1950's Chevrolet delivery van that was built for the Railway Express Agency, the original door to door delivery service. It is painted in the REA green scheme. The REA was how you shipped goods before the brown vans of the United Parcel service. It was used in the Tulsa area.

Announcements

- As we have done in the past, the December meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on January 13, at 7:00 pm at the Webb Center
- We are sad to report that Harold "Woody" Woodward passed away recently. Although not a member of the Heartlands he attended many meetings with member Steven Gardner. He donated several things to the museum. He was in good health. His death was attributed to Covid-19. Our condolences to his family.

Heart of the Heartlands, Corp. Election of Board Members

At the annual meeting, the three board members, Darrell Cave, Jack Evans and Larry Spahn, whose terms were expiring, were nominated for another term by acclamation by the membership present. Following the annual meeting, the board members convened their annual meeting. During that meeting, the current officers, Larry Spahn - President, John Chambers - Vice-President, and Brian Carlson - Secretary-Treasurer, were voted to remain in their present offices. Heart of the Heartlands Corporation Board Members, Officers and term Expiration dates:

December 2021

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

December 2022

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

December 2023

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn (President)

Eagle Scout Project

Dick Rauniker and Larry Spahn attended Seth Lindsey's Eagle Scout award ceremony in Pittsburg on November 07. Seth's Eagle Scout project was to reconstruct the WPA outhouse that is on the grounds at our museum complex. The ceremony was well attended with friends and family members. It turns out that Heartland member, Dick Rauniker, was also an Eagle Scout and he said the event brought back many fond memories of his own ceremony over 65 years ago. Only seven percent of the scouts attain this prestigious award. Congratulations to Seth and Dick for their achievements.



Member Dick Rauniker on the left and new Eagle Scout, Seth Lindsey

- Larry Spahn photo

Donations

- Ken Albrecht donated 55 more slide sets to our growing collection. These slides cover many railroads, locations and dates.
- Robert Younger: Robert, from Osage City, KS, donated numerous train orders to the Heartlands. Included in the train orders is the train order for the last northbound Tulsan out of Tulsa, OK in 1971. Also included in the donation are numerous Missouri Pacific train orders for the MoPac out of Roper, KS in the 1950's.

A year ago...

Just a year ago, this "little guy" was in the area.



Photos courtesy of Brian Carlson

Museum QR Code Project

An ongoing project this year has been the creation of QR code's for the exhibits that people can see when we are not open. Visitors with a smartphone and a data connection can scan the codes to find out about the item they are currently viewing. Each exhibit has two codes, one with a description that can be read by the person scanning with their phone, and the other a recording of the description being read by our Heartland's member, Bob Capps. The audio recordings are great and sound extremely professional and pleasing. Nice work Bob! Below left is an example of the QR code's for the SEK Locomotive #1000.

Below and to the right are examples of the codes placed on the SEK #1000, the Watco caboose, and the Carona Depot. If you have a smartphone or tablet, you can scan the codes on the left to see or hear the description.

South East Kansas #1000 Locomotive

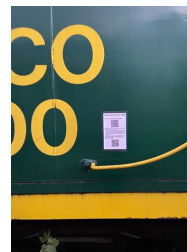
Scan this code to read about the locomotive



Scan the QR codes using your smartphone to read about the locomotive or to hear about the locomotive.

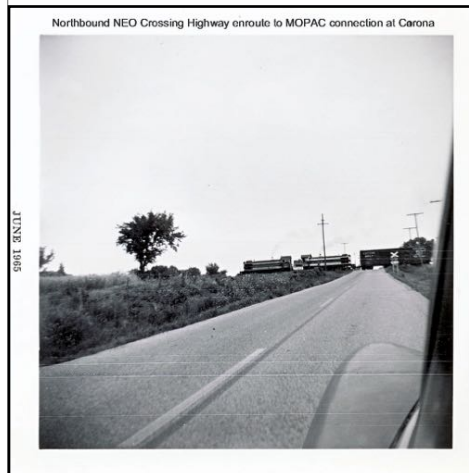
- Using an iPhone or Android device, activate your camera and point the camera at the QR code so that it is visible on your camera. When the notification appears at the top of your phone screen, tap it and the information should appear on your device. (Subject to cell phone data service)

Scan this code to hear about the locomotive. [You may have to download the sound file to your device for it to play]

Photos From our Collection

Here are some photos from our large collection.



Photos from the Leon Sapp collection, courtesy of Jeff Cooney

November 14, 2020 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The November 14, 2020 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands, the annual meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands, was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting: Jim McKeel 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, Alan Chilton moved, Jack Evans seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Visitors: Visitation to the museum has been reduced considerably by the recent resurgence of the Covid-19 virus in our area but visitors do occasionally stop by to visit our outdoor displays.

Tall Grass: The Tall Grass business car has returned to Carona after maintenance at the Coffeyville repair facilities and is parked at the north end of our display track. It is currently parked behind the CVR 70 ton locomotive that will be placed on display sometime in the future.

Display Track: The Watco track crew has moved the display track which they had recently built onto the display pad at the northeast side of the museum. The extremely wet weather in the spring prevented access to the display pad for the construction of the track. The ground finally dried sufficiently to allow heavy machinery to place the track on the pad. Everything is now in place for the CVR engine to be moved. This will entail the use of a heavy crane to lift the engine and also an engine and train crew to move the engine to the main line where it can be accessed by the crane. A lot of things have to occur at just the right time to make this happen but we are one step closer.

Donations:

— **Jerry Bonewitz:** Jerry, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, a retired trainmaster called Larry and said that he had some railroad artifacts that he wanted to donate to our museum. Jerry is a friend of Heartland member, Bob Still. Bob told him about our group and gave him Larry's phone number, He said that he was going to Kansas City and would stop by on his way. Larry met Jerry and his wife, Fran, at the Carona museum the next day. Jerry said that he had recently moved and had already "gotten rid" of many of his railroad things. This included many lanterns, brass locks and keys and a bell which he had given away. Jerry had many stories of his years on the railroad. He said his first duty assignment was in Downes, Kansas and had worked all across the country before his retirement. After a short tour of the museum and the 1023, the couple headed on to Kansas City. Larry asked them to call him on one of their Kansas City visits and he would give them a more complete tour of the museum, Jerry said he would but it would have to be on a warmer day.

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New Business:

December Meeting: As in the past, discussion was briefly held in regards to the December meeting. For the past several years, the December meeting has been cancelled due to the time constraints for everyone surrounding December. Brian moved to cancel the December 2020 meeting, Alan Chilton seconded the motion, and the motion passed by the membership present.

Memoriam: We are sad to report that Harold "Woody" Woodward has passed away. Woody was a long time employee of the Frisco and BNSF railroads and was very active in the Honor Flight program for veterans. He has donated several railroad artifacts to the Heartlands and attended many meetings. Covid-19 was the diagnosed cause of his passing. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to the family.

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

Annual Board Meeting:

The 2020 Annual Board meeting for the Heart of the Heartlands Corporation was held on November 14, 2020 at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by board president, Larry Spahn. Board members present were: Jack Evans, Darrell Cave, Alan Chilton, Connie Payton, Ivan Vorhees, John Chambers, Larry Spahn and Brian Carlson. Guy Ferguson was absent.

- Board members Jack Evans, Connie Payton and Larry Spahn were elected by the general membership to remain on the board for another 3 year term.
- After a brief discussion, John Chambers moved that the current board officers consisting of Larry Spahn, president, John Chambers, vice-president and Brian Carlson, secretary-treasurer, remain in their positions by reason of acclamation. Brian Carlson seconded the motion. The motion was passed 8-0.
- Darrell Cave moved to adjourn the meeting. Alan Chilton seconded the motion. The motion was passed 8-0.