



## May Meeting

The May meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on May 14, 2022 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 10 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: John Chambers, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Jack Evans, Jim McKeel, Ed Brinkmeyer, Paul Morgan, Mike & Connie Payton, and Jay Hastings.

## Special Note:

There will no June meeting. The next meeting will be July 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center in Carona.

## Heartlands - YouTube

Check out our YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxftDlf\\_ezgw3UyQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxftDlf_ezgw3UyQ)

## Big Kansas Road Trip

We had a successful Big Kansas Road Trip for the scheduled for day event from May 5-8. Although the rain that fell all day on Thursday, May 5th kept all but one visitor away, the rest of the weekend was good. The weather cleared and it was estimated that 150 people toured the museum Friday through Saturday. Numerous states were represented ranging from Alaska to Ohio. We sold several souvenirs and received some nice monetary donations. Everyone that came in seemed very impressed with the museum. Heartland members were on hand to staff the museum and displays for all four days of the event with the doors opened from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on each day. Larry got up at 4:00 am on Monday, May 2nd to be on the Early Morning Show on KOAM-TV to get some publicity for the event. Larry was in two separate interviews that morning. Members assisting at the museum on May 5-8 were: Jim McKeel, John Chambers, Don Richardson, Dave Parker and Kathy and Larry Spahn.

Larry's 1st interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmY7Vwvmdvs>

Larry's 2nd interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITTBgJemtrw>

## Heartland's Condolences

It is with great sadness that we report that long time Heartland member, John Shomin passed away on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Linda and family. He was a very active member of the Heartlands and rarely missed a meeting. Over the years John was involved with many of our Heartland activities including our Santa Claus Trains that visited the many cities in southeast Kansas. John will be missed.

<https://www.lamardemocrat.com/articles/16967/view>



## 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 a battery operated passenger conductor's hand lantern. It was used to pass hand signals at night and to use in the passenger cars.

## Announcements

- The June meeting has been cancelled. The original date of the meeting, June 11th, coincides with the Big Iron Overland Rally and train ride out of Carona.
- Plans are being made for the Heart of the Ozarks Model-T Club to visit Carona in the fall. More information to follow.
- The safety test for train rides is available online now.
- Please be at Carona at 8:00 on June 11 to prepare for the rides on that day.

## The Calwell Collection

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Photo courtesy of Larry Spahn

Calwell Collection.

According to the most recent letter received from Dave Calwell, he is happy the way things are going and hopes to be able to visit in the future after he recovers from some medical issues. Thanks to John for his continued work in getting the collection completely setup.



Photo courtesy of John Chambers

## Big Iron Overland Rally Train Rides

Two rides are scheduled for Saturday, June 11th. The morning ride will depart the Carona Depot at 10:30 am for a one hour ride. The afternoon ride will depart the depot at 2:30 pm for another one hour ride. Tickets will be sold at the Carona museum the day of the ride and the cost will be \$10.00 per ticket, **cash or check only**. Chris Holloway who is in charge of the Big Iron Overland Rally has offered a booth for free to the Heartlands during the event at Big Brutus. It was agreed to request one on Friday only and presell tickets as well as have information to hand out on the museum. The decision was as also made to not have the museum open on Friday and Sunday but to put all our efforts into the rides on Saturday. We need all the help we can get for the rides and for crowd control and museum attendants. If you feel you can't work the train we have plenty of other places at the museum where we will need help. Please help us make this first public train ride out of Carona in over five years a great success.

## June Museum Hours

We are normally open the first and third weekends of June, July and August. June 4-5 will be our first weekend of regular museum hours for 2022. We will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on those two days. Our next weekend to be open will be June 18-19 with the same hours. We can use all the help we can get. Please, if you are free and able to come, help us in providing an opportunity for the public to see what we have to offer.

## May 14, 2022 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The May 14, 2022 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Jack Evans moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Connie Payton seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** After the presentation of the treasurer's report created by treasurer Brian Carlson, Connie Payton moved, Jim McKeel seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Calwell Collection:**

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#### **Clean Up Day at Museum:**

Heartland members on hand to assist in cleaning up the museum and outside displays on April 23 were John Chambers, Brian Carlson, Bill Gilfillan, Stephen Hibbs, Jim Lovell and Kathy and Larry Spahn.

#### **Big Kansas Road Trip:**

Heartland members were on hand to staff the museum and displays for the four day event that ran from May 5th through May 8th. We were open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on all four days. Larry got up at 4:00 am on Monday, May 2nd to be on the Early Morning Show on KOAM-TV to get some publicity for the event. Members assisting at the museum were: Jim McKeel, John Chambers, Don Richardson, Dave Parker and Kathy and Larry Spahn. Comments

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Members working the train rides on Saturday should be at the museum at 8:00am to set up tables for ticket sales and others to help getting the passenger cars started and prepared for passengers. Please help us make this first public train ride out of Carona in over five years a great success.

## **New Business:**

**Heart of the Ozarks Model-T Club:** Members of the club have contacted Larry about the possibility of having their group visit our museum around the Labor Day weekend (date to be determined). There are over 50 model-T Fords expected to attend the outing. Visits to Big Brutus and Baxter Springs are also being planned. The club will stay in Pittsburg, KS. There will be more information available as everything drops into place.

## **June Meeting:**

June 11 was the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Heartlands This day coincides with the Big Iron Overland Rally and the train rides out of Carona. After some discussion, John Chambers moved to cancel the June meeting. Jim McKeel seconded the motion, the motion passed by those present,

## **Memoriam:**

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## **Announcements:**

- June begins they start of our open season. For June, those dates will be June 4th & 5th and June 18th & 19th. We will need volunteers to staff those days. Please contact Larry Spahn or John Chambers if you can help.
- No meeting in June after action taken at the May meeting. The June 11th meeting has been cancelled as it coincides with the Big Iron Overland Rally and the train rides out of Carona.

Mike Payton moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim McKeel seconded the motion and it passed by the membership present.