



## July Meeting

The July meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on July 19, 2022 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 13 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: John Chambers, Paul Morgan, W.D. Carter, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Tom Johnston, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Bryson Spahn, Jack Evans, Jim McKeel, Brian Carlson, and Jimmie Lovell.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center in Carona.

## Heartlands - YouTube

Check out our YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxfDlf\\_ezgw3UyQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIkqWyCxfDlf_ezgw3UyQ)

## Big Iron Train Rides

The two rides that were scheduled for Saturday, June 11th were held as scheduled. The total of tickets sold was 215. The number was much less than hoped, mostly because of the fact that once the visitors at Big Brutus had set up their camps they did not have any transportation to get to the depot for the rides.



Heartland members on hand to staff the ride, sell souvenirs and tickets were: Jack Evans, John Chambers, Jim McKeel, Bill Gillfillan, Stephen Hibbs, Dave Parker, Ed Brinkmeyer, Don Richardson, Bryson Spahn, Matt Vogt and his son John,

Connie and Mike Payton, Tony Cook, Paul Morgan and Kathy and Larry Spahn. A Heartland thanks to Joe Carlson who sold a number of tickets for the Heartlands for this ride.

*- Photos courtesy of Alex Holtby*



## The Calwell Collection

Setup of the Calwell Collection is nearing completion. We will have more details along with photos next month.

## Heartland's Condolences

On July 5, longtime Heartlands member, Fred Maxwell passed away. Our condolences to the family.

### 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 switch stand lantern, kerosene lamp lighted with rock guards attached to help prevent the glass lenses getting broken. - Donated by Ken Albrecht

### Announcements

- There was an ant infestation discovered in early June. Quality Pest Control was contacted and they came out and took care of the issue and sprayed the main buildings and both depots. They then donated the cost of the visit to the Heartlands. THANK YOU QPC.
- There will be upcoming train rides in Pittsburg for Little Balkans Days (Sep 3) and Chanute Artist Alley (Sep 24). Add those to your calendar.

## WATCO Donation

Recently we received some donations from Watco as they are in the process of renovating their Pittsburg offices.



Some of those donations are pictured here. Included is a large KCS herald that Dick Webb acquired that came off the KCS back shop in Pittsburg. Also included were 3' x 4' carpet heralds of the



Southeast Kansas Railroad, the South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad and Watco herald. They are pictured here. Our



thanks to Watco for their donation and their continued support of the Heartlands. Without their support and contributions throughout the years the



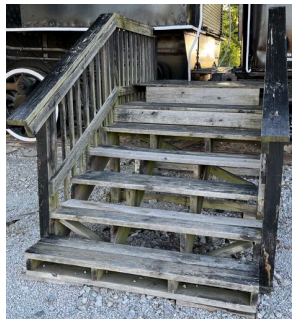
Heartlands would not have accomplished what we have been able to do so far.

*- KCS herald, John Chambers photo*

*- Other heralds, Brian Carlson photos*

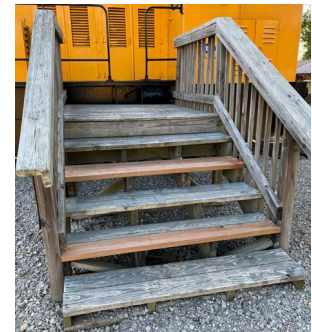
## Display Steps

Larry Spahn and Joe Carlson spoke with John Parsons, our neighbor and owner of Mid-America pipe company, recently about the



display steps on the 1023 and the Empire engine.

The wooden steps are wearing out and are in need of replacement. Mr. Parsons came by and took some measurements and informed Larry that he would have some



replacement steps made of steel pipes at no cost to the Heartlands. A huge thank you goes out to John Parsons and his continued contribution of time, labor and materials to the Heartlands.

*- Brian Carlson photos*

## August Museum Hours

We are normally open the first and third weekends of June, July and August. August 6-7 and August 20-21 will be our weekends of regular museum hours for August 2022. We will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on those two days. We can use all the help we can get so if you are available, come on out!

## July 9, 2022 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The July 9, 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. Ivan Voorhees seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** After the presentation of the treasurer's report created by treasurer Brian Carlson, Tom Johnston moved, W.D. Carter seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

### **Old Business:**

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#### **Museum Workers:**

We wish to thank the Heartland members who worked at the museum on the first and third weekends of June and July. These members were; John Chambers, Paul Morgan, Jack Evans, Bryson Spahn, Kathy and Larry Spahn. More volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Dave Calwell Visit:**

Dave and his wife are planning on visiting the museum on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. He is bringing several items with him that was overlooked when the moving van was loaded. Dave is looking forward to seeing the progress of setting up his collection. John Chambers has been the main person working on the displays.

### **New Business:**

#### **Watco Donation:**

The new WATCO marketing plan has resulted in the donation of a number of items that have been replaced during the renovation at the Pittsburg offices. These are all very nice railroad related items.

**Ants:**

Ants were recently discovered in one of the display cases while re-arranging display items. Quality Pest Control of Pittsburg, Kansas was contacted and arrangements were made to meet with their representative at the museum that same morning. Owner, Gary McCabe arrived at the museum at 10:30 am. He located the main nest and sprayed the large ant infestation. He then sprayed around the entire perimeter of all three museum buildings and the Carona and Boston depots. When he wrote up the bill of \$81.75 he wrote; NO CHARGE, Donation! If you have any pest problems please consider Quality Pest Control!! After waiting a couple of days John Chambers cleaned out the display cases and contents. When everything had been cleaned John replaced and rearranged the display. There was a brown, sticky film coating on everything including the case which took quite a while for John to remove.

**Display Steps:**

Joe Carlson and Larry spoke with John Parsons, our neighbor and owner of Mid America Pipe Company recently. Larry met with Mr. Parsons and his design and set up man at Carona. John looked at the wooden steps on both the 1023 and Empire engines and said that he would replace both of them with steel steps at no cost to the Heartlands. Mr. Parsons has always been a great supporter of the Heartlands and Big Brutus.

**Dr. Muff Donation:**

We have been contacted by Dr. Nick Muff about the possibility of his donation of a great number of Kansas City Southern pictures and documents to our growing collection of railroad history. After a short exchange of e-mails he said that he would start packing the donation and get them to us. You can see his very impressive railroad collection on YouTube, it is worth your time!!

**Upcoming Train Rides:**

We have recently received word there will be train rides for the Little Balkan Days celebration on Labor Day weekend in Pittsburg and the Artist Alley Rides in Chanute on September 24th. Please put these rides on your calendar. We will need train crews for both of these rides.

**Other New Business:****- Life Time Membership**

Discussion was held in regards to making John Parsons a life time member on account of his support and contributions to the Heartlands over the years. Jim McKeel moved and Jack Evans seconded a motion to make John Parsons a lifetime member of the Heart of the Heartlands. The motion passed by all those present. A certificate will be created to give to John to recognize this membership

**- Gasoline Reimbursement**

Discussion was held about a monetary reimbursement for members to drive to Heartlands events. Tom Johnston moved to have a mileage reimbursement for volunteers to Heartland Sanctioned Events at the current IRS volunteer mileage reimbursement rate. Jim McKeel seconded the motion and the motion passed by all those present.

**- Internet and Cameras at the Corona complex**



Discussoin was held about setting up internet capabilities to the Webb Center. In addition to internet in the main building, discussion was also held in regards to beginning to add security cameras to the museum building. After a lengthy discussion, Jim McKeel moved to approve up to \$3,000 to purchase the necessary equipment to bring internet to the building as well as purchasing up to 3 cameras to install in the building for security. John Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- Certificate of Appreciation

It was suggested that a certificate of appreciation be created and sent to Quality Pest Control thanking them for their donation in regards to removing the ant infestation at the Webb Center and spraying the main buildings and both depots.

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