



November Meeting

The November meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on November 12, 2022 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. This was the annual meeting and there were 19 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: John Chambers, Jack Evans, Mike & Connie Payton, Larry & Kathy Spahn, Bryson Spahn, Bob Capps, John Randall, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Jim McKeel, Darrell Cave & Carol Lewis, Ed Brinkmeyer, Dick Rauniker, Jim & Lois Carlson, Brian Carlson, Chase Carlson and Kira Carlson.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Webb Center in Carona. There will be no meeting in December. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2022 Year in Review

The past year has been very interesting and many things have been accomplished despite the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. We participated in the Big Kansas Road Trip in May and had many visitors tour our museum and displays. We had two train rides for the Big Iron Overland Rally in June. Dave Calwell transferred ownership of his railroad collection to the Heart of the Heartlands and it is now on display in the Morgan Center. The Heart of the Ozarks Model T Club of Missouri visited our museum with forty or more classic cars taking part. The internet installation was started with many good things planned for the future. Dr. Nick Muff selected the Heartlands to be the site of his very large and well documented collection of Kansas City Southern Railroad pictures and his drawings of KCS engines, steam and diesel as well as a complete presentation set of the Pullman Redbooks. Dr. Muff's collection is in the process of being cataloged. It is a fantastic addition to our growing railroad library. Two train rides were held in Pittsburg, KS for the Balkan Days celebration and three rides were provided for the Artist Alley Days in Chanute, KS. A generous cash donation was made by Connie Osner in memory of her father, a long time signalman that worked for the Santa Fe Railroad.

KCS Holiday Express

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From our Past

We will be featuring photos from our past for awhile.



This photo was taken in 2011 on Sunday of Little Balkans Days. This is the Chicken Dinner ride arriving in Carona with the Cherryvale Charger locomotive in the lead.

Announcements

- There will be a slide show at Carona on Saturday, December 3. It will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bring a snack lunch.
- The KCS Holiday Express Train is returning! It will be in Pittsburg on December 10th and on display starting at 4:00 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer need to be at the train's location, Monroe and Elm Streets by 3:30 pm.

Heart of the Heartlands

Any questions, comments or suggestions, contact:

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620-820-9665 (leave message)

Heartlands Board of Directors

At the annual meeting, three people were nominated to replace the three members of the board whose terms were expiring. Kathy Spahn, John Randall were selected to the Heartlands Board of Directors. Their terms will expire in December of 2025. Congratulations!

Heartlands Board of Directors

December 2023

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn (President)

December 2024

Brian Carlson (Secretary-Treasurer), Connie Payton (Vice-President), Ed Brinkmeyer

December 2025

John Randall, Kathy Spahn, John Chambers

A huge Heartland's Thank You to all of our board members. Your willingness to help the organization can not be put into words!

In Memoriam

We are very sad to report the recent passing of one of our active members, Joe Carlson. Joe was very active in many community activities including the Heart of Heartlands. For us, he was always there to provide help in whatever we needed. Whether it was in buying some propane for the museum, bringing his equipment to help spray weeds, Joe was there to help. He will be greatly missed by not only us but many people that he touched with his kindness.

Internet Connection

Brian Carlson updated the club on the status of the internet and camera project. Internet service has been available at the Webb Center since August 23. The original portion of the complex (the main entry portion) does not have full WiFi access at the moment, pending the running of network cabling to that part of the building. The second addition (the part where meetings are held) and the Morgan addition have full WiFi access. The first camera has been installed with another awaiting installation. Down the road, more cameras will be purchased for the main museum complex. Longer term plans are to put cameras and WiFi in the Carona Depot as well.

2023 Membership Dues

It is that time of year for membership dues to be renewed. Last year was the first year of implementing the dues options as listed below. Many members opted for multiple year memberships. If you regularly receive emails, membership status will be sent to you in an email. If you normally receive mail via USPS, your membership status will be mailed to you. Those notices will go out the first of December.

Depending on your status, there are 3 ways to renew your membership.

Option 1 - Mail to:
 Brian Carlson
 2209 S. Taylor St.
 Pittsburg, KS. 66762

Option 2 - Mail to:
 Heart of the Heartlands
 % Brian Carlson
 PO Box 211
 Scammon, KS 66773

Option 3 - Online
 Go to www.heartlandstrainclub.org
 On the right side, click the link to renew your membership

	1 Year Membership	2 Year Membership	3 Years (10% discount)
Adult	\$30	\$60	\$81
Senior (60+)	\$25	\$50	\$67.50
Family	\$50	\$100	\$135
Student (High School, College, Trade School - age 22 or less)	\$20	\$40	\$54
Contributing	\$100	\$200	\$270
Sustaining*	\$250	\$500	\$675
Life Membership	\$1,000		
Membership is for calendar year - no discount for joining later in the year.			
Memberships include:			
Monthly Newsletter 10% discount in the gift shop Free train rides IF SPACE AVAILABLE			
*Sustaining Membership- for two or three years includes the use of the Good Times Caboose on one regular excursion train for family or group			
*Life Membership - includes the use of the Good Times Caboose on two regular excursion trains for family or group			

November 12, 2022 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The November 12, 2022 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was suspended for everyone to enjoy the catered chicken dinner provided by the club for the members in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting: Jack Evans 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 created by treasurer Brian Carlson, Darrell Cave moved, John Chambers seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business:

Year in Review:

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Reminder: Kansas City Southern Holiday Express:

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New Business:

SEK Museum Alliance:

Lois Carlson presented to the group information in regards to the Southeast Kansas Museum Alliance meeting that was held at St. Paul earlier in the day. The organization consists of museums throughout the southeast Kansas area, working together to help promote each other. For our size of museum, the annual membership is \$25 which the club agreed to join at an earlier meeting in 2022. Some of the key points that were discussed by the Alliance were:

- Grants available for small museums
- History camp
- Video presentation to highlight museums in the area.

Museum Services:

John Chambers gave a report on his time spent at the museum during our trial period of him handling things at the museum. At the conclusion of his presentation, he presented a proposal to extend his museum services for an additional three weeks. This would allow for the museum to continue to be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's through the 18th of December. Bob Capps moved to extend the service agreement with John Chambers for an additional three weeks. John Randall seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the members present.

Election of Officers and Board Members:

The terms of board members, John Chambers, Ivan Voorhees, and Guy Ferguson are set to expire at the end of the 2022. Jack Evans nominated Kathy Spahn, John Randall and John Chambers to fill the three expiring board positions. Darrell Cave moved that nominations cease and that Kathy Spahn, John Randall, and John Chambers be elected to the board by reason of acclamation. Ivan Vorrhees seconded the motion and it was passed by the members present.

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Printer:

Discussion about purchasing a new printer for the museum was discussed. Darrell Cave moved to spend no more than \$1,000 to purchase a new printer for the museum. John Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the membership present.

December Meeting:

The December meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands is cancelled due to the arrival of the Holiday Express! 2022 has been a very interesting time for the Heartlands! Thank you all for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. We have many things planned for the future. Please be here with us to help our in efforts to preserve our great railroad legacy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!!

Slide and Media Show:

John Chambers announced that he has a date for an upcoming slide show. The date will be Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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

Heart of the Heartlands - Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the Heart of the Heartlands was called to order, at the conclusion of the monthly meeting, by Board President, Larry Spahn.

Board members in attendance were: Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn, Connie Payton, Brian Carlson, Ed Brinkmeyer, John Chambers, Kathy Spahn, and John Randall.

Brian Carlson nominated Larry Spahn for board president, seconded by John Chambers.

Darrell Cave nominated Connie Payton for board vice-president, seconded by John Randall.

John Chambers nominated Brian Carlson for board secretary-treasurer, seconded by Connie Payton.

Darrell moved that nominations cease and the three nominees be chosen by acclamation for their nominated positions. Connie Payton seconded the motion and it was passed by the board members in attendance.

John Chambers moved to adjourn the board meeting with John Randall seconding the motion. The motion was passed by the board members present.