



## May Meeting

The May meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was held on May 13, 2023 in the Webb Center at Carona, KS. There were 15 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Larry & Kathy Spahn, Darrell Cave, Carol Lewis, Connie & Mike Payton, Jack Evans, Jim McKeel, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Paul Morgan, John Randall, Bryson Spahn, Dora R. Firmin and John Chambers.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 14, 2023 at 7:00 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)

## New Steps for the Carona Depot

On May 19th & 20th, Heartlands member Rob McKnight spent some of his time replacing the wooden steps on the north end of the Carona Depot. With supervision by his dog, Hobo, Rob did an excellent job of building new steps to



replace the worn out ones. Rob joined the

Heartlands in December of 2022 and we are very grateful for his willingness to help the Heartlands with his talents. Thanks Rob!



- Photos by John Chambers

## Meeting Time Change

At the May meeting, it was decided to move the meeting back to the second Wednesday of the month. The meeting time will be 7:00 pm. Over a year ago the meeting date and time was moved to the second Saturday of each month with a meeting time of 1:00 pm. Now that we are open each Saturday, having our monthly meeting during Saturdays makes it tough at times to be there for our guests. The next meeting will be June 14, at 7:00 pm at the Webb Center. We may also try to have the meeting available via Zoom if there is interest. If you are interested in having a Zoom option available for the June meeting, please let Brian Carlson know by sending an email to [bcarlson@ckt.net](mailto:bcarlson@ckt.net).

## From our Past

We will be featuring photos from our past for awhile.



*These photos were taken in 2012 during the Little Balkans, Chicken Ride. This special ride used to be held on Sunday's of Labor Day Weekend. There were tickets for 100 people to ride out from Pittsburg to have a catered chicken dinner at Carona. Photo is from the Larry Spahn collection.*

## Announcements

- Museum hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday.

### Heart of the Heartlands

Any questions, comments or suggestions, contact:

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## Heartlands Slide-Media Show

Saturday, June 24th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm there will be a slide-media show at Carona. The theme will be a salute to the KCS but other items are welcome to be shown. Presentations are asked to be no longer than an hour. Lunch is on your own, but feel free to bring snacks to share.

## New Board Member

Paul Morgan was elected at the May meeting to take John Chambers's position on the Heartlands Board of Directors. The vacancy was created when John resigned to accept the position of running the museum during our extended hours. Welcome aboard Paul!

## Back in Time....Construction of the Webb Center

During the winter of 2003-2004, the first building of the Webb Center was built. These photos are from Larry Spahn's collection of photos taken as work was progressing on the building in December 2003 through January 2004.



## May 13, 2023 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The May 13, 2023 meeting of the Heart of the Heartlands was brought to order by President Larry Spahn at 1:00 p.m.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** After the presentation of the treasurer's report, Jim McKeel moved, Jack Evans seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by the membership in attendance.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Train Ride Ticket Prices:**

Discussion was held about the current ticket price for train rides. The price has been at \$10 per ticket for numerous years. After discussion, John Chambers moved to raise the ticket prices to train rides to \$15 per person with children sitting on laps being free. Darrell Cave seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the membership present.

#### **Train Rides:**

Train rides for this year are still pending due to the large amount of track work and trestle repair throughout the system. This repair work is hampering train scheduling and operations. We are still trying to get something worked out but only time will tell.

#### **Museum Report:**

John Chambers gave his monthly museum report. In the report, the following items were mentioned:

- On May 18th, The Happy Trail Campers group are planning to attend the museum at approximately 3:30. John requested that someone be at the museum during this time to help out inside while he is outside. Larry and Kathy Spahn volunteered to be there.
- John Chambers requested a driveway announcer system to be purchased so he will be aware when a car enters the grounds.

#### **Driveway Announcer System:**

Discussion was held about a driveway announcer system after the topic was requested by John Chambers. After some discussion, Darrell Cave moved to purchase a driveway announcer system. Jim McKeel seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the membership present.

### **New Business:**

#### **Meeting Date:**

Discussion was held about the meeting date and time for the monthly meeting. A few months ago, the meeting date was changed from the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm, to the second

Saturday of each month, starting at 1:00 pm. Darrell Cave moved to change the monthly meeting back to the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm, starting with the June 2023 meeting. Jack Evans seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the membership present.

**Vacant Board Member Position:**

Since John Chambers recently resigned from his board member position to there has been a vacancy on the board. Connie Payton moved to nominate and elect Paul Morgan to the open board position. John Chambers seconded the motion and it was passed by the membership present.

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