

The Depot Newsletter

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Heart of the Heartlands Corporation

Note from the Editor

I apologize profusely for the late newsletter this month. After traveling to Jacksonville, FL for a new railroad startup, it took me a while to get caught up on work.

Now on to the news!

8 March 2017 Meeting Roll Call:

Joe Murphey, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Tom Johnston, Alan & Donna Chilton, Gordon Garrett, Jimmie Lovell, Connie Payton, Mike Payton, Darrell Cave, Fred & Ruth Maxwell, Brian & Dawn Carlson,

Russell Parsons, James Hogben, Shirley Ann Hogben, Michael Sheward, John Chambers

2017 Train Ride Schedule

The train ride schedule for 2017 is tentatively set, pending approval from SKOL/KO Jimmy Patterson and Brad Snow. Snow was asked if the railroad had any potential rides on the schedule and at this time there are none. The current schedule is as follows:

Clearwater Lions Club
Saturday, 22 April
Two rides, 10AM and 2PM

Bartlesville Heartlands Ride
Saturday 6 May
Three Rides, 10AM, 1PM, 3PM

Pittsburg Little Balkans
Saturday 2 September
Two Rides, times TBD

Pittsburg Little Balkans
Sunday, 3 September
Chicken Dinner Ride, time TBD

Dewey Heartlands Ride
Saturday, 23 September
Three Rides, 10AM, 1PM, 3PM

Chanute Artist Alley
Saturday, 30 September
Three Rides, times TBD

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Special Request: Benefit Train Ride

John Chambers, with the approval of all members present, put forth the idea of holding a train ride for the sole purpose of raising money to help with Deidre Spahn's ongoing medical expenses for her leukemia treatments. It will need to be scheduled with the SKOL. Any members who wish to help should e-mail John Chambers at sekr1001@gmail.com

Motor Car Ride Schedule Coming Together

Brian Carlson has taken care of the NARCOA insurance for 2017.

As reported in last month's newsletter, the group has decided to move forward with scheduling motor car rides for 2017. Larry Spahn reports NARCOA had been in contact regarding membership for the 2017 year and Brian Carlson has paid the fee so we are able to host rides this year.

Jay Hastings has chosen to assume the mantle of Ride Coordinator for 2017 and has three volunteers with WATCO who are willing to help with ride setup and coordination. One ride is tentatively scheduled already and is as always dependent on the railroad. The early schedule is as follows:

Heartlands Ride
Saturday, 17 June
Chanute South
Set-on time: TBD

Iowa Division NARCOA
Ride
Sunday, 18 June
Baldwin, KS
Set-on time not reported

Spit and Whittle Club Tours Carona

Tom Johnston hosted the Spit and Whittle Club for a tour of Carona.

Tom Johnston and Joe Murphey were kind enough to take the time to host the Spit and Whittle Club from Carl Junction, MO at Carona. Tom reported on the event via e-mail:

"The tour for the Spit & Whittle club of Carl Junction went really well. There were ten of them and with the beautiful day they seemed to really enjoy themselves. Joe Murphey had a good knowledge of most of our artifacts and between us there were few questions we were unable to an-

swer. There was one train went through while they were at the Carona depot, dropping off a couple of cars of flat steel at the steel plant, enhancing the scene. If we have any excursions out of Carona they would appreciate being notified so they can go as a club."

It is Once Again Maintenance Time

It's maintenance time at the museum once again.

It has been a few years since any extensive maintenance has been done to the buildings and equipment at Carona. The first step in dealing with maintenance issues is choosing a point with which to start. At the 8 March meeting, Jim Hogen volunteered to head-

up the task of painting the depots and motorcar sheds. Jim will get some paint samples so we can mix up an accurate match for the Boston and Carona depots. The bees in the Boston depot were also addressed, but no solution was determined. Finally, the equipment

was discussed. It was suggested that the 1716 could be relocated and the Mackie engine moved to the 1716's location, and of course the rail equipment on-track as well as the REA van need work as well. Volunteers will be most welcome!

Coffeyville Resources Engine Update

The Coffeyville Resources GE 70-tonner has a new temporary resting place! On February 26, Larry Spahn, Brad Bourbina, Dave Parker, and Jim McKeel traveled to Coffeyville for the purpose of moving the engine and checking the bearings for heat. The very helpful CVR switch crew used their track mobile to pull the engine

up and down the track several times to see if the bearings would generate any unsafe levels of heat. The tests went off without a hitch, and the engine was then moved to an outbound track just inside the CVR gate. CVR also provided us with several gallons of journal oil to use at the museum as well. Now we are waiting on Shannon Knisley

and the locomotive group to clear the engine for movement to Cherryvale for further inspection and work as needed. Rick Webb has been notified of the progress and his help in determining our best course of action going forward has been requested. We have not received a response as yet.

Treasurer's Corner

This month's Treasurer's Corner is brought to you by Brian Carlson, Heartland's Treasurer:

As the process of transferring books and reports from one treasurer to the next wraps up, the March report also includes the information that was included in the February

report. Thus, this report covers from January 8, 2017 through March 8, 2017. All of our income during this period came from the renewal of membership dues and a little bit of interest earned on our checking account. Expenses for the period included utilities, museum expenses,

quarterly sales tax and the annual motor car ride insurance and membership costs. During this time, we purchased a stove for the museum, approved by membership, which was a large part of the museum expenses. Without the stove purchase our income and expenses were almost equal.

If you haven't renewed your membership now is the time!

Quick Hits

Slide Show: 20 people attended the 25 February slide show and Bob Plough had some great photos to share from the early days of the SKOL. Some great shots of the NEO RR were also shown. Next show is scheduled for 29 April. As always, bring snacks!

Stove: The stove for the Webb Center was purchased and installed.

Safety Meeting: The annual safety meeting will be on 1 April at 1pm at the Webb Center. All who wish to work train rides should plan to attend.

Mowing Season: Mowing season is rapidly approaching. Contact Brad Bourbina or Tom Johnston to sign up!

ALCo S4: Joe Minick met with Empire personnel to work out loading details for the ALCo S4.

Printer: The need for a printer at the museum was discussed. Brad Bourbina will look into this.

Joplin Train Show: John Chambers and Brad Bourbina will take some items to sell for the museum and some flyers.

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The Heart of the Heartlands is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of railroad history in the Four States area of Southeast Kansas, Southwest Missouri, Northeast Oklahoma, and Northwest Arkansas. The Heart of the Heartlands Museum Complex is located in the former mining community of Carona, KS. Our complex includes the museum building (recently doubled in size); the restored Missouri Pacific Depot from Carona, KS; the restored Missouri Pacific Depot from Boston, MO; a collection of railroad locomotives and cars including the cosmetically restored KCS Steam Locomotive #1023; and a railroad signal display. The outdoor displays are open for viewing at any time.

The museum and depot buildings are open for visitors on the first and third full weekends (Saturday and Sunday) of June, July, and August, 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM, or by appointment.



A Heartlands-sponsored passenger train crosses 169 Highway at Cherryvale, KS on 7 May 2016.
Photo by Joe Volmert