

# The Depot Newsletter

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## Heart of the Heartlands Corporation

### Note from the Editor

Once again the trials and tribulations of work have intruded on the carefully-crafted schedule for the newsletter. Once again I offer the most humble apologies.

Now on to the news!

#### 12 April 2017 Meeting Roll Call:

John Chambers, Alan Chilton, Jack Evans, Joe Murphey, Ivan & Denzil Voorhees, John & Linda Shomin, Tom Johnston, Fred & Ruth Maxwell, Larry & Kathy Spahn, Michael Sheward, Darrell Cave, Brian Carlson,

Jimmie Lovell, Jim Hogben, Shirley Ann Hogben, Gordon Garrett, Bill Gillfillan

### 2017 Train Ride Schedule

The train ride schedule for 2017 has been officially approved by Brad Snow and Jimmy Patterson. 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  
RIDE COMPLETE. SEE ARTICLE  
FOR DETAILS

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

Deidre Spahn Benefit Ride  
June 2017  
Date and time TBD

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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### *John Arbuckle Passes Away*

John Arbuckle, 63, passed away on Saturday, 15 April 2017 at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center in Hutchinson, KS. Mr. Arbuckle was a Heartlands member and former Amtrak agent who was widely considered an expert on passenger trains. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Clearwater Lions Club Ride is a Success

*There were a total of 685 riders for both trips out of Clearwater!*

From Jim McKeel:

"I want to thank everyone involved for all of the effort put forth to make the rides a success. Special thanks to Engineer Aaron Doyle and Conductor Chris Titsworth in getting the train on location on time, for the smooth ride, and their cooperative spirit. We had capacity loads on both runs

with 349 passengers on the first trip and 336 passengers on the second trip.

I also want to thank Jason Hislop for checking over the cars and locomotives prior to the rides to ensure everything was in good working order."

"Each trip ran from mile post 500.7 to mile post 506 and return.

Trip 1: 10.6 miles x 349 passengers = 3699.4 passenger miles.

Trip 2: 10.6 miles x 336 passengers = 3561.6 passenger miles.

Total passenger miles for the day: 7261."

## Chanute Motor Car Ride

*No motor car rides for the 2017 ride season have been approved.*

John Chambers and Jay Hastings discussed the 2017 motor car ride schedule with Jimmy Paterson. As yet nothing has been determined and Jimmy indicated he would need to get more information on rides before approving the schedule.

"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. After some discussion, it was decided to start with the

motor car sheds. Jim Hogben has a decent amount of lumber and materials that could be used for repairs, and some leftover paint was also found. The bees in the Boston depot were also addressed, but no solution was determined. There were still some

basic discussions about moving some equipment again, 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. **Brad Bourbina spoke with Rick about the engine, and he advised us to work with the locomotive department to have the necessary work completed. Rick also said he would help get the engine painted in Coffeyville.**

*Brad Bourbina spoke with Rick about the CVR engine.*

## Mowing Schedule for 2017

Groundskeeping is an important element with any museum operation, and ours is no different. To help keep expenses low, we depend on the membership to help with this chore. The schedule has been made for 2017, and if there are any issues contact Tom Johnston.

Notes to remember:  
 Don't get too close to the tracks as there are loose rocks and a slope, which could cause the mower to launch rocks.  
 Also, when mowing by the coaches, point the discharge chute away from them to avoid damage to them.

Schedule:  
 April—Tom Johnston  
 May—Jim Lovell  
 June—John Shomin  
 July—Brad Bourbina  
 August—Larry Spahn  
 September—Nicolas Ybarra  
 October—Tom Johnston

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

## Quick Hits

**Jim Conrad:** Jim Conrad donated a steam locomotive whistle and switchstand lantern for display. Please extend your thanks to him if/when you see him!

**Slide Show:** The next slide show will be on 29 April from 10AM-5PM. Presenters will be Bob Plough, John Merman, and Lance Garrel.

**Capps Honored:** Bob Capps was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame at MSSU on 6 April. Remember to congratulate him!

**Pedestrian Crossing:** Phil Mooney of Scammon donated an interesting piece of memorabilia in the form of a pedestrian RR crossing sign he found in the ballast west of Josie's Restaurant in Scammon.



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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.*

## Final Frame



WAMX 1583 rests after her first day of work on the Jacksonville Port Terminal Railroad on 8 March 2017.  
Photo by Brad Bourbina