



October Meeting

The October Meeting of Heart of the Heartlands was held October 11, 2017, at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. There were 14 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Members in attendance were: Joe Murphey, Jack Evans, Denzil & Ivan Voorhees, Kathy & Larry Spahn, Alan Chilton, Darrell Cave, Dick Rauniker, Shirley Ann & Jim Hogben, Tom Johnston, Joe Volmert & Brian Carlson.

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Photo courtesy of Bill Gillfillan

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What is it?

This is an item that is currently located in the Carona museum. What is it?



Answer next month

Photos courtesy of Brian Carlson

Last Month's picture was the Electro Motive Corporation's model E-3 demonstrator #822 which was sold to the KCS as their #1, later #21. It was built in 1939 and retired circa 1964.

Slide Show

A slide show is being planned for October 28 at the Carona Museum. The scheduled time for the show is 11:00-5:00. Bring a friend or two and a snack.

Annual Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Heart of the Heartlands Corporation will be held at 1:00 pm, November 11, 2017 at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. Tom Johnston will be preparing the meat and each member is asked to bring a covered dish for the meal. Election of 3 board members will also need to take place. Board Members Darrell Cave, Jack Evans and president Larry Spahn have their terms expiring in December of this year.

Heart of the Heartlands Corporation Board Members, Officers and Term Expiration Dates

December 2017

Darrell Cave, Jack Evans, Larry Spahn, President

December 2018

Brian Carlson, Secretary/Treasurer, Alan Chilton, Connie Payton

December 2019

Tom Johnston, John Chambers, Vice-President, Bob Capps

Dewey Oklahoma Rides

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Motor Car Ride

Turn out was a little low for the October 21 motor car ride on the Moline Sub. Jay Hasting's high rail and only three motorcars with 8 people made the ride. However, the small group made it easier to manage. Set on was at Burden around



Photo courtesy of Jay Hastings

8:00 am. After Daniel Archer obtained the track warrant, the group left Burden, KS around 9:00 am and traveled to Moline for a stop. They then continued on to Buxton where

it was decided to turn and head back west fearing the storms that were forecast to move in at 4:00 pm. A lunch stop was made and in Moline at the Swing Bridge Cafe. The group set off the track around 4:00 pm. Other than being windy the weather



Photo courtesy of Jay Hastings

held. A brief encounter with a few cattle out on the hill east of Grand Summit was one of many highlights on the trip. The cattle chose to walk down the tracks for about half a mile. There was a car from Broken Bow, Oklahoma, one from Joplin, Missouri and another from Idaho! We hope to schedule a couple of rides next year and restore a fun-filled and memorable tradition of Heart of the Heartlands. - Jay Hastings contributor



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Discussion was held in regards to needed repairs on the Boston Depot. It was moved, seconded and passed to have Russ Green repair the rotten boards, repair the roof and paint the Boston Depot. It was also suggested that Russ Green look at removing the honey left by the bees of the past year.

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Chanute Artist Alley Train Rides

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Announcements

- The model railroad group in Cherryvale will be having a display showing on November 4, 2017 from 1-4 pm in the former Leatherback Hotel in Cherryvale. The layout consists of railroads around and through Cherryvale. Stop by and take a look!
- The ATSF car #30 has been sold and will leave Cherryvale. Its next destination will be Winslow, AZ.
- 2018 Membership dues are just around the corner. Be looking for a notification in the next couple of weeks of the status of your membership dues. Please consider renewing your membership as we enter another year of preserving rail history in the four state region.
- Remember the 2017 Heart of the Heartlands Annual meeting is on November 11, 2017 at the Webb Center. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm, with an immediate recess to enjoy lunch. Each member is asked to bring one covered dish to go with the meat that will be prepared by member Tom Johnston. Hope to see you there!

Motor Car Repair

Ivan Voorhees has completed the repair work on the water hopper for the ST-2 motorcar. Ivan fitted the broken pieces together and placed a metal backing behind and poured molten lead over and around the pieces. Ivan also patched the holes on the bottom of the hopper. He then painted the entire hopper a hammered silver color. Joe Murphey has the engine out of the car and is working on getting it presentable for display at the Carona museum.

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KCS 1023 in Action!

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October 11, 2017 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

The October 11, 2017 meeting of Heart of the Heartlands was called to order by president, Larry Spahn. There were 14 members present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved. [Darrell Cave/Alan Chilton]

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was presented by secretary/treasurer Brian Carlson. Treasurer's report was approved. [Alan Chilton/Darell Cave]

Old Business:

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Slide Show: A slide show is scheduled to be held at the Carona museum on October 28th, 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. Bring a friend and a snack.

It was moved by Alan Chilton and seconded by Jim Hogben to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a vote of the membership present.