

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GERDIN MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
[HTLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/12/2013

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE  
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/12/2013                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 539,246 D \$ 0  | 22,685,763  | I  | Trustee of GRATs                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 08/12/2013                           |  | G <sup>(2)</sup>               | V 105,641 D \$ 0  | 22,580,122  | I  | Trustee of GRATs                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,143,584   | I  | Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(3)</sup>                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 27,224  | I  | Trustee of Trust <sup>(4)</sup>                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,043,372   | I  | Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(5)</sup>                   |

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Common Stock 562,669 I Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(6)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| GERDIN MICHAEL J<br>901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE<br>NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 | X             | X         | Chief Executive Officer |       |

Signatures

/S/Michael J. Gerdin 08/13/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
An annuity distribution of 539,246 shares was made from a grantor retained annuity trust created for the benefit of Ann Gerdin. The reporting person serves as trustee over this GRAT and has no pecuniary interest other than a remainder interest, if any. As trustee, Mr. Gerdin has voting and dispositive powers with respect to the GRAT. This transaction does not constitute a gift to the reporting person. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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- An annuity distribution of 105,641 shares was made from a grantor retained annuity trust created for the benefit of Ann Gerdin. The reporting person serves as trustee over this GRAT and has no pecuniary interest other than in the remainder interest, if any. As trustee, Mr. Gerdin has voting and dispositive powers with respect to the GRAT. This transaction does not constitute a gift to the reporting person. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (2) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2009 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to this trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
  - (3) The reporting person is trustee over shares held by trusts created for the benefit of his children. As trustee, Mr. Gerdin has shared voting and dispositive powers with respect to each trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
  - (4) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2005 Gerdin Children's Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to this trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
  - (5) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2007 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to this trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
  - (6) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2007 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to this trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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