

# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



## NEWSLETTER



The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency  
Of the Government of Ontario

In June 2016,  
the Komoka Railway  
Museum was inducted into  
the North American Railway  
Hall of Fame

The Museum acknowledges a grant  
provided by the Municipality of  
Middlesex Centre



Komoka: Museum mascot

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**The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled**

**For Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm**

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's newsletter combines some of August, which did not get completed and items for September.

A special thanks to Rob, Al & Ed for the extra volunteering during July and August. This enabled the museum to be open on Thursday and Friday as well as the regular Saturday morning opening. It was very much appreciated. Regular Saturday hours are in place again. Tours can be arranged by appointment.

A couple of smaller projects completed. The room where the library is going was cleaned out to get ready for the completion of the walls. The donated map cases are in the library. We express our thanks to the community donor for these two cases. They will be put to use soon.

Thanks to Jo-Anne & Ron for cleaning the outside of the station windows. Now, just the inside windows to do.



## **FROM TRACKSIDE**

August 2017

From the shops

The installation and commissioning of the new lathe has been completed and its first job will be finish turning wheels and axles for a new-build locomotive, the bar frames for which are being out sourced for plasma cutting. Wheels and axles for a breakdown crane are also on the agenda. All the wheels will be faced and bored on the old lathe as its slower speed make it ideal for this production run of a total 44 wheels.

From the track

The new passenger car was a disappointment during clearance trials and it has been necessary to give the old passenger car a quick clean and polish for the season. Reverting back to the old car has meant some re-work of the track through Murray's Landing, disappointing because it was hoped to ease the long drag out of the station with clearances for the new car.

The re-location of the traverser to South of Murray's Landing only needs some fine tuning.

The station garden is getting established and promises well for future years.

A bridge timber needs to be relocated back to the stock pile and 4 short sections of redundant track to be removed to tidy things up.

September 2017

Two recent hectic days running showed only some minor improvements necessary to the track but more work is needed around the steaming bays and traverser. The cleanup continues from the old track bed but the end is in sight. One of the old steaming bays is being turned into a flower garden with a planting of bushes expected this fall. The flower garden by Murray's Landing has taken hold with Rose of Sharon in bloom and Maple saplings flourishing as well as Stella d'Oro and Hostas. A well done to Ron and Jo-Ann for all the weeding.

It is expected that our resident #4 will make its annual pilgrimage to Hamilton on September 18<sup>th</sup>. A sticky check valve and a gummed up suction valve caused some bad words to be said early in the season but are now rectified. The injector still gives cause for concern. The theory is air getting in through the overflow check valve. A 50/50 mixture of Anthracite and Pocahontas seems to work well if a little smokey but no clinker to plug the bars.

## **ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT FROM CANADA 150 display**

### **COMPLETION OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CANADA'S FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY NOVEMBER 7, 1885 ALSO KNOWN AS THE LAST SPIKE**

**The Last Spike was actually a standard iron spike used by  
CPR financier Donald Smith.**

**A silver spike to be used by the Governor General but was not  
used as he had to return to Ottawa due to poor weather.**



Driving the Last Spike



Memorial at Craigellachie  
Commemorating the last spike

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**WE REACHED OUR GOAL PLUS SOME**

**Thank you to all the donours**

**We have gone over the top and have some extra left to help finish the interior of the baggage car for our library, for the third circus train presently housed in the large building, for displaying more of our artifacts.**

**Donations for the ongoing maintenance and expansion of our collections are always welcome**

**YOUR DONATION VIA CAN BE FORWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS**

**Komoka Railway Museum  
131 Queen Street  
Komoka ON N0L 1R0  
OR**

**If paying via credit card is preferable, please pay online at the following address:  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/komoka-railway-museum/>**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

For more details check out the websites with all the shows listed by following the links below :  
<http://www.collectorshows.ca/> and <http://www.railwaypages.com/>

## **TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS**

Woodstock Toy and Collectible Show September 24, 2017

Kitchener Collectibles Expo October 1, 2017

London Collectibles Expo October 22, 2017

Woodstock Toy and Collectible Show October 29, 2017

## **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

Toronto(Mississauga) Model Railway Flea Market September 10,2017

Grey Central Railway Club Annual Open House & Train Show September 16,2017

Picton model Railroaders 29th Annual Model Train & Hobby Show Sept. 16-17,2017

George's Railview Model Railway Club Open House September 23, 2017

Muskoka & Simcoe County 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Railroad Layout Tour September 24,2017

Brampton 20<sup>th</sup> Model railway Show September 30- October 1, 2017

Bowmanville 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show October 14-15, 2017

Woodstock Model Train Show and sale October 22, 2017

Nottawasaga Model Railway Club Fall Auction October 28, 2017

"Boomers" Model Railroad Auction October 28, 2017

Niagara Railway Museum Fall Model Railway Show October 29, 2017

## **NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS**

Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale September 10, 2017

Kitchener Collectibles Expo October 1, 2017

London Nostalgia & Small Antique Show October 8, 2017

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale October 15, 2017

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR JIM AND PAT FOR THE INVITE TO SEE THEIR GARDEN RAILWAY  
and for allowing a few pictures to share with the newsletter recipients**



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**Ron & Jo-Anne cleaning windows  
(Thanks again for letting more sunshine in)**

### **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

The Komoka Railway Museum is a registered charity and your donations of \$20.00 or more can be receipted for income tax purposes. Any donation of any amount is always welcome and very much appreciated.

Your donation can be mailed to the following address:

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***Submissions due by September 25, 2017 for October 2017 newsletter***

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