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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



NEWSLETTER



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In June 2016,
the Komoka Railway
Museum was inducted into
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Komoka: Museum mascot

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We thank all our members for attending our monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

MUSEUM HOURS

The museum is now open for the 2018 season Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. Other times will be announced in the future.

I had hoped for a winter newsletter but there was not really a lot to include so here is April's newsletter.

IN MEMORY

It is with sadness that we heard of the recent passing of long time member Fred Bothwell on March 23, 2018. Fred's interest in the museum over the years has been always appreciated. Our sympathies are extended to Ruth and family at this time of loss. May your memories of the times with Fred give you comfort at this time.

REPLACEMENT OF STATION DECK

We could use more volunteers in the spring to get the task done faster.

Thank you to the Municipality of Middlesex-Centre for a grant for 2018 to purchase additional wood for the deck.

Do you have connections to a community group or organization that would like to help?

Please contact Rob Hockin.



FROM TRACKSIDE

From the shops

Resident #3 was in for a winter overhaul and attention to some worn out parts. It is surprising how a steam locomotive will just keep on going when a diesel will die for the least excuse.

New return cranks were the first order of business. The originals were wafting about in the breeze like Monday's washing. Lifting the valve chest covers to check the timing.....well, the least said the better. While at the front end, the pistons were pulled and although not as bad as expected the rings were re-packed. The automatic drain cocks received a good dose of TLC to remove the steam oil varnish. Subject to a steam test the front end looks good now.

Moving on to the boiler, clack valves were re-seated and safety valves, subject to steam test, received attention.

Putting #3 in a quiet corner awaiting warmer weather, it was decided to see if #2 "Invicta" could be resurrected from its place of honour. After some grunts and naughty words, engine and tender were under the crane and separated, the emergency hand pump was the first thing to receive attention after more naughty words and several band aids the re-build was plain sailing. At the time of writing, the tank needs refitting to the chassis and then on to the engine itself which doesn't seem too bad. Touch wood.

A very welcome addition to the stable is Miles Marshalls' "Juliet". A very well constructed loco that is missing a few minor parts and as the loco has not run for some time needs some attention. Surprisingly this loco has Baker valve gear, the wheels turn stiffly but the gear seems to work very smoothly.

As soon as "Invicta" vacates the shop "Juliet" will receive attention.

Surplus to requirements, one of the Colchester lathes passed into appreciative hands. The extra space being immediately requisitioned by the tool grinders. (Subject to change by the Grand Poobah)

Prior to parting with the old Colchester a marathon turning session of cast iron wheels was undertaken, 20 for the "in house build" breakdown crane and 16 for the Baldwin-Garrett as well as 18 axles and an Aluminium flywheel for a Ryder-Ericsson. The new owner seems well satisfied with his acquisition and no doubt it will be good for another 50 years. They don't build them like that anymore.

Periodic visits to the track reveal it to be in good shape subject to some fine tuning and moving the steaming bays further south. The phantom gardeners can be proud, the crocuses, daffodils, iris etc are poking through and the deer have not been chewing on anything obvious.

Does anyone know of a sure fire remedy for cinch bugs? Answers, please ASAP to the museum.

Ed Spencer



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CPR QUEBEC STREET (LONDON EAST) STATION

The editor has been working with a individual who is collecting the history of the 149th (Lambton) CEF, a World War 1 regiment from Lambton County. One item noted in his research is the 149th leaving from the Quebec St (London East) station. I have found a good picture of the station for him

I have a reasonably good idea of the location of this station but cannot find a record that shows for sure where it was located. Does anyone have any document, map etc. that shows where is exactly was?

I could not find much of a history on this station other than tore down in 1962 and that it was still a scheduled stop in a 1913 timetable.

Also, would like to find a picture of WWI troops leaving from the Quebec Street station if anyone has one they could share. Please contact Dan Oatman.

Our mascot, Komoka would like everyone to know that she has adopted a new friend that was in need of a new home. Her name is Sandy(The one on the right).



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This picture is from a snapshot taken in the 1950's possibly. This is a good picture of the reverse side of the building as our pictures seem to be of the front.

Thanks to Jeri Danyleyko of Canada-rail.com
<http://www.canada-rail.com/ontario>



This is a picture of the present Komoka Station when it was the Gobles station about 1924. Thanks to for donating the picture to us.

These pictures below are from a request to our Facebook page. The person would like some help in identifying this item which he believes to be an old railroad call box. Can anyone help with identifying it in any way? Please contact Dan Oatman.



SOME LINKS THAT MIGHT BE OF IN, INTEREST TO YOU.	
Niagara Railway Museum	http://www.nfrm.ca/
Palmerston Railway museum	http://www.palmerstonrailwaymuseum.com/
Toronto Railway Museum	http://www.trha.ca/news.html
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Submissions due by April 25, 2017 for May 2018 newsletter

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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 Collectibles Expo	April 29, 2018
Ancaster Collectorfest	May 6, 2018

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale	April 15, 2018
Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale	May 27, 2018

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers Open House	April 15, 2018
Pine Ridge Railroaders' Open House	April 21, 2018
Schomberg 13 th Annual Ontario Narrow Gauge Show	April 21, 2018
Woodstock Model Train Show and Sale	April 22, 2018
Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers Open House	April 22, 2018
Great British Train Show (<i>See flyer in newsletter</i>)	April 28/29, 2018
Ancaster Collectorfest	May 6, 2018
Elmwood 20 th Annual Model Railroad Garage Sale	May 12, 2018
Midland 29 th Annual Train Show and Sale	May 12/13, 2018