

KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



NEWSLETTER



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

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There are no regularly monthly meetings scheduled

Until March or April 2017

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS 2017

2017 Should be an exciting year for the Museum as we anticipate several projects to be worked on towards completion. Your help is needed, even if for a few hours a month, to see the Museum expand and complete some projects. Consider volunteering some time.

- Began work on the interior of the baggage car. Interior to be started.
- Revamp waiting room in the station. Both benches are in station. One has been cleaned and some minor repairs still to do. The second bench still needs to be worked on.
- Clean out and freshen up the caboose to include in tour. To start in spring.
- Repairs to the deck. Application for grant for wood to replace portions of deck in spring has been submitted. Use volunteer and/or student labour next spring/summer to redo the deck.
- Update website. In progress.



FROM TRACKSIDE

From the Boiler Shop:

Most of the welding has been completed on the vertical boiler and bronze fittings for the various controls are being made as the drawing office releases the prints. Steel is being sourced by the purchasing department for the chassis.

The machine shop worked Boxing day (at double time plus holiday pay) to make a flanging block for the Throat Plate and Backhead of #3's new boiler.

The head honcho, The Grand Poobah himself (of course) is off to Britain in February for an Expo, hopefully he'll come back with a bit more than just "smart" ideas.

Happy New Year and Good Steaming in 2017

Ed Spencer

Editor's Note:

We wish the head honcho, alias the Grand Poobah, a great trip to Britain and know that he will come back filled with lots of exciting projects to do!! Have a safe trip.

SOME RAILWAY HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- January 13, 1852 Broad gauge of 5'6" adopted as standard gauge for Province of Ontario (now Ontario and Quebec). In use till about 1870 when the shift started to the standard gauge of 4' 8 ½"
- January 27, 1854 The London to Windsor line of the great Western Railway is opened/
- January 31, 1880 to 1883 There was an Ice Railway between Montreal and Longueuil which consisted of rail placed on large timbers laid on the ice of the St. Lawrence River
- January 1, 1882 William Cornelius Van Horne became general manager of the CPR.
- January 1, 1902 Last spike driven at Atikokan, ON of the Ontario & Rainy River Division of the Canada Northern Railway
- January 1, 1914 Last spike drive of the Canada Northern Ontario Railway line from Montreal to Port Arthur
- January 12, 1977 Via rail is incorporated to run passenger service.
- January 3, 1986 The Skytrain operates between Vancouver and New Westminster BC

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

January 8, 2017 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles expo

January 29, 2017 London Collectibles expo

February 12, 2017 Kitchener Collectibles expo

February 19, 2017 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

January 15, 2017 Paris Junction Model Train Show

January 29, 2017 Hamilton & Ancaster Model Train Show

February 4 & 5, 2017 Port Hoper Model Railway Show

February 18, 2017 Burlington Model Railway Club Show

February 18&19, 2017 Barrie Allandale Model Train Show

February 26 Scarborough Model Railroaders open House

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

January 22, 2017 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

February 5, 2017 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

February 12, 2017 Kitchener Collectibles expo

The picture below is of an exciting new item to be added to the museum in the spring.

Watch for further details.

A former diesel locomotive from the construction of the St. Clair Tunnel.



BREAKING NEWS

Baggage Car Roof Sealed! Now Leak Free!

The Museum is now launching a fund raising to pay back the expense of the roof sealing at a cost of about \$3500.00.

Please consider making a donation to the museum for this project.

Any monies received beyond the amount needed will go to projects inside the baggage car.

More details will follow shortly.

Inside work on the baggage car can now begin to be completed.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST	WEBSITE ADDRESS
Niagara Railway Museum	http://www.nfrm.ca/
Toronto Railway Museum	http://www.trha.ca/news.html
St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway	http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/
Heimbürger House Publishing (Railroad Books)	www.heimburgerhouse.com
Charlie Smiley Videos	www.cspmovies.com
North American Railway Hall of Fame	http://www.narhf.org/

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.

Submissions due by January 23, 2017 for February 2017 newsletter

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