# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

# **NEWSLETTER**

Komoka Railway Museum 133 Queen Street Komoka, Ontario 519-657-1912 www.komokarailmuseum.ca

Monthly meetings are held at the museum on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting** 

Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ron Davis and Dan Oatman will be speaking at the Strathroy District Historical Society meeting on Monday March 19, 2012 7:00 p.m. on the Komoka Railway Museum.

# **Editors Comments**

To truly make this <u>your</u> newsletter, your input is needed for articles, pictures, stories etc. as my schedule at the present does not give me the luxury of time to produce articles, research etc. for your newsletter myself. So <u>your</u> contributions are most welcomed and appreciated.

You may contact me with your contribution in one of the following ways:

#### The traditional way

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#### Via email

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Your submissions via email would be easier for me to work with in assembling the newsletter.

There are so any exciting stories about the history of railroads. Let's share the wealth!

Please have all of your submissions by the 1st of each month to the editor in order for the newsletter to arrive in a timely manner.

Dan Oatman, Editor

Submissions due by March 1, 2012 for next newsletter

### Thank you

I have been given material for future issues. Thanks for your help. Please continue to send those articles. Volume 2012 Issue February

#### FROM THE LINESIDE

### P/Way Gang

The p/way gang reports that the track is in good shape. Thanks to global warming there's no sign of heaving so far.

### **Countess of Dufferin**

Our temporary visitor, the "Countess of Dufferin" has been fitted with an experimental propane burner, subject to field trials in the spring.

#### **K.D. Fortner**

The Sarnia loco, the "K.D FORTNER", has been out shopped and is ready for another season. This loco could use some TLC in the paint shop if anyone is so inclined.

### **Multi-Gauge Ties**

The first 80 ties of multi gauge have been delivered for a ground level track, primarily for the Climax, which still needs a grate and emergency pump. Only required are another 5,320!! So if you can use radial arm saw and a Dado blade, you can have a sample of said ties.

## **Machine Shop**

After much brow beating, the Purchasing Department finally broke down and acquired a piece Hi-Tech measuring equipment, which will be installed in the machine shop by the time that you read this. The next challenge will be to re-educate the Low-Tech personnel. However, *Nils Desperandum*, is in effect. {To all the Low-Tech scholars, this basically means *Never Despair* or something the equivalent. Editor}

#### Steam Up Days

Scheduling for steam-up days is under consideration with only Sunday, July 29, 2012 having been booked so far. So, if you have a special day coming up this summer, a note to the museum will get our attention.

#### Needed

The Lifting Gang have need of a hydraulic oil tank of 1-2 gallons capacity. If you have one that is surplus to your requirements and needs to go to a new home, please contact us.

# Your future contributions will fill this space