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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



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

There will be no regularly monthly meetings till March 19, 2015

The museum will be closed till April 2015

President's Report

Well -- another year has begun, and so far it's been "D" cold. It makes you want to stick real close to that old wood stove. (Anyway, that's the Weather Report) As of now, I have only two things to report on:

ITEM ONE is that the Museum had submitted an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a grant to have a cement floor put in our barn and our request was turned down, anyway we'll try again.

ITEM TWO I want to welcome a new member to the Museum and that is Alex Herpers. Alex is a Live Steamer enthusiast, so welcome aboard.

Anyway that's it for now. See you at our next regular monthly meeting -- March 19 th.

Al Ward

Check out the following link for some neat stories and videos of the Toronto Railway Museum.

<http://www.trha.ca/news.html>

NOTES FROM THE SHOPS

The tender for #4 went to the paint shop but, subject to further examination, may need a new drop plate. Not a big job but unexpected, however, safety first. Steam trials at the end of March or early April ready for another season.

The "K D Fortner" had a major rebuild of the emergency boiler feed pump and is awaiting the plumbers to re-pack the gland on the axle pump, otherwise, also ready for steam when the weather permits. A bit of a problem with the ash pan dump pin caused naughty words to be spoke, seems some bright spark put it in from the wrong side and the pipe fitters erected an injector in front of it calling for some fancy work with a grinder which was quicker than waiting for the prima donnas to dismantle the injector. Needless to say the dump pin is in the right way round now.

#3 may get a new paint job but it isn't a priority, perhaps the glaziers can be persuaded to replace the windows.

#4 and "Invicta" went to Woodstock in January in company with a Hunslett from St. Mary's.

The Climax the "R K Davis" arrived at the shops on Saturday January 24th for re-gauging, a new grate and the fitting and plumbing of an emergency boiler feed pump. As the "K D Fortner" is still under the erecting shop hoist it may be necessary to use the repair track hoist out in the cold to drop the trucks so that the wheel/axle assembly can be removed for the wheels to be pulled off the axles, hopefully the old axles can be re-worked which would be half the time of making new ones.

Work on the boiler for the Baldwin in the new build shop progresses steadily and is now at the stage of blanking off the various bushings for a 1st hydraulic test.

The Tentative Steaming Schedule for 2015 has been drawn up, as usual subject to weather. There's lots of Saturdays leaving Sundays for birthday parties, family re-unions, car clubs etc.

Ed Spencer

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TENTATIVE STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Komoka Railway Museum

Saturday Schedule

April 18, April 25, May 9, May 16, May 23

June 6, June 13, June 20, July 11, July 25

August 8, August 22, August 29, September 12

Approximate times are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to weather conditions and locomotive availability.

Other dates by prior arrangement through the museum.

Birthday parties, car clubs, service club outings etc. are welcome

For further information or to confirm steaming operation,

call Ed Spencer at 519-488-1622 or 226-973-4462



Ron Davis and Dave Harding with recently donated late 1880's outrigger and 1930's bicycle

FUTURE EVENTS

There is now a website with all the shows listed on it, please check it out for all the details.
Here is the link <http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS

February 8, 2015 London Collectibles Expo
February 15 2015 Woodstock Toy and collectibles Expo
March 1, 2015 Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza
March 22, 2015 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

March 15, 2015 Kitchener Model Train Show and Sale

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

March 8, 2015 Woodstock Nostalgia Show
March 29, 2015 Delaware Nostalgia Show

Submissions due by February 23, 2015 for March 2015 newsletter

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