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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency
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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 Railway Museum
131 Queen Street
Komoka, Ontario
519-657-1912
www.komokarailmuseum.ca



The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled

For Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am sorry that you didn't receive the February 2017 newsletter. I started out to prepare the newsletter but I had some issues with my right shoulder which was dislocated after a fall. The pain was very intense and I did not tackle any more than I had to. Everything has mostly settled down except a twinge of pain now and then. Here is the March issue.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MUSEUM

EVENT	DATE(S)	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
London Railway Heritage	Saturday, June 10, 2017	11 am to 7pm	
Komoka Fest	Sunday, June 11, 2017	10 am to 2pm	Ed-Live Steam
Canada Day(Delaware)	Saturday, July 1, 2017		



FROM TRACKSIDE by Ed Spencer

The boiler shop is making good progress on the new boiler for #3. The flanged plates have all been made; the throat plate mated to the barrel; the tubes and flues joined to the firebox tube plate; and a fire hole door ring fabricated and secured to the firebox doorplate. Some design work needs to be done on the "innards" regarding stays and bushings.

The stores department recently took delivery of a large shipment of iron castings from the Paris foundry, where to put everything is causing some head scratching. As well as spoked and disc wheels, there were side frames for passenger cars, enough to keep the machine shop busy for the foreseeable future. The castings are of excellent quality, made by someone who takes pride in their work, no fettling needed, straight to the lathe and mill.

There is a need for some used (or new) battery acid. Its supply seems to be tightly controlled. Any ideas? Go direct to the Head Honcho.

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.



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THE ROOF'S DONE

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!



The former CN baggage car was in need of urgent roof repairs to stop the leaks in the roof.

The roof has been repaired and now the inside can be completed to expand our displays and our archives.

THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP

A community member has loaned the cost of the \$3500.00 for the roof repairs. The museum acknowledges the generous support of this amount of money. However, this cost needs to be repaid to the community member.

YOUR HELP TO RETURN THE MONIES IS WHAT IS NEEDED RIGHT NOW!

**YOUR DONATION VIA CHEQUE 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/>

Any funds received beyond those needed for the roof repairs,
will be used towards the interior upgrades.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

If you would like us to show you the baggage car and the interior work needed to be completed,
and how your donation will be used,

Please email the museum at station-master@komokarailmuseum.ca
or leave a message at 519-657-1912 and we will set up an appointment for you to visit

Please visit our website at www.komokarailmuseum.ca

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 Collectibles Expo March 26, 2017

Kitchener Collectibles Expo April 9, 2017

London Collectibles Expo April 14, 2017

Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo April 30, 2017

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Bowmanville Model Train Flea Market March 11, 2017

George's Railview Model Railway Club March 11/12, 2017

Kingston Rail O Rama Model Train Show March 11/12/2017

George's Railview Model Railway Club March 18/19, 2017

Kitchener Model Train Show and Sale March 19, 2017

York Railway Modellers March 19, 2017

34th Annual Double Headers Self-Guided Layout Tour March 25, 2017

Toronto Model railroad Flea Market April 2, 2017

Belleville Model Railroaders April 8, 2017

Lindsay Annual Train Show April 8/9, 2017

Brantford Model Train Show and Sale April 15, 2017

Schomberg 12th Annual Ontario Narrow Gauge Show April 22, 2017

Woodstock Model Train Show and Sale April 23, 2017

Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers Open House April 23 & 30, 2017

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale March 12, 2017

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale April 2, 2017

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.

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Submissions due by March 23, 2017 for April 2017 newsletter

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