

## 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.

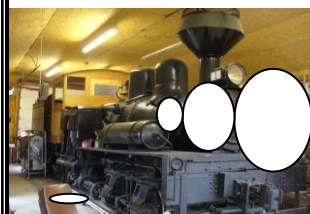
*The next meeting will be on  
Thursday, April 18th, 2013*



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

*To those who receive mail copies of  
the newsletter will find enclosed a  
membership renewal form which  
should be received with your  
payment by May 1, 2013.*

*To those who receive the newsletter  
via email, your renewal form will be  
in attachment with your newsletter.  
Please print off a copy and return  
with your payment by May 1, 2013.*



This picture of me is  
going to be on a  
postage stamp! Would  
you like some of my  
better side for your  
very own? Contact  
editor to order by  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for  
pricing and quantities.

Come join in a special celebration  
on July 1, 2013. Details to follow!

### EVENTS

#### **Komoka Nostalgia Show and Sale**

Includes railroad items

Sunday, April 14, 2013

at Komoka Community Centre, 133 Queen Street,  
Komoka ON

from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost of admission is \$4.00 per person.

#### **Woodstock Toy And Collectibles Show**

Sunday, April 21st, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the  
Oxford Auditorium, on the Woodstock Fairgrounds,  
at 875 Nellis Street, Woodstock

Cost of admission is \$3.00 per person.

#### **Woodstock Model Train Show**

Sunday, April  
28th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Oxford  
Auditorium and the Mutual/Market Buildings, on  
the Woodstock Fairgrounds, at 875 Nellis Street.

Cost of admission is \$5.00 per person.

**TENTATIVE STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2013****June 2013 Schedule**

**Sat. June 1<sup>st</sup>, Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup>, Sun. June 16<sup>th</sup>, Sat. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sat. June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**July and August 2013 Schedule**

**Mon. July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**By appointment for special events e.g. car clubs, family reunions, birthdays etc.**

**September 2013 Schedule**

**Sat. September 14<sup>th</sup>, Sun. September 22<sup>st</sup>, Sat. September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**October 2013 Schedule**

**Sat. October 12<sup>th</sup>, Sun. October 20<sup>th</sup>, Sat. October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Approximate times are from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to weather conditions and locomotive availability

**FROM THE DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

The Bluewater loco, the "K.D.Fortner", was out shopped. The first week of March and on the 18<sup>th</sup> was dead headed to Sarnia for a photo shoot. The second opportunity will be taken to raise steam while the first opportunity is reserved for resident #4.

Fire bars for the Climax have been ordered from the U.K. with delivery expected by the end of May. Also, the machine shop is working on a new water pump for it with expected installation by the middle of April.

The Drawing Office is working on a lifting bridge for the motive power department but the bean counters are insisting that it be adaptable for a reasonable range of locomotives.

Ed Spencer

***Submissions due by April 18, 2013 for next newsletter***

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***We can now send the newsletter via email instead of via Canada Post. Let me know if you want to be added to the email list.***



*On behalf of the Komoka Railway Museum, we would like to extend to the **STRATHROY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** very special thanks for the opportunity to prepare an article for their column, "Tales of our Town" in The Age Despatch. A special thanks also to Libby McLachlan and Janet Cummer for their assistance in putting the article together. We appreciate very much the support of the Komoka Railway Museum in this way. The article was well received and a number of favorable comments were noted.*

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THE YOUNG GIRL IS IN THIS PICTURE?** [Editor's note: I do and I am not telling yet!]

The picture below is of one the non-Shays that worked at the Key Valley Railway in the 1930's where our Shay came from and was taken about the same time period. At the bottom left of the picture is a young girl, who is now a few years older, and will be at the July 1<sup>st</sup> birthday party. If you know who it is, don't tell and see if you can spot her at the party. She will bring other pictures that day of the Key Valley Railway from her childhood.



From Al Ward, President:

Well, museum members, this year's February winter blues were broken up with a visit to our museum by a car club tour on Sunday, February 24, 2013 as part of their tour of various places in the area. The organizers of this tour indicated that 56 people visited our museum. I know that it kept myself, Ron Davis and Ed Spencer busy the biggest part of Sunday giving tours. I was also told that everyone that toured the museum was well pleased and all said that they would be back this summer.

They all wanted to see the Live Steam in operation. That's it for now.

## This is what the Shay looked like in 1976



IT's 1986

## THE SHAY ARRIVES AT KOMOKA NOT QUITE ALL TOGETHER

