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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.

The next regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2015
We look forward to seeing all of you again after the winter break.

VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways to volunteer with the museum---Come out on a Saturday and assist with the tours---Physical work in preparation for the projects below---Someone with knowledge of websites to update and upgrade our website. Even a couple of hours work would be appreciated. Can you help grow the museum and enhance the community experience in our museum and the history of railroads?

There are a number of projects that are going to require some volunteer labour to hopefully complete in 2015.

- 1) Sort out the contents of the building where the cement floor will be installed to determine what needs to be kept, throw out, recycle, etc.
- 2) Finish the interior of the baggage car to allow the sorting and setting up of the library and moving the circus train collection from the "barn" to the baggage car once the roof has been sealed in May 2015.
- 3) If there is time, clean out and get the caboose ready as part of the museum tour.

If there are connections to groups or individuals in the community that would like to volunteer with time, donation of materials to complete baggage car etc, we would welcome their contribution. Have a satisfaction in helping to preserve our Canadian railroad history!

FROM THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS

The melting ice and snow caused some problems with production in the shops but normal service will soon be resumed.

From the outlying depots, comes word of the building of two reproductions of the “Stourbridge Lion” and a Great Northern 4-4-2 that only needs some minor plumbing before steam trials. The “Lions” will require a new track as they will be out of gauge for the Hi-line, construction is scheduled to commence in mid June depending on the sub-assembly department and delivery to Komoka of the rail. The re-gauged Climax will also be using the new track.

FROM THE P/WAY GANG

Although the Hi-line weathered the winter in good shape, the deer wreaked havoc in the garden chowing down on the hickory and sumac that were being cultivated. However, it is hoped the plants will recover when the warmer conditions return.

Ed Spencer



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

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A recent donation to the museum of a valet cabinet from a private rail car. Thank you to Susan Relecomb for this addition to the museum that compliments her previous donation of the chairs in the picture.

FUTURE EVENTS

For more details check out website with all the shows listed on it, check out the link below
<http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS

April 12, 2015 Kitchener Toy and Collectibles Expo

April 26, 2015 Woodstock Toy & Collectible Expo

May 31, 2015 Ancaster Collector Fest

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

April 19, 2015 Woodstock Train Show and Sale

May 31, 2015 Ancaster Collector Fest

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

April 12, 2015 Kitchener Collectibles Expo

May 3, 2015 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

May 24, 2015 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

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Check out the following link for some neat stories and videos of the Toronto Railway Museum.
<http://www.trha.ca/news.html>

***Our unofficial mascot, "Komoka" is doing well
and is enjoying spring as she watches for all the birds to arrive back.
The birds are safe as she can't get at them.***



Submissions due by April 23, 2015 for May 2015 newsletter

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