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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



NEWSLETTER



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**The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

The next regular monthly meeting for April will be on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm

SEE YOU THERE!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

After the winter absence, it will be good to see all of you again.
Look forward to some new faces as well.

Lots of projects in progress. Just waiting for confirmation on various applications.

- Grant for two students over the summer
- Grant for money to paint station
- Grant for floor and door replacement on the large exhibits building

Working on estimates

- To replace the deck around the station
- To provide HVAC and roof repairs to the baggage car

New spring projects

- Revamp waiting room in the station
- Clean out and freshen up the caboose to include in tour.

Plus several groups are coming for tours and extra help could be used for those days. More details to follow as to exact dates etc.

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Condolences

To the family of the late Murray Bennell, who was one of the live steam operators, on behalf of the members and friends of the Komoka Railway Museum, please accept our deepest sympathies at this time and know that he will be missed at the museum.

FROM THE TRAFFIC DEPT.

TENTATIVE STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Saturday April 30th, May 7th, May 14th, May 28th,
June 4th, June 11th, Sunday June 19th, Saturday June 25th.
Friday July 1st, Saturday July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd, July 30th.
Saturday September 3rd, September 10th.

Subject to weather, contact for verification 226 973 4462.

Times approximately 10 am to 1 pm.

The whole month of August has been left available for family re-unions, birthday parties, car clubs etc arrangements can be made by calling the number above.

FACEBOOK GROUP CREATED

Please look for Komoka Railway Museum Inc in the Facebook search

NOTE: There is a group Komoka Railway Museum that is not connected to the museum. Requests to the individual directly and an email request to take down the site has not happened. Hopefully, this will not create confusion.

Please be sure to look for INC at the end.

Look for postings and pictures and other news on the site.

Visit the link below to see the latest on the St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway

Visit <http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/>

Visit the link below to see the Toronto Railway Museums hours

Visit <http://www.trha.ca/news.html> to learn more!

FROM THE STORES DEPT

At the beginning of February, the stores department received over 500 ties for the new track. The p/way crew hopes to start on this spring, with the other 300+ ties already received. That should make for a busy season and well on the way to the 2100 needed.

FROM THE MOTIVE POWER DEPT

There was a loco from another railway in over Christmas that had failed its hydraulic boiler test. Examination by our Inspection Dept. revealed that the throttle valve was not closing completely and allowing water to pass to the valve chests. The valves are of the type that fall away from their seats when steam is shut off. This lets water pass through the exhaust ports to the blast pipe. The super heater was blanked off at the dry header and yet there was still a discernible drop in test pressure. The check valves for the boiler feed were suspect and removed with the bosses being plugged but to no avail. A slight drip from the bottom left corner of the firebox caused some consternation but was traced back to the tiniest of leaks from the whistle valve. The almost invisible jet of water impinging on the insulation and being hidden by the cladding it accumulated until it could drip down the outside of the firebox. Removal and plugging of the valve seems to have done the needful and the loco now awaits an official test.

FROM THE MACHINE SHOP

A loco lifting bridge has reached the stage where it is ready for the Welding Dept. as too is the portable engine lift which had to be made narrower. The die lifter has also been made ready to have mounting plates welded on for the new and improved wheels

Work on the new passenger car has reached the stage where it also awaits a time slot in the welder's schedule.

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

Sad to report the passing of one of our loco engineers, Murray Bennell of Ridgetown, after a brief illness. He will be missed not only at Komoka but as far afield as Montreal and Waushakum. He always burnt Pocahontas coal for which he took some ribbing.

Ed Spencer



COMMEMORATION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING

On July 1, 2016, the Canada Day celebrations will be in Komoka.

This July will mark the 30th anniversary of the official opening on July 1, 1986.

Plan to come and celebrate with us.

Looking for ideas on how we can celebrate this special occasion.

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 10, 2016 Kitchener Collectibles Expo

April 17, 2016 Woodstock Toy And Collectibles Expo

May 15, 2016 Woodstock Toy And Collectibles Expo

June 5, 2016 Ancaster Collectorfest

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

April 24, 2016 Brantford Model Train Show And Sale

April 24, 2016 Woodstock Model Train Show And Sale

June 5, 2016 Ancaster Collectorfest

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

April 3, 2016 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

April 10, 2016 Kitchener Nostalgia Show And Sale

May 1, 2016 Delaware Nostalgia Show And Sale

May 29, 2016 Woodstock Nostalgia Show And Sale

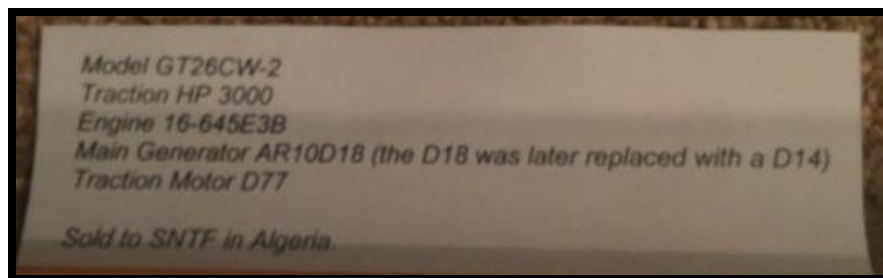
June 26, 2016 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

Thanks to the Diesel Division Retirees Club for the donation of this commemorative marker and stone from the front of the offices of the EMD offices recently closed down.



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A Special thanks to the EMD for the donation of this fine model of one of the locomotives produced at the London Plant. Other items may be forthcoming once the history of the plant is completed.



We would also like to acknowledge the cash donation from the CN Pensioners Association. Your interest in the Komoka Railway Museum is appreciated very much.

Thank You



Komoka, our mascot, would like you to know that the Museum is always interested in receiving donations of items for the collection. Please feel free to contact the museum.

Submissions due by April 23, 2016 for May 2016 newsletter

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