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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, April 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT *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.
- Clean out the flagstop
- 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. May be changes to the plans.
- 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. Grant approved for wood for deck.
- Update website. In progress
- See further in newsletter for copies of 3 student job employment opportunities available for summer of 2017. Family of members may not apply for these positions due to restrictions from funding sources.

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REGULAR SATURDAY OPENINGS

**THE MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN SATURDAY'S AGAIN STARTING APRIL 1, 2017 FROM 9AM TILL NOON.
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND LET EVERYONE KNOW THE MUSEUM IS OPEN.**

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

Following the Grand Poobah's trip to the Expo in February, preliminary enquiries are being made regarding the acquisition of a Cowans-Sheldon 75t Breakdown Crane (Steam, of course.) Whether it would be a good idea to have such a piece of equipment in the public eye is open for discussion.

Also, on the CCE's wish list is a rotary plow. Drawings for a wedge plow were sourced some time ago but thanks to "climate change" were shelved.

The B&B crew have made a start repairing the vandalism to the large exhibits building.

The intention in the very near future is to move the steaming bays back to the west side but a little further south than they were before. Also, a modest track extension is planned at the same time.

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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

Kitchener Collectibles Expo April 9, 2017
London Collectibles Expo April 14, 2017
Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo April 30, 2017
Ancaster Collectorfest May 7, 2017

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

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
NMRA-NFR Convention, Cambridge May 5-7, 2017
Nottawasaga Model Railway Club Annual Auction May 6, 2017
Elmwood Annual Model Railroad Garage Sale May 13, 2017
Midland Annual Train Show and Sale May 13-14, 2017

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale April 2, 2017
Kitchener Nostalgia Show and Sale April 9, 2016
Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale May 28, 2017

WEBSITES OF INTEREST	WEBSITE ADDRESS
Niagara Railway Museum	http://www.nfrm.ca/
Palmerston Railway museum	http://www.palmerstonrailwaymuseum.com/
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 April 23, 2017 for May 2017 newsletter

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