

## KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER



**Komoka Railway  
Museum**

**133 Queen Street  
Komoka, Ontario  
519-657-1912**

[www.komokarailmuseum.ca](http://www.komokarailmuseum.ca)

**Monthly meetings are held at the  
museum on the third Thursday of  
each month at  
7:30 p.m.**

***Next Meeting***

***Thursday,  
May 17, 2012  
at 7:30 p.m.***

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

On Monday, June 18, 2012 at p.m. at 7 p.m., the Strathroy District Historical Society will be visiting the Komoka RR Museum for a special tour.

**Reminder:** Memberships were due May 1, 2012. If you haven't forwarded your membership fees, please do so as soon as possible.

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR**

### **ABERFOYLE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB**

The Aberfoyle Model Railroad will be closing after May 13, 2012. The railroad will then be dismantled and moved to St. Jacobs. This relocation process will see the railroad closed down for about a year.

### **MODEL RAILROAD TRAIN SHOWS AND SALE**

- 1) Brantford June 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Best Western Brant Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford
- 2) Woodstock October 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Auditorium & Mutual Market Buildings, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St. Woodstock
- 3) Kitchener November 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bingemans, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive Kitchener

Cost of admission for all shows is \$5.00 per person for each show.

### **JULY 1, 2012 PARADE**

Volunteers needed for the parade in Delaware. If you are available, contact Al Ward.

### **CLEANUP DAY**

On an undetermined Saturday soon, volunteers will be welcomed in a spring cleanup of the grounds to do a bit of tidying up. Details to be announced later.

**FROM THE LINESIDE****STEAM UP SCHEDULE**

The tentative steam schedule for 2012 is subject to locomotive availability and weather permitting as follows:

Sunday	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	August 6 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	August 18 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>

In addition, it is intended to run one day on the May long weekend and other days are to be determined.

**NOTE FROM THE SHOPS**

It had to happen. An unexpected weekend visit by the great pumpkin found the Hi-tech measuring equipment being used to make custom parts for a Harley.

A reprimand was written up. A grievance filed and denied. The Labour Board refused to intervene and the miscreant was re-assigned to a less technical duty---Breaking coal for the foreseeable future!

{Editors Comments: See Charlie Brown, there is a Great Pumpkin!

Thanks to Ed for informing us of this serious transgression. Let it be a lesson to all those miscreants who would dare to make parts for your Harley, you will have a better appreciation to all the firemen who fed the fires on the steam locomotives.}

**QUERY**

Editor: I came across this item recently. Someone had heard of a railroad with the initials URR and wondered about its history as it did not seem to exist after the 1860's. There were records of having about 40 stations in Ontario at one time plus some in Nova Scotia. Records seem to indicate that about 75,000 to 100,000 people had traveled the rails on this line. I figured out the name and its history. Can you?

All those who correctly guess the name of the URR get to do the newsletter for one month or buy the editor a bagel and white hot chocolate. (And you thought you would win the prize for coming up with the correct answer!!!)

***Submissions due by June 1, 2012 for next newsletter***