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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency
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Komoka Railway Museum

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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, May 21, 2015

IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ALL MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIPS DUE MAY 1, 2015

Fill out the renewal form and return with your payment

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR MAY 21, 2015

If there is someone you would like to nominate for the executive or you would like to volunteer for a position, then this is your opportunity at the next meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015. See you there.

Check out the following link for some neat stories and videos of the Toronto Railway Museum.

<http://www.trha.ca/news.html>

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FROM TRACKSIDE

A modest amount of genuine Welsh Steam Coal has been sourced and was tried on loco #4 on Saturday April 25th with very encouraging results. It seems the fire should be started with a softer coal such as Pocahontas, the WSC fired a little and often until burning briskly. There is no smoke and the fire borders on white hot, the fire iron should be used with discretion as the coals seem to break down and could drop through the bars into the ash pan prematurely.

#4 ran well for the first time out this season although the emergency boiler feed pump gave cause for concern, maybe sticking suction valves. The injector worked well once steam was raised as too did the axle pump.

The p/way gang did sterling work on the back stretch that suffered most during the winter, there's just a couple of 'umps and 'ollers that need fixing before the slow order can come off and track speed resumed.

Our newest recruit, Caleb, shows promise, handling #4 with care coming off the top curve and meeting the rough spots, easing into the North curve, through the station at Murray's Landing then up the bank without dropping much speed and firing on the straights whilst keeping the water well up the glass via the by-pass valve.



TENTATIVE STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Komoka Railway Museum

Saturday Schedule

May 9, May 23

June 6, June 13, 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

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

May 31, 2015 Ancaster Collector Fest
June 7, 2015 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo
June 14, 2015 Kitchener Collect-O-Rama
July 5 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

May 31, 2015 Ancaster Collector Fest
June 14, 2015 Kitchener Collect-O-Rama

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

May 24, 2015 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale
June 14, 2015 Kitchener Collect-O-Rama
June 28, 2015 Ancaster Nostalgia Show And Sale

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!

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SPECIAL EVENT: ONTARIO MODEL ENGINEERING MEET

The time has come.

WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following clubs:

Toronto Society of Model Engineers, Hamilton Model Engineering Society, Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers will be hosting the "Ontario Model Engineers Annual Meet" as we are inviting any and all model engineers to join us.

There will be:

- Plenty of display tables available to show off models.
- "Air" available to drive model steam engines.
- 3 ½", 4 ¾" and 7 ¼" tracks available to run miniature trains
- Free admission to the museum
- Distilled water, coal and propane tanks available
- Refreshments – water, pop and coffee
- Great discussions and camaraderie among like minded enthusiasts

We will be serving lunch in the form of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and cookies at about 1:00 p.m. (at no cost to attendees!)

Note the following:

- It is unlikely that there will be any food vendors on the premises as they have proven to be very unreliable in turning out
- Although the museum is open to the public, this is not a public run day so the focus is on all of us having a great time with each other.

It will be held at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology at 900 Woodward Ave, Hamilton, ON

So do come out for part or all of the day even if you have no models to run or display.

Submissions due by May 23, 2015 for June 2015 newsletter

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