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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency
Of the Government of Ontario



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: Museum mascot

Komoka Railway Museum
131 Queen Street
Komoka, Ontario
519-657-1912

www.komokarailmuseum.ca



The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled

For Thursday, May 18, 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. **The flagstop has been cleaned out of stored items. Ready to be relocated.**
- 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. **Approval and monies for \$1250.00 grant for wood replacement of deck in spring has been received.** Use volunteer and/or student labour next spring/summer to redo the deck.
- Update website. In progress
- See further in newsletter for copies of 1 student for outside job employment opportunities available for summer of 2017. Family of members may not apply for these positions due to restrictions from funding sources. **Still awaiting acknowledgement of approval of grant monies for the students.**

*NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR
THE KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM
ON THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 7:30PM
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND*

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MUSEUM

EVENT	DATE(S)	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Elgin County Railway Museum	Saturday, May 27, 2017	9:30 am to 3pm	Tom Facchin
London Railway Heritage	Saturday, June 10, 2017	11 am to 7pm	Tom Facchin (Hi-Railer)
Komoka Fest	Sunday, June 11, 2017	10 am to 2pm	Ed-Live Steam
Canada Day(Delaware)	Saturday, July 1, 2017		Tom Facchin (Hi-Railer)



FROM TRACKSIDE by Ed Spencer

After the recent monsoons, the track gang went to work with a will even conscripting help from the boiler shop to help with some of the heavy movements. At the moment, the south curve is causing some grief but will be resolved soon, a short piece still needs to be completed to close the space where the traverser was, then on to the levelling and lining.

It is expected that the first steam up will be on the May 24 weekend weather permitting.

The garden at "Murray's Landing" came through the winter in good shape with no sign of deer damage.

There should be a good showing of Iris', colour and type unknown and some young lilacs seem to have taken hold.

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THE ROOF'S DONE!



**TO THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED TOWARDS THE ROOF REPAIRS,
THE MUSEUM MEMBERS THANK YOU.**

**HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE NOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A
DONATION, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION.
THIS WILL HELP US PAY BACK THE LOAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**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

UPDATE ON DIESEL ARRIVING IN SPRING

Thanks to Rob Sterne via our Facebook page for his assistance in getting a start on the information on the diesel that will be arriving soon. We are now on track to put the history of the locomotive together. Here is the current information from the links below. Will need to put a more detailed history together, if possible, and resolve some of the dates that conflict between the two sites.

<https://churcher.crcml.org/industrials/Ontario.pdf>

DeKay Construction CN Sarnia Tunnel Construction c. 1950.

Atlas Serial number 2148. Built in 1939. 50T DU

Owners

(n) USN #65-00326;

[2] A. Cope & Son (D);

[3p] DeKay Construction No#, Sarnia, 1973-74; used in enlargement of Sarnia Tunnel

. [4] Atlas Steels #8. No#

<http://www.trainweb.org/oldtimetrains/industrial/ont/dekay.htm>

DeKay Construction Co. Ltd. no# Atlas 300 hp 50-ton #2148 1939, Sarnia. c.1972 *Joseph Cipar*

This company had a contract for work in the CN's Sarnia tunnel c. 1950. Sold 1972 to Atlas Steel 8, Welland.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE MAY 2017 FOR 2017-2018

PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER FOR RENEWAL FORM

Your membership is one way that you can support the museum

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

Ancaster Collectorfest May 7, 2017
Ancaster Collectables Extravaganza June 4, 2017
Woodstock Toy and Collectible Show June 11, 2017

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

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

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale May 28, 2017
Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale June 25, 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/

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CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY 1867-2017

*A display is being put together in the waiting room
Of some of the highlights of Canadian Railway History
Featured will be the story of the first railway in Canada;
Sir Sandford Fleming; A railroad that was not a railroad;
The Last Spike; Map of railroads of Ontario and Quebec in 1876;
Examples of steam locomotives, diesels and other rolling stock
History of the Komoka Stations with a map of their location
Please come and visit the display till the end of July 2017*

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.

Your donation can be mailed to the following address:

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DONATIONS VIA CREDIT CARD

If you would prefer to make a donation via credit card, please pay online at the following address:

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Submissions due by May 23, 2017 for June 2017 newsletter

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The newsletter is available via email instead of via Canada Post. Let me know if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail.

Like our Facebook page, Komoka Railway Museum

KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

131 Queen Street, Komoka, ON, N0L 1R0



1. Please renew my membership for the Komoka Railway Museum and find enclosed my \$25.00(Canadian funds) for an adult membership or \$15.00 for a student membership (Post Secondary)

2. Please accept my application as a new member for the Komoka Railway Museum and find enclosed my \$25.00(Canadian funds) for an adult membership or \$15.00 for a student membership (Post Secondary)

3. I would like to make a cash donation in Canadian funds in the amount of \$ _____ .
Tax receipt requested Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

I would like to receive the newsletter via email at this address

(Please print) _____

I would like to volunteer to help in the following areas:

Library/Archives _____ Displays _____ Tour guide _____ Grounds maintenance _____ Fund raising _____

Newsletter _____ Social Events _____ Website _____ Special Projects _____ Restorations _____