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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, June 15, 2017 at 7:30 pm

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Sorry for the late arrival of the newsletter. It will mean that some news is under the wire or the information will arrive after the event.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

DISAPPOINTING NEWS CAUSES CHANGES FOR THE PLANS FOR 2017

2017 Was to be an exciting year for the Museum as we anticipated several projects to be worked on towards completion. The news that the museum would not be receiving funding for the summer students was very disappointing. There are alternate sources being investigated for possible funding but at this point, there is nothing confirmed yet.

Without the funding, the museum cannot be open over the summer as has been the case for several years. The office student would have also begun working on unpacking the library presently in storage. Alternate plans will have to be worked on.

Without the funding for the two projects students, the deck cannot be started. Again, alternate plans will have to be worked on.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED

HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN HELP.

- 1) Volunteers from the community would be welcomed who would assist in repairing the deck and/or finishing the room for the library in the baggage car. These volunteers could be individuals or groups from the community.***
- 2) Donations of materials to complete the library or deck projects.***
- 3) A financial donation to help with the costs beyond the donations of item 2 above.***

The museum volunteers want very much to take the museum experience for our visitors to a new level but they cannot do it all on their own. Your help in any way is appreciated.

Any community group that can help in any way with volunteer time and/or donations would be appreciated.

For further information or how you or your group can assist, please contact Dan Oatman at 226-973-5202 or station-master@komokarailmuseum.ca

Thank you for your help.



FROM TRACKSIDE by Ed Spencer

The track and grounds look well for Komoka Fest. (Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm)

There is still some fine tuning to be done with level and line but it is operable under a slow order.

In a rare moment of inter-departmental co-operation, the need for a loco to run light to check super elevations and consolidation along with opportunity to indulge the traffic department for some driver training, ended with a resounding success for all concerned.

The old track bed is being cleaned up as time permits but is not a priority.

The B&B gang moved the station southward rather than try to repair the damage caused by the track re-alignment.

A short piece of track still needs some fettling when the Killdeer eggs hatch, which hopefully will have happened by the time you read this. Driver Symington is added to the roster for Komoka Fest which will ease the problem of staff shortage.

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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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WERE DUE IN MAY 2017 FOR 2017-2018

If you haven't forwarded your membership, please do so right away.

PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER FOR RENEWAL FORM

Your membership is one way that you can support the museum

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MUSEUM

EVENT	DATE(S)	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
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/JoAnne-Live Steam
Canada Day(Delaware)	Saturday, July 1, 2017		Tom Facchin (Hi-Railer)

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

Woodstock Toy and Collectible Show June 11, 2017

Woodstock Toy and Collectible Show July 9, 2017

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Long Sault Seaway Train Show July 15 & 16, 2017

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NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale June 25, 2017

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London Railway Heritage Day

A *Fun* Free Family Friendly Event

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th
 CNRA Park | 325 Egerton St.
 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.



activities delicious food pop up museum



music

- Engine 86
- Kevin's Bacon Train
- David Essig
- Westminster Park
- The Weathered
- The River Valley String Band

Please Bring Lawn Chairs To Relax And Enjoy The Music

www.londonrailwayheritageday.ca



Canada

This initiative is made possible by the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, a collaboration between London Community Foundation, the Government of Canada and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast.
 Cette initiative est rendue possible grâce au Fonds communautaire pour le 150^e anniversaire du Canada, qui est une collaboration entre London Community Foundation, les fondations communautaires canadiennes, le gouvernement du Canada et des leaders extraordinaires de l'Atlantique au Pacifique à l'Arctique.



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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/

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 including
the story of the phrase "The Real McCoy" ;
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:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/komoka-railway-museum/>

Submissions due by June 23, 2017 for July 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 _____