

# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER



**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.**

***Next Meeting***

***Thursday,  
August 16, 2012  
at 7:30 p.m.***

### **RAILWAY HERITAGE DAYS**



On August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Railway Heritage Days will be celebrated at the Elgin County Railway Museum, St. Thomas from 10 am to 4 pm. Dave Harding, Komoka Railway Museum, will be there on the 4 wheel rail car. Everyone is invited to come and join in for the day.

### **FUTURE TOURS**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** The Lambeth Day Camp at 1:30 p.m.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** A group of about 45 coming in the morning from Dave's Car Show

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

- 1) 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
- 2) 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.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY**

If you have renewed your membership and have not received your new membership card, please let me know of your displeasure and I will rectify tout suite.

If you do not wish to renew your membership, we why would like to know and perhaps we can fix that too. Alternatively, we wish you good fortune in the future.

Ed Spencer

***(Editor's note: If you have not renewed your membership for this year, this will be the last newsletter that you will receive.)***

## **STEAM UP SCHEDULE**

The tentative steam schedule for 2012 is subject to locomotive availability and weather permitting as follows from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. :

Monday	August 6 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday	August 18 <sup>th</sup>
Monday	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>

In addition, other days are to be determined.

## **TRACKSIDE by Ed Spencer**

The recent oppressive heat put a crimp in operations but the operating department expects an improvement for the rest of the season.

On Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, operations were curtailed because of three minor grass fires which were very ably dealt with by our own in house fire department. No damage occurred but the decision was made to suspend running by coal fired locomotives. (Editor`s note: I was in attendance and volunteered in the fire suppression. I always wondered what it was like to be a volunteer fireman.)

It is intended to operate the locomotives on the Civic Holiday Monday, August 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Then, on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a visit by the Buick Car »Club of Canada and the track will be in operation from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for that day. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> will be a regular running day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **TO ALL ENGINEER WANNABEES**

It has been suggested that we offer a course on operating a steam locomotive. The idea is being given serious consideration. Perhaps a two hour ``hands-on`` course with a certificate and a one year membership including a one year membership to the museum for \$25.00. The battery powered loco could be another option with a one hour course but would not include membership in the museum. We have 4 locos on site and a shortage of able operators. Safety would be the over-riding concern. Stay tuned.

## **COAL STORAGE**

A considerable amount of coal, of various kinds has been offered for the taking away but we really don`t have a secure place to store it.

Vandalism has not been a big problem so far this year, touch wood, perhaps the security cameras might have something to do with it.

***Submissions due by August 29, 2012 for next newsletter***