

# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER



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**Komoka Railway Museum  
Box 22**

**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.**

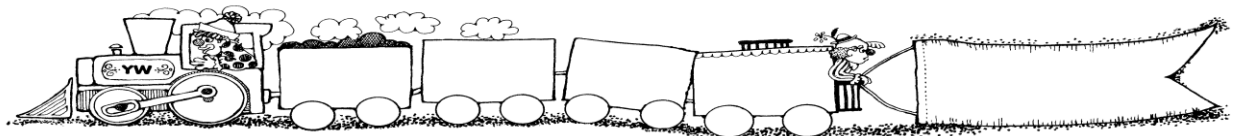
***The next meeting will be on***

***Thursday, August 21, 2014***

Editor's Note:

I apologize for any confusion over the meeting date for July. It was on the 17<sup>th</sup> not the 24<sup>th</sup> as stated in the newsletter. There were a number who did meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> who paid no heed to my error.

Dan O



### **THE O'NEILL CIRCUS TRAIN HAS ARRIVED**

A very exciting addition to our collection has been donated.

Shelving is being mounted to display the collections.

Your help would be appreciated in installing the shelves. Contact Al Ward.

There will be transportation costs in getting the collection to the museum from New Brunswick **which arrived on July 16, 2014.**

**See next pages for pictures!**

You are being invited to contribute toward the transportation costs. All donations are eligible for tax receipts. Please make sure that donation is marked for ***Circus Train acquisition*** in order for your donation to go to this project. Thank you for your contribution.



Two of the collection on display



Some of boxes waiting to be unpacked



More boxes waiting to be unpacked

### **CHRISTMAS LOTTERY TICKETS**

Just a reminder that the books of Christmas lottery tickets are available for you to take and sell. See Al Ward to get yours.

#### **A NOTE FROM THE SHOPS**

A modification to the firebox of #4 has brought an astonishing improvement in steaming and so far #4 has consumed a variety of coals of varying qualities and sizes, an alteration to the blast pipe has been made to lessen the back pressure, results will be reported.

#### **FROM TRACKSIDE**

The p/way gang are getting ahead of the weeds and should be able to spend more time on the track itself. Moving the station platforms northward has allowed an easing of the long drag, there is still an obstinate negative elevation on the back straight that will be remedied ASAP and then some general fine tuning before the end of the season.

#### **FROM THE TRAFFIC DEPT**

It has been a busy season so far with birthday specials and driver training. #3 was sluggish at the start of the season but this was traced to a "maintenance free" battery that wasn't. However, an up to date electronic controller was ordered and delivered and will be assembled during the winter.

Ed Spencer

**FUTURE EVENTS**

There is now a new website with all the shows listed on it, please check it out. Here is the link  
<http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

**TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS**

September 14, 2014 Brantford Toy & Collectible Show

September 21, 2014 Woodstock Toy & Collectible Show

**MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

October 19, 2014 Woodstock Model Train Show and Sale

**NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS**

September 7, 2014 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

September 28, 2014 Komoka Nostalgia Show and Sale

**TENTATIVE STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2014****August 2014 Schedule**

Sun. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sun Aug.31<sup>st</sup>

**September 2014 Schedule**

Sat. September 13<sup>th</sup>, Sun. September 28<sup>th</sup>

Approximate times are from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to weather conditions and locomotive availability.

**Other times can be arranged by appointment. 226-973-4462**

## St. JACOB'S & ABERFOYLE MODEL RAILWAY

The model railway is now open to the public on the times listed below.

May to December 2014 Every Saturday and Sunday

Check out their website at: [www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com](http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com).

STJ&AMR address: 1440-3 King Street, St. Jacobs. Telephone: 519-664-3737

### EDITOR'S NOTE

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to take two of my grandchildren to see the St. Jacob's & Aberfoyle model railway. They had a great time as did I. If you have the opportunity to see the railway in operation, you should take it in. You will enjoy the model layout.

Dan O

### ANOTHER EDITOR'S NOTE

During a recent visit to the School on Wheels Museum in Clinton, I found that the museum is looking for donations for the following items, which I am sharing in the hopes that you might have some that you would like to donate to the Clinton School on Wheels Museum. Here is the wish list. The following items needed are to be from the 1926 to 1965 era. If you have any donation or need clarification, contact Donna at 519-482-7952

A person yoke for carrying water  
Water buckets for the above yoke  
Two taps(Old style)  
Packages, cans, bottles eg Carnation milk, aspirin, chocolate boxes  
Children's games and toys  
BB gun  
Axes and fire fighting equipment  
Metal towel rods  
Eaton's and Simpson's catalogues  
Toronto or Clinton newspapers  
Couch cushions(flat vinyl kind)  
Pipe, Lighter, Cigarette case  
1950's math books both elementary and secondary

### ***Submissions due by August 28, 2014 for September 2014 newsletter***

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