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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



NEWSLETTER



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Komoka, Ontario
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**The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

SEE YOU THERE!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

VOLUNTEER SUMMER PROJECTS

- Began work on the interior of the baggage car. Doorways almost done.
- Revamp waiting room in the station. In progress.
- Clean out and freshen up the caboose to include in tour. To start.
- Scrap and paint the station. In progress.
- Stain the ramp to baggage car. Completed.
- Repairs to the deck. In progress.



THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

A very special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at all the events over the summer. Thanks to Ed and the crew for having the steam up and running during these events. Your time and commitment was very much appreciated and you made the visitors feel they had a great time.

STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Komoka Railway Museum

Sat. Sept 3, Sat Sept 10

Approximate times are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to weather conditions and locomotive availability.

The month of August is available for

Family re-unions, birthday parties, car clubs, service club outings etc.

To make a reservation or to confirm steaming operations

Please call Ed at 226-973-4462

Effective immediately, please note that the Museum has a new mailing address.:

NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Komoka Railway Museum
131 Queen Street
KOMOKA ON N0L 1R0

Some historical items that didn't make the July newsletter plus some August items:

*On July 3, 1904, the first run of the **Ocean Limited** between Montreal and Halifax. This is the longest running train route in Canada, having operated continuously over the same route of 840 miles.*

July 21, 1836, a wood-burning steam locomotive left La Prairie, Quebec, pulling the first train on the first public railroad in Canada.

On July 21, 1873, Jesse James and his gang carried out the first train robbery in the United States where they stole \$3,000 from a train in Ohio.

On July 15, 1853, the Grand Trunk Railway was formed.

In August 1877, was the first use of the telephone to dispatch trains at the Sydney Mines Railway, where one of the owners was the father-in-law of Alexander Graham Bell.

On August 11, 1950, General Motors opens its London manufacturing plant for building diesel locomotives.

SPECIAL EVENT: ONTARIO MODEL ENGINEERING MEET

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2016, 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 Engineering Annual Meet” and 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: • 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.

Thanks to Bill Osborne for this link on: Who built Britain’s Railways?

<https://youtu.be/46gPJVPnJ0>

WEBSITES OF INTEREST	WEBSITE ADDRESS
Niagara Railway Museum	http://www.nfrm.ca/
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

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FROM TRACKSIDE

THE MAJOR TRACK WORK to ease the long drag out of Murray's Landing has been held up as it was deemed unwise to break track in the heat of July.

If cooler temperatures prevail in August, then the work will go ahead.

THE STORES DEPARTMENT seems to be having a clean out as several more small quantities of coal of unknown pedigree have come to light and been duly screened ready for an opportunity to try it. Most of it seems to be a soft coal but the firebox will tell. One batch has already been rejected due to caking over. A quantity of Cannel coal will have to find a new use as it is unsuitable for locomotives, also a batch of what appears to be blacksmiths coke will be passed on. A sample of some very small hard coal was well received in the Toronto area last year so perhaps a little more can be passed along that way in September.

The water situation has eased and tanks have been replenished without resorting to city water so it looks good for the rest of the running season which ends around the middle of September.

The mention of the stores department special blend of steam oil last month prompted a flurry of mixing behind closed doors to such good advantage that there should be no shortage for the next 2 or 3 years. Bless 'em.

The car department have finally delivered the long promised new vehicle albeit without wheels which will come from the old car as there is still plenty of service life in the wheels although the bearings might need replacing. The usual pessimists did some gum sucking, making remarks about clearances around curves and through the station. The running department has been assured that all will be well on the track at Komoka and problems are not expected when #4 makes its annual pilgrimage to Hamilton in September. Stay tuned.

The vegetation control crew were back at it after the recent rain and all is green and trim again.

From the B & B: the wheelchair access ramp has received a coat of preservative and should be good for the next 5 years, work proceeds on painting the station building as the hot weather permits.

A visitor to trackside recently was pleasantly surprised to learn that the late K. Ross Smith was remembered as one of our members and will, no doubt, be back to read his biography in our library.

Ed Spencer

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

August 21, 2016 Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza
September 25, 2016 Woodstock and Toy Collectibles Expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

August 6, 2016 Muskoka Rails 2016, Muskoka Train Show
September 10, 2016 Toronto Model Railroad Flea Market
September 10, 2016 Niagara railway Museum Open House
September 17 & 18, 2016 Picton Model railroaders 28th Annual Model Train & Hobby Show
September 24 & 25, 2016 Montreal Model Train Exposition

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

September 11, 2016 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale
September 18, 2016 Delaware Nostalgia Show and Sale

MUSEUM HOLDINGS

Periodically, there will be items that the museum receives that may be duplicates, do not fit in with the scope of the museum's collections or have been donated for the museum to sell. Some items may be better housed in another museum/historical location or traded or put up for sale. On the last page, there are a number of good railroad books that are duplicates to the Museum's collection that the Museum would like to sell. To see the list, please look at page six for the list and further details.

Submissions due by August 23, 2016 for September 2016 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

The following books, which are duplicates, are for sale on a first come, first serve basis. They are available for pickup at the museum for \$5.00 per book during the hours the museum is open. This is an excellent way to build your library.

Title	Author	Date Published	Printing Date and Number	No. of Copies for sale
<i>The Ontario and Quebec Railway</i>	Donald M Wilson	1983	N/A	1
Traction On The Grand - The Story of Electric Railways along Ontario's Grand River Valley	John Mills	N/A	N/A	1
<i>The Pictorial Story of Railways</i>	E.L. Cornwell	1972	N/A	2
<i>The Pictorial Treasury of Classic Steam Trains</i>	Nils Huxtable	1989	N/A	2
<i>Luxury Trains From the Orient Express to the TGV</i>	George Behrend	1982	N/A	1
Train Wrecks – A Pictorial History of Accidents on The Main Line	Robert C. Reed	N/A	N/A	1
Iron Horses American Locomotives 1829-1900	Edwin P. Alexander	1941	N/A	1
<i>Apex Of The Atlantics</i>	Fredrick Westing	1963	N/A	1
Steam Railways Of The World	Patrick Whitehouse	1988	N/A	1
Steam Trains	John M. Wickre	1988	N/A	1
Railways Of Canada – A Pictorial History	Nick and Helma Mika	1972	N/A	1
<i>To Stratford Under Steam</i>	Ian Wilson	1960	N/A	1
<i>Steam At Allandale</i>	Ian Wilson	1960	N/A	1
<i>Steam Through London</i>	Ian Wilson	1960	N/A	1
<i>Steam Over Palmerston</i>	Ian Wilson	1960	N/A	1
<i>Model Railway Engines</i>	J.E. Minns	1973	N/A	1
<i>Canadian Pacific</i>	Jim Lotz	1985	N/A	2
Steam At Oakville – A Day On The Oakville Subdivision	Allan Paterson and Dick George	1988	N/A	1
<i>Canadian Steam!</i>	David P. Morgan	1961	N/A	1
Farewell to Steam in Canada – Canadian Steam Locomotives in Story and Pictures	N.H. Mika	1965	N/A	1
<i>Yonder Comes The Train</i>	Lance Phillips	1965	7th Printing, November, 1970	1