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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



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

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.

The next regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, September 17, 2015

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our last monthly meeting, it was decided that in order to prepare the agenda for the monthly meetings, all items for the agenda should be forwarded to the secretary 7 days in advance of the meeting. The president will have discretion to allow items to be added to the agenda that were not received in time for the agenda preparation.

A special thanks to Hayley, our summer student, for taking care of the tours over the summer. We wish her all the best for the next school year.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The editor is always open to receiving items of interest from the members and others who would like to share items, stories, pictures of interest.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always welcome to help out as well with a number of projects around the museum.

FALL HOURS

The Komoka Railway Museum will now be open weekly on Saturday's from 9 am to 12 noon daily starting with Saturday, September 5, 2015.

Invite your friends and family to come and explore a part of our Canadian railroad history.



TENTATIVE STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Komoka Railway Museum

Saturday Schedule

September 12

Approximate times are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to weather conditions and locomotive availability.

Other dates by prior arrangement through the museum.

Birthday parties, car clubs, service club outings etc. are welcome

For further information or to confirm steaming operation,
call Ed Spencer at 519-488-1622 or 226-973-4462

FUTURE EVENTS

For more details check out website with all the shows listed on it, check out the link below

<http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS

September 27, 2015 Woodstock Collectibles Extravaganza

October 11, 2015 London Collectibles Expo

October 25, 2015 Woodstock Toys and Collectibles Expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

October 18 Woodstock Model Train and Show

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

September 13, 2015 Woodstock Nostalgia Show

October 4, 2015 Delaware Nostalgia Show

October 10, 2015 Nostalgia Show and Sale

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Items of note from other railroad interests:

1) SPECIAL EVENT: ONTARIO MODEL ENGINEERING MEET

WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 2015, 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 Engineers Annual Meet".

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:

- It is unlikely that there will be any food vendors on the premises as they have proven to be very unreliable in turning out
- 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.

2) THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF TRAIN GARDENING IS FUN (TGIF) DESCRIBING THEIR VISIT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015. There are two pictures following of the visit.

"We then met at the 'Komoka Train Museum.' Out behind the buildings there was a rail track set up big enough for a miniature real 'steam engine' (the coal used was from Wales) and a 'diesel engine.' Each engine carried an engineer and a passenger (many of us took turns riding). Cameras were clicking and everyone had big smiles on their faces!!! One of the buildings had a 'shay engine' and all kinds of train memorabilia and a baggage car housed a wonderful display with dozens and dozens of homemade circus wagons and railway cars (in garden scale) carrying everything from tents, poles, animals, bleachers etc. and the attention to detail was amazing!!"

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3)SIMPLEX LOCOMOTIVE FOR SALE

This locomotive was started by a late member of the Bluewater Model Engineering Society; John Shelley. Although the original gauge was 5" we understand that he modified the design to run on the more popular 4 3/4" gauge in N. America.

John was very meticulous in his work and what has been done is almost certainly of a high standard. A few pictures are attached and it is believed that a fair asking price is \$1200. However the seller is open to offers.

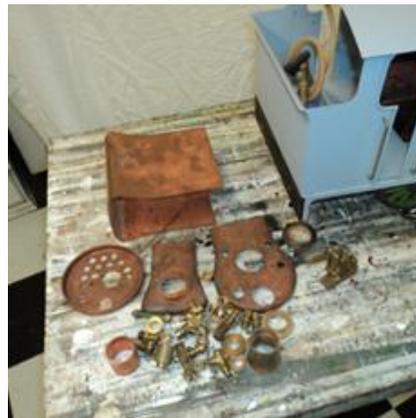
If anyone is interested in buying the part completed model please get back to me.

Thanks

John Lovegrove

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See the following two pictures of the simplex locomotive.



4) The new Toronto Railway Museum Store is now open!

Visit <http://www.trha.ca/news.html> to learn more!

The following picture is from a picture that my grandfather, Daniel Henry (Danny) Wood had in his collection. I am not sure when or where this picture was taken. I have not been able to successfully read the locomotive number to determine the railroad, most likely CPR as that was the railroad my grandfather worked for. My grandfather is the one standing on the right on the engine. Dan Oatman



Do you have a railway picture or family story to share with the other members?

Send yours to the editor.

Submissions due by September 23, 2015 for October 2015 newsletter

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