

KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



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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 meeting will be on

Thursday, October 17th, 2013

EDITORS COMMENTS

At a recent meeting, a decision was made to close the museum from Sunday, December 8, 2013 to Friday, March 14, 2014 inclusive. Attendance over the winter does not happen very often and it was felt that this was best for the resources that the museum has. However, over the winter projects e.g. the Al G. Barnes story will be worked on, to eventually put together the Canadian story of this famous circus owner, born in Lobo Township. If you have information to share or would like to work on this project, please contact the museum.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all know from reading the previous newsletters, the Shay Building has received a new steel roof. Also, the front and back ends of the building, which were looking a bit drab, the roofer has covered with the same material as the roof.

With that done, this still made the back end of the building a little unsightly as the big folding door needed some repair. A lot of hours were spent on repairing the door, but I do want it to be known that Rob Hockin, our treasurer, did the repairs and the results look great. Thanks to Rob for his fine work on the door.

C.A. Ward, President.

P.S. See the picture following on page 4 of the work in process.

ABERFOYLE JUNCTION MODEL RAILWAY

The famous Aberfoyle Junction Model Railway, which was forced to move from its' home of 30 years in Aberfoyle, due to a change in ownership of the property, has successfully relocated to St. Jacobs, ON. The model railway will reopen to the public on the weekend FOLLOWING Thanksgiving weekend. The new layout, which is actually the old layout reassembled in a larger, more spacious building, is now known as the St. Jacobs and Aberfoyle Model Railway. Projected open days are as follows:

October 2013 The Grand Opening weekend is on 18, 19, 20,
October 2013 26, 27

November 2013 2, 3, 16, 17, 30

December 2013 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, 29

February 2014 15, 16, 17 (Family Day Weekend)

March 2014 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 (March Break)

Those who remember the layout in its' former location will appreciate the improvements which greater space affords. Those who have not seen it before are sure to be impressed. For a small taste of what's in store, check out their website at: www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com.

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

Thanks to Bill Osborne for the information. Be sure to check out their website.

CHANGES

As the museum is undertaking to make the best use of our volunteer resources and our donated materials, certain projects will begin to happen:

MODEL RAILROAD

On Friday, September 20, 2013, the model railroad bench work framing was disassembled and readied for shipment by Bill Osborne, with special thanks to our intrepid Ed Spencer for his assistance. A bit of explanation to those who were not at the meeting. Volunteers were found to lay the track but no one could be readily found to continue on and maintain the layout which involved a lot of potential hours to complete.. As the baggage car will hopefully be completed by early summer of 2014 and without the layout in place, more display and library space would be available. The donated model railroad locomotives, diesels, rolling stock, track etc. will be displayed to tell the history of railroading through model railroads.

NOTE	FROM	THE	TRACKSIDE
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A good day was had by all on September 29, 2013 as the museum was open for the Nostalgia Show in the community centre next door.

Exceptionally good weather brought visitors across the track to enjoy the locomotives and get a ride on either steam or electric power.

Our number 4 melted several fire bars but still ended the day in fine style. It seems to be a minor problem with excess lubrication which has been fixed and the new blast pipe promises well.

If the weather holds, we should get another opportunity to make use of the track with the next steam up scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2013 when the museum will be hosting a party from Dorchester.

The winter maintenance program has #4 in fir new tyres, the blanks have been cut and the i/d machined. Then the o/d will be machined after shrinking onto the wheel centres.

The Sarnia loco, the K.D. Fortner, is due for piston rings.

#3 needs a paint job but is otherwise in good shape.

Ed Spencer

FUTURE EVENTS

London Collectibles Expo. Sunday, October 13, 2013 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Centennial Hall, 550 Wellington Street Admission is \$4.00 per person

Woodstock Model Train Show and Sale Sunday, October 20, 2103 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oxford Auditorium and Mutual/ Market Buildings, Woodstock fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St Admission is \$5.00 per person

Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Show Sunday, October 20, 2013. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oxford Auditorium, Woodstock fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St Admission is \$4.00 per person.

Kitchener Model Train Show and Sale Sunday, November 3, 2013 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingemans, Marshall Hall, 425 Bingemans Centre Dr., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

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Submissions due by October 28, 2013 for next newsletter

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