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## 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 regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 2015***

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to those who have submitted articles from newspapers and other sources for our newsletters. If your article does not appear immediately, it is because we are getting permission from the source to be able to use the article.

Always looking for your good railway story to feature or a neat railway place that you have found.



To all the members and to those who receive this newsletter, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Question: What side of the turkey has the most feathers? (You'll have to look for the answer!)



### FALL HOURS

The Komoka Railway Museum is now open weekly on Saturday's from 9 am to 12 noon.

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

## **POST CARD DONATIONS**

A number of post cards were donated and after keeping what was needed for the museum's collection, the rest are available for purchase. Here are the categories: Steam and diesel engines; Alberta & BC scenes; vintage design family greetings; Hawaii scenes; various scenes from USA; California scenes; Florida Scenes. Stop by the museum and make a selection.

## **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**

October 11, 2015 London Collectibles Expo

October 25, 2015 Woodstock Toys and Collectibles Expo

November 22, 2015 Kitchener Collectibles Expo

### **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

October 18, 2015 Woodstock Model Train and Show

November 1, 2015 Kitchener Model Train and Show

November 29, 2015 Brantford Model Train and Show

### **NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS**

October 4, 2015 Delaware Nostalgia Show

October 10, 2015 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

November 15, 2015 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

**Visit the link below to see the latest on the St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway**

<http://stjacobsmodelrailway.com/>

**Visit the link below to see the Toronto Railway Museums hours**

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

## **TO ALL THE MODEL RAILROADERS**

The "Boomers" is hosting a model railroad auction on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

At the Community Centre, 111 George Street, Harriston ON

Doors open at 8 a.m. with the auction starting at 10:30 a.m.

The cost of admission is \$5.00 which includes a door prize ticket.

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**FIRST KOMOKA RAILWAY STATION**

Ron Davis and the editor had a unique opportunity to visit the very much remodelled first railway station in Komoka from the late 1850's. The present building from the outside gives no clue as to what lies behind the walls. The owner, Brent Smith, gave us these pictures from the remodelling process for us to share with everyone. Thanks Brent.



Side of building showing the original construction and  
an add on from a later date.



Showing the original building before remodelling



Original beams and support visible in the basement

**FROM GHQ,**

Another successful season ended with a blow down at Hamilton on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Locomotives from TSME, RHLS, our hosts GHLS and our own #4 kept the day busy. Star of the show was a Royal Scot which ran exceptionally well having had some intense work done over the summer. There was also a good selection of electric powered locos and at least one gas powered.

Although the event was not officially open to the public, a small but enthusiastic audience gathered and free rides were enjoyed.

The Pump House Museum was also open to free admission, well worth a visit in its own right.

A mid day BBQ made for some excellent camaraderie all round.

The traffic department is considering Saturday morning running from May 24 to the end of July leaving the month of August and Sundays open for birthday parties, car club venues and other outings.

From the track gang, there is still a need to install a bridge timber at the steaming bays and raise, level and line most of them. If it doesn't get done this month, it will be a priority before the start of the 2016 season. Work has been started cutting ties for the new ground level track and will continue through the winter. Steel rail is still being sourced.

The car shop has promised a greater effort to get the new passenger cars built this winter, the material being on hand.

Ed Spencer

This is a technical publication squawk sheet left by the train crew:

**Report:** Something loose in cab.

**Answer:** Something tightened in cab.

**Report:** Evidence of leak in crankcase.

**Answer:** Evidence removed.

**Report:** Dynamic brakes don't work at any speed.

**Answer:** This locomotive is not equipped with dynamic brake.

**Report:** Alternator volume unbelievably loud.

**Answer:** Volume set to more believable level.

**Report:** Locomotive dances up and down when brake applied at 89 mph

**Answer:** Could not reproduce problem in engine house.

**Report:** Dead bugs on windshield.

**Answer:** Live bugs on order.

**Report:** Parking brake cause throttle lever to stick.

**Answer:** That's what it's there for.

**Report:** Engine missing.

**Answer:** Engine found under hood after brief search.

Source: [http://www.guy-sports.com/months/jokes\\_wrong\\_train.htm#Wrong\\_Train](http://www.guy-sports.com/months/jokes_wrong_train.htm#Wrong_Train)

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The link below takes you to a very unique but not very safe railroad in operation of the Bangkok railway market.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LibhFoF71pw>

For those who do not have access to a computer, I have added some pictures.

**Market in operation**



**Train entering market**



**Train going through market**



**Train leaving market**



***Submissions due by October 23, 2015 for November 2015 newsletter***

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Answer: The Outside!!

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