

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, November 20, 2014

President's Report

In this month's newsletter, there are two things I would like to comment on. The first one is our Christmas Luncheon, which we have been holding in past years after the drawing of the Christmas Lottery Tickets. The draw takes place on December 6, 2014 at the Museum between 12:00 and 12:30 pm.

After the draw has been completed, Museum members that conduct the draw will then proceed to the Country Hearth Restaurant in Komoka for our Christmas Luncheon.

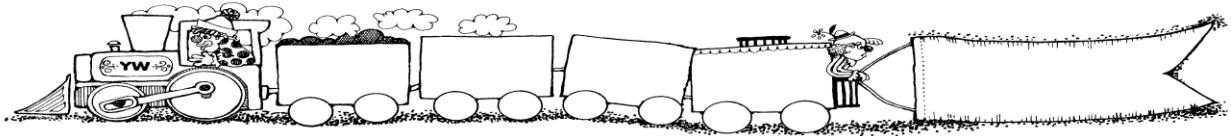
This luncheon will start at around 1:00 pm. Now, I would like to know how many members would like to attend. If you are planning to attend, please contact me by November 20th on our regular meeting night or by telephone at 519 - 471- 9433.

The second item is a first for the Museum. On October 31st, a resident of Komoka asked if I would open the Museum so that they could have wedding pictures taken in the Shay Building of his son and bride and their wedding party. They were all dressed up in Halloween costumes. A good time was had and a good donation was gladly received.

Al Ward -- President

EDITOR'S NOTE

I welcome your contributions to the monthly newsletter, concerning anything railroad or of about any of our members. This is your newsletter and it does make my job easier when you contribute. Thanks for your interest and your contributions.



THE O'NEILL CIRCUS TRAIN is now on display along with the RAM CIRCUS TRAIN

Come out and see these awesome collections!

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.

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

FUTURE EVENTS

There is now a website with all the shows listed on it, please check it out for all the details.

Here is the link <http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS

December 14, 2014 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo

December 28, 2014 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

November 30, 2014 Brantford Model Train Show and Sale

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

November 16, 2014 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

December 7, 2014 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

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Good news! The second kitten under the platform has been caught and adopted by Jenny, a neighbour of the museum. Thanks Jenny for adopting the little one. "Komoka" is doing well and is growing rapidly and at times is being totally kitten.

Some railroad thoughts:

"Rail travel at high speeds is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia." -- Dionysius Lardner (1842 - 1914) US journalist, short-story writer

Texas law once said: When two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing: each train shall come to a full stop and neither train shall proceed until the other has gone.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Can you imagine the tie up of trains that would be created in Komoka if there were such a law in place here!)

This is a squawk sheet left for the Engine shops by a train crew. (P=Problem, S=Solution)

(P) Dynamic brakes don't work at any speed.

(S) This locomotive not equipped with dynamic brake.

(P) #2 traction motor seeping oil.

(S) #2 traction motor seepage normal - #1 #3 and #4 motors lack normal seepage.

(P) Something loose in cab.

(S) Something tightened in cab.

(P) Evidence of leak in crankcase.

(S) Evidence removed.

(P) Alternator volume unbelievably loud.

(S) Volume set to more believable level.

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(P) Locomotive dances up and down when brake applied at 89MPH.

(S) Could not reproduce problem in engine house.

(P) Dead bugs on windshield.

(S) Live bugs on order.

(P) Parking brake cause throttle lever to stick.

(S) That's what its there for.

(P) Engine missing.

(S) Engine found under hood after brief search.

(P) Locomotive handles funny.

(S) Locomotive given verbal warning to be serious.

(P) Radio hums.

(S) Reprogrammed radio with the words.

Wrong Train

A few years ago, I decided to visit my sister who was living in France. I assumed that most French would speak English. I found that many people spoke only their own language and this included the ticket inspector on the train. He punched my ticket, then chatted cordially for a bit, making several expansive gestures. I simply nodded from time to time to show him that I was interested.



When he had gone, an American tourist, also on the train, leaned forward and asked if I spoke French.

'No', I admitted.

'Then that explains', she said, 'why you didn't bat an eyelid when he told you that you were on the wrong train.'

Submissions due by November 28, 2014 for December 2014 newsletter

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