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# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER



The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency  
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In June 2016, the Komoka Railway  
Museum was inducted into the North  
American Railway Hall of Fame

**Komoka Railway Museum**

**131 Queen Street**

**Komoka, Ontario**

**519-657-1912**

[www.komokarailmuseum.ca](http://www.komokarailmuseum.ca)



**The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### ***VOLUNTEER PROJECTS***

- Began work on the interior of the baggage car. Doorways done. Roof has been sealed. Interior to be started.
- Revamp waiting room in the station. Both benches are in station. Need to be cleaned and some minor repairs in progress. See picture later in newsletter.
- Clean out and freshen up the caboose to include in tour. To start in spring.
- Scrape and paint the station. Completed.
- Stain the ramp to baggage car. Completed.
- Repairs to the deck. Seeking grant for wood to replace portions of deck in spring. Use volunteer and/or student labour next spring/summer to redo the deck.
- Update website. In progress.



#### ***Christmas Lunch***

***On Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 12:30 pm, the Museum will be holding its annual lunch for members and their family at the Country Hearth Restaurant in Komoka. Please contact Al Ward 519-471-9433 or Dan Oatman 226-973-5202 By November 30, 2016 if you are going so that reservations can be made. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.***



A recent surprise visit to the shops by the Grand Poobah himself found three boilers in hand, a haystack for a Baldwin being blanked off for a hydraulic test, a vertical for a Sentinel and a Belpaire for #4 awaiting flanging blocks.

The traction motor from #3 has been removed and will be shipped out for a quote, the motor itself is obsolete and a replacement would require some alterations to the chassis.

The stores department found another small quantity of soft coal (Pocahontas?) this has been through the screens and is ready for next season. Rumour has it that there may be yet still more hiding in some dark corner. There is known to be a sample of soft coal that was tried last year and deemed unsuitable for locomotive use but maybe worth a second trial mixed with Anthracite.

The track gang has finally made a start on easing the long drag out of Murray's Landing, the vegetation control crew, to a man, volunteered to help but soon found some vegetation requiring immediate attention, however, a start has been made and it may not be as big a job as previously thought.

Ed Spencer

The newly arrived 1880's era bench in its new location. These benches were from the CN Palmerston station.

After research, it was determined that the wood is light oak with a walnut stain rubbed over the wood, a common finishing practice in the late 1800's. In order to maintain as much of their originality as possible, the benches will be cleaned only and repaired where necessary, to remove the years of dust and accumulations. The benches will not be refinished.



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While picking up the benches, it was discovered that two of the out buildings that were part of the Komoka station, had been relocated and restored near Thamesford. The building in the picture on the left is where oil, gasoline etc was stored. The building in the picture on the right is the section building. Good to see these buildings have survived.



### **SOME RAILWAY HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:**

**November 10, 1853 Great Western Railway opened from Hamilton to Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls**

**November 1-2, 1856 Celebration in Montreal of the opening of Grand Trunk Railway**

**November 1872 Grand Trunk between Sarnia and Buffalo via London and Stratford changed to standard gauge**

**November 1883 Standardized time keeping using hour wide time zones adopted by railroads**

**November 1, 1885 First CP train service between Montreal and Winnipeg**

**November 7, 1885 Last spike driven at Craigellahie BC for the first Canadian transcontinental line**

**November 8, 1885 CP train arrives at Port Moody, being the first train to travel Canada from sea to sea**

**November 2, 1887 First passenger cars in Canada outfitted with electric lights**

**November 1-4, 1925 CN diesel electric car sets record run from Montreal to Vancouver in 67 hours 7 minutes**

**November 1952 CN Bonaventure station in Montreal is demolished**

**November 5, 1959 CN opens international marshalling yard in Sarnia**

**November 6, 1960 The last official steam locomotive to operate on CP runs from St. Lin to Montreal, a 4-4-0- class #29**

**November 14, 1989 CP begins operation of cabooseless trains**

## **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.*

*There is a small shelf in the station masters room of the station that will hold the items that you can make your selection from.*

## **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**

December 11, 2016 Woodstock Toy and collectibles expo

December 18, 2016 Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza

## **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

Kitchener Model Train Show and Sale November 6, 2016

Hamilton & Ancaster Model Train Show November 13, 2016

Whitby Model Train Show November 19 & 20, 2016

Barrie Veterans Train & Hobby Event November 19, 2016

York Model Railway Modellers Open House November 20 & 27, 2016

Dundas Modular Railway Club Flea Market November 26, 2016

Associated Railroaders of Kingston Flea Market and swap meet November 26, 2016

Scarborough Model Railroaders Open House November 27 & December 4, 2016

Brantford Model Train Show and Sale November 27, 2016

Quinte Model Railroad Show December 3 & 4, 2016

Rockton ' Ol Guys Model Train show December 10, 2016

## **NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS**

November 13, 2016 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

December 4, 2016 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

WEBSITES OF INTEREST	WEBSITE ADDRESS
Niagara Railway Museum	<a href="http://www.nfrm.ca/">http://www.nfrm.ca/</a>
Toronto Railway Museum	<a href="http://www.trha.ca/news.html">http://www.trha.ca/news.html</a>
St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway	<a href="http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/">http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/</a>
Heimbürger House Publishing (Railroad Books)	<a href="http://www.heimburgerhouse.com">www.heimburgerhouse.com</a>
Charlie Smiley Videos	<a href="http://www.cspmovies.com">www.cspmovies.com</a>
North American Railway Hall of Fame	<a href="http://www.narhf.org/">http://www.narhf.org/</a>

***Jarvis station on the move. See link and picture below.***

***<http://www.simcoereformer.ca/2016/04/07/train-station-on-the-move-in-jarvis>***



## **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

The Komoka Railway Museum is a registered charity and your donations of \$20.00 or more can be receipted for income tax purposes. Any donation of any amount is always welcome and very much appreciated.

***Submissions due by November 23, 2016 for December 2016 newsletter***

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