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### November 2017

## 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: Museum mascot

Komoka Railway Museum 131 Queen Street Komoka, Ontario 519-657-1912

www.komokarailmuseum.ca



### The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled

For Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm

**NOTE**: The meeting is being scheduled for the fourth Thursday this month instead of the third Thursday.

### **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **MUSEUM HOURS**

The museum will close for the 2017 season on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The 2018 season will open again on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Ed Spencer and Dan Oatman will be visiting a VON group in Komoka on December 4<sup>th</sup> to do a presentation on the Komoka Railway Museum.



#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our annual Christmas dinner is coming up on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the Country Hearth Restaurant. Please let Al Ward know how many are going, so reservations can be made. Look forward to seeing you there.

Al's phone number is 519 - 471 - 9433.

### **NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

# NOTE: THAT THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017 TO ALLOW THE VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND A REMBRANCE DAY SERVICE IN THEIR COMMUNITY



Please take time to pause on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am to honour those who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces of Canada and remember those who were killed in action throughout the 150 years of Canada's history.

This sign is at the crossing of the CNR tracks on Komoka Road.





Start of the repairs to the platform

Some of the railway crew undertaking planting improvements. The supervisor is keeping a close eye on the locations and was observed "barking" orders to the crew!!







### FROM TRACKSIDE

Rumour has it that the mystery gardener was seen planting crocus bulbs between the walking path and the track, there seems little evidence so spring will tell.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you see flowers similar to these next spring, then it will be confirmed that the "mystery gardener" was indeed present and will give the mysterious gardener "Smiles & Chuckles"



The late summer weather on Sunday, October 22nd prompted a request for a steam up that couldn't be refused. So both #'s 3 and 4 were brought out of premature winter storage for a last huzza to the season. Many local people came to ride the trains and even operate the electric #3. A good time was had by all.

It has been suggested that raising the North curve by 2 or even 3 inches might ease the long drag south out of Murray's Landing. Not big jobs for the p/way gang but the B&B were less than enthusiastic as it would mean raising the platform at Murray's Landing. The Grand Poobah will make a decision over the winter subject to financial constraints.

### FROM THE SHOPS

10 wheel sets have been recently been completed for an in house build breakdown crane and 16 wheels for a new build locomotive machined ready for pressing on axles and profiling.

A large flywheel for a stationary engine will be the next job for one of the big lathes when the drawing comes down from the archives, if the mice haven't eaten it.

SOME LINKS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.	
Niagara Railway Museum	http://www.nfrm.ca/
Palmerston Railway museum	http://www.palmerstonrailwaymuseum.com/
Toronto Railway Museum	http://www.trha.ca/news.html
St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway	http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/
Heimburger House Publishing	www.heimburgerhouse.com
(Railroad Books)	
Charlie Smiley Videos	www.cspmovies.com
North American Railway Hall of Fame	http://www.narhf.org/

# Donations for the ongoing maintenance and expansion of our collections are always welcome

YOUR DONATION VIA CAN BE FORWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

Komoka Railway Museum 131 Queen Street Komoka ON NOL 1R0 OR

If paying via credit card is preferable, please pay online at the following address: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/komoka-railway-museum/

The Komoka museum is a registered charity and your donation of \$20.00 or more can be receipted for income tax purposes.

Submissions due by November 25, 2017 for December 2017 newsletter

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### **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**

Kitchener Collectibles Expo November 26, 2017
Woodstock Toy & Collectibles Expo December 10, 2017
Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza December 17, 2017

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

Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale November 19, 2017 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale December 3, 2017

### **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

Homes 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton & District Layout Tour, November 4, 2017 Guelph Model Railroad Society November 4, 2017 Kitchener Model Train Show and Sale November 5, 2017

Hamilton & Ancaster Model Train Show November 12, 2017

Whitby Model Train Show November 18 & 19, 2017

Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers Open House Nov November 18 & 19, 2017

York Railway Modellers Club Show November 19, 2017

Associated Railroaders of Kingston Flea Market and Swap Meet November 25, 2017

Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers Open House Nov November 25 & 26, 2017

York Railway Modellers Club Show November 26, 2017

Scarborough Model Railroaders Train Show November 26, 2017

Dundas Modular Railway Club Flea Market December 2, 2017

Quinte Annual Model Railway Show December 2 & 3 2017

Scarborough Model Railroaders Train Show December 3, 2017

Rockton Ol' Guys Model Train Show December 9, 2017