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KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



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In June 2016,
the Komoka Railway
Museum was inducted into
the North American Railway
Hall of Fame

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There are no regularly monthly meetings scheduled

Until March or April 2017



*To all members and friends of the Komoka Railway Museum
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS 2016/2017

Thanks to all the volunteers and our students for the work in getting various projects done and other projects which are in progress. Look forward to another great year in 2017

- Began work on the interior of the baggage car. Roof sealed. Interior to be started.
- Revamp waiting room in the station. Both benches are in station. One has been cleaned and some minor repairs still to do. See picture later in newsletter. The second bench still needs to be worked on.
- 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.

From Trackside;

The p/way gang have eased the long drag out of Murray's landing and it looks good all around the south curve. The back straight over the traverser and the north curve into the station may benefit from a modest lift after the snow melts.

The local authority has constructed a "walking pathway" between the back straight and the east soccer field, preliminary thoughts are that the traverser and the steaming bays should be moved back to the west side but south of Murray's landing also that some spare track panels might be used to extend the track southward.

The vegetation control crew took advantage of the warm autumn and did some planting along the west side with donated bulbs and shrubbery, if the deer don't wreak havoc the area should be quite pleasant next summer

From the shops;

The traction motor for #3 has received some attention and been re-installed, first static tests show a distinct improvement but only out on the road at the earliest opportunity will be the decider, a new motor would require modifications to the chassis.

Ed Spencer

One of the 1880's era bench has been cleaned. Awaiting minor repairs.

BEFORE



AFTER



THESE INITIALS FOUND AFTER CLEANING ETCHED IN ONE OF THE ARMS.



Initials "E L"



Initials "M K"

December 2016

Ron Davis, the first "Passenger" on the cleaned bench



A few of our members and friends have not been well recently and have not been able to join us for awhile.

We wish all of you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon.

A very special get well to our young friend, Miles, who has been in and out of hospital recently.

SOME RAILWAY HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December 31, 1853 Great Western Railway opens London to Hamilton section

December 25, 1854 First rail service to Bytown, later Ottawa

December 3, 1855 Hamilton to Toronto of Great Western opened

December 27, 1859 Grand Trunk completes Toronto to Sarnia line and establishes ferry service across St. Clair River

December 31, 1860 First railway tunnel in Canada under the town of Brockville, about 1/3 mile long

December 29, 1879 the J.G. Haggart taken over the ice of the Red River into Winnipeg to start construction west in spring 1880

December 19, 1916 an order-in-council authorizes shipment of rails and fastenings to France. A total of 1100 miles of sidings and yards were taken up.

December 20, 1918 The use of the title "Canadian National Railways" is authorized by an order-in-council

December 1937 Canadian Pacific takes delivery of first diesel electric locomotive #7000

Christmas 1983 Via Rail discontinues the sale of selling plum puddings due to decreased sales

December 12, 1988 First revenue train through the 9.1 mile long Mount MacDonald Tunnel

December 31, 1989 Last part of railway operated by CN on Prince Edward Island abandoned.

December 14, 2010 The Ontario Southland Railway takes over the former CP St. Thomas, Ontario subdivision

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. Presently, there are railroad books available. By spring, there will be books with extra post cards for sale as well. All the proceeds from these sales will go to the baggage car roof fundraising. Watch for other items donated for sale to be listed.

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
January 8, 2017 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles expo

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Scarborough Model Railroaders Open House December 4, 2016
Quinte Model Railroad Show December 3 & 4, 2016
Rockton ' Ol Guys Model Train show December 10, 2016
Paris Junction Model Train Show January 15, 2017
Hamilton & Ancaster Model train Show January 29, 2017

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

December 4, 2016 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale



BREAKING NEWS

Baggage Car Roof Sealed! Now Leak Free!

The Museum is now launching a fund raising to pay back the expense of the roof sealing at a cost of about \$3500.00.

Please consider making a donation to the museum for this project.

Any monies received beyond the amount needed will go to projects inside the baggage car.

More details will follow shortly.

Inside work on the baggage car can now begin to be completed.

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

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 December 23, 2016 for December 2016 newsletter

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