

KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

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The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency
Of the Government of Ontario



Komoka: Museum mascot

The Museum acknowledges a grant
provided by the Municipality of
Middlesex Centre

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

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

SUMMER STUDENT

The museum has been approved for one student, assistant curator for the 2018 season. The interviewing process is now completed and we can soon announce the name of our summer student hire. The museum will have extended summer hours again for the 2018 summer season beginning June 28, 2018 till August 26, 2018. The hours open are from 9 am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday each week till the last week in August. Thanks to Rob and Ed for co-ordinating this project.

REPLACEMENT OF STATION DECK

Soon work on the deck will resume. If you or your community group would like to help, contact Rob Hockin

COMPLETION OF LIBRARY ROOM IN BAGGAGE CAR

Volunteers are needed to finish putting the library room together in the baggage car. If you can hammer, saw or paint, your talents would be welcomed.

Some materials needed as well e.g. 2 X 4's, unfinished wood panelling that can be painted, paint for walls and ceiling and trim and molding. If you are able to donate these materials or make a financial gift towards this project, your gift would be appreciated. Please see Dan Oatman

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder that your 2018-2019 memberships are now due. If you paid already, we thank you. If you have not paid yet, we would appreciate your forwarding your membership renewal at your earliest convenience. The memberships are still \$25.00 per year.



FROM TRACKSIDE

June is shaping up to be a busy month. The vegetation took off all of a sudden particularly the dandelions. It didn't look too bad for a visit from the Riverbend Academy on the 8th, Ron's birthday party on the 10th, interviews for the summer student on the 13th, a delegation from Palmerston on the 20th and a visit from the Montessori School on the 25th.

Special thanks to Justin Marshall for running Juliet II and John Mason for handling the crowd control on the 10th.

Good to see Mark Toth out with his Raritan.

The track gang "volunteered" to clean up the rail dump, a job that turned out to be much bigger than first thought as a lot of the rails are inter-locked and needed some naughty words to get them apart so they could be moved and re-stacked neatly.

The Hi-Railer got some TLC and was taken for a short run to get the cobwebs off.

The municipality dropped off some wood chips which will keep the gardeners busy suffocating weeds and conserving moisture for the saplings.

Ed Spencer

SOME LINKS THAT MIGHT BE OF IN, 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/
Elgin County Railway Museum	https://ecrm5700.org/
Heimbürger House Publishing (Railroad Books)	www.heimburgerhouse.com
Charlie Smiley Videos	www.cspmovies.com
North American Railway Hall of Fame	http://casostation.ca/
Canadian railway stations and structures	http://www.canada-rail.com/ontario

Thanks to Justin Marshall for sharing the link below to a podcast on rail preservation

<http://theroundhousepodcast.com/2018/05/08/millennials-railroad-heritage/>

If you have not seen a Shay engine in operation, look at these links

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADOZ2nytP_c

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GiY1_f78K0

UPCOMING EVENTS/GROUP TOURS FOR THE MUSEUM			
Thanks to the volunteers for helping out with these events			
EVENT	DATE(S)	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
River Bend Academy (Tour) Completed	Friday, June 8, 2018	9:30am	Ron Davis, Al Ward, Ed Spencer, Justin Marshall
Ron Davis Birthday Event (Tour) Completed	Saturday, June 9, 2018	1 to 3 pm	Al Ward, Ed Spencer, Justin Marshall, Dan Oatman
Railway Nostalgia Day & Train Hobby Show at Elgin County Railway Museum (Display)	Sunday, June 24, 2018	10 am to 4pm	Ed Spencer
Canada Day Parade (Mount Brydges) (Participate with Hi-Railer)	Saturday, July 1, 2017	11 am to 12 noon	
Colborne Lodge Residence (Tour)	Friday, August 3, 2018	10 am and 1pm	Al Ward, Rob Hockin, Ron Davis



One of young members, Miles, having completed a very beautiful puzzle of a CPR locomotive. He had a lot of patience as this was a 1000 piece puzzle completed over a few weeks.

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 N0L 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 June 30, 2018 for July 2018 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

Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo	July 3, 2018
Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza	August 19, 2018

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale	June 24, 2018
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MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Muskoka Train Show	June 16 & 17, 2018
St. Thomas Railway Nostalgia Day and Train Hobby Show	June 24, 2018
Long Sault Seaway	July 21 & 22, 2018