

# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

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**Komoka: Museum mascot**

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

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***We thank all our members for attending our monthly meetings.***

***The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm***

***PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE COMING.***

***Effective with the September 2018 meeting,  
the monthly meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.  
Please make sure that you mark this change on your calendars.***

### **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **SUMMER STUDENT**

We were delighted to have had Heather Wilson (See her picture later in newsletter) this summer as our assistant-curator. She was very creative, loved research and worked on finishing up our telegraph display among other things (See pictures following). She researched a number of items for the museum as well. Thanks Heather for a great job. Heather is going to volunteer for us whenever she can find time in her school schedule. That is appreciated.

The museum has returned to regular hours of 9am to 12 noon every Saturday till November 24, 2018.

#### **APOLOGIES**

The editor of the newsletter intended to do a summer issue for release in early August. As there was a virus that appeared on his computer, the release was delayed until later in August to make sure everything was cleared from the computer. Then with a couple of unseen minor technical issues that delayed the release, most of the information in the newsletter became non-current and the decision was made to release a September 2018 issue which you now **have.**

## STATION-MASTERS ROOM

Volunteers are busy at work assembling items from around the museum to work on a display of items that would have been used by the station-master or used in the station. This will include putting up the hoops, organizing the display cabinet with all the small items and finding the rest of the items eg window closers. All items that are not related will be stored temporarily. The boxes and bins of railroad themed mugs found under the station-master's desk have now been put on display in the wall cabinets of the Shay building. Lots of CN related mugs but only one CPR mug to date. Looks like a complete set of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary GM mugs. Check them out.

Have some coal to be placed in the coal shuttle beside the stove.

## CORRECTION

The editor had the incorrect engine number being restored in the last newsletter.

It should be the 6069 NOT the 6060. Thanks to the sharp eyes for catching that,

Here is a link to the story of the 6069 being restored in Sarnia.

<https://london.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1432128>

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Thanks to Justin for working at updating the museum's website. Looks great!

If you haven't checked it yet, please do. Visit us at [www.komokarailmuseum.ca](http://www.komokarailmuseum.ca)

## HEATHER WILSON'S PICTURE.



## NEED TO MAKE ROOM AT HOME?

Do you have any of the following items? The museum would accept your donation of the following:

- 1) About 8 feet of black stove pipe (To finish connecting the stove to the chimney outlet)
- 2) Needed to hang our collector plates on the wall for display, wooden plate holder or wire metal holders. Wall holders only please, not free standing holders.
- 3) Donations of any railway related items always appreciated.

4) We have about 8-9 feet of shelving needed, about 28-32 inches high and 10-12 inch deep shelves with adjustable shelves preferable and in a darker wood to be compatible with the museum. Ideally, three 3 foot shelves would be ideal but any lengths that would total 8 to 9 feet would work e.g. two 4 foot shelves.

Some pictures of the newly assembled telegraph/insulator display.



### **PALMERSTON STATION VISIT**

Some of the Komoka Museum members will be going to visit the station at Palmerston on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you would like to go for a tour and have not indicated so yet, please contact me so transportation can be arranged.

The tentative schedule is to leave at 9:30 am and arrive in Palmerston about 11 am. Then, we would tour the museum, then have lunch together and return to Komoka in the afternoon after lunch.

Dan Oatman

Interested in learning about steam locomotives being more efficient for possible rail use again? Check out all the details in the link below

<https://csrail.org/whitepapers/>

### **RUSSELL STAFFORD ALLISON**

It is with sadness that it is noted of his recent passing in August 2018. He had been past president of the CPR and served on the boards of many organizations, having received awards for his engineering contributions. For further details, check out the links below:

<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oid=1086372>

<http://casostation.ca/russell-allison/>

### **GARDEN GUAGE TRAINS**

Here is a link to a video of garden trains. Look for the Shay miniature locomotive briefly about 3:30 in!

<https://youtu.be/A2E2H0xOij8?t=288>

### **GOBLES/KOMOKA STATION HISTORY UPDATE**

One project discussed with Heather Wilson was to research the station building's complete history at Gobles as that was the original location of the station and is part of Komoka's station's history.

Well, Heather got busy and discovered deep in the CN archives that the building in Komoka is not the original 1880 station to Gobles as we thought. In fact, this present building is the third one at Gobles. The original building from 1880 prior to 1912 had something happen to it. Investigation will need to be done further as to what and when. We did come across a picture of a train wreck at Gobles dated 1908, but not certain if this was the cause of the station's demise. We do know, according to CN archive records, that there was a box car beside the tracks being used as a station. In the archives, were the blueprints for the present building as constructed in 1912. So there you have it, the station is now 106 years young and is not 138 years old.

One never knows what will be discovered.

**New project: Update all our histories of the museum.**

## **TRACKSIDE**

From the world HQ;

There are no notes from the track or shops last month as the machine, boiler and erecting shops are moving, no definitely not "off shore" or south of the border, just a few miles west. The main reason for the move: The taxes have become exorbitant in fat cat city.

The whole staff, to a man, is coming along as well. There will be 12 hour days and 7 day weeks until the snow comes but, hopefully, by then the shops will be back to normal.

In the meantime life goes on at the track. The Running Department have hosted 2 special events in July along with events in August

Miles' Juliet is running well but there does seem to be a tight spot on the top curve she doesn't like. P/Way gang is to investigate and remedy, possibly a sun kink.

Petunia seems to have benefited from the TLC she got last winter and runs well on any coal. Even the injector is behaving itself and doing the needful.

Moving the traverser is showing to have been a good idea all round.

Ed Spencer

## **POSTCARDS**

Al Ward is looking for a winter project. He has been assembling books of post cards of all kinds from railroad to scenic to post cards as greeting cards of the past. If you have some postcards you are not quite sure what to do with, consider donating to the museum for Al to put in binders. The theme doesn't need to be rail oriented. Check out what is in the museum already.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Al Ward is again co-ordinating the museum Christmas dinner at the Country Hearth which will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 12 noon.

If you are going, please contact Al at 519-471-9433 by November 17<sup>th</sup> and also, let him know if you are bringing a guest(s). Come to enjoy a good time and good food.

## **EXCITING NEW PROJECT IN THE WORKS**

In partnership with one of our members, there soon will be a new addition to the museum. The project involves a wooden caboos coming to the museum with a special display. Details will follow later.

<b>SOME LINKS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU</b>	
Niagara Railway Museum	<a href="http://www.nfrm.ca/">http://www.nfrm.ca/</a>
Palmerston Railway museum	<a href="http://www.palmerstonrailwaymuseum.com/">http://www.palmerstonrailwaymuseum.com/</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>
Elgin County Railway Museum	<a href="https://ecrm5700.org/">https://ecrm5700.org/</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://casostation.ca/">http://casostation.ca/</a>
Canadian railway stations and structures	<a href="http://www.canada-rail.com/ontario">http://www.canada-rail.com/ontario</a>

**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 September 30, 2018 for October 2018 newsletter***

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*The newsletter is available via email. Let me know if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail.***

**Q: How do you find a missing train?**

**A: Follow the tracks.**

## **THE BOOMER AUCTION SALE**

OF MODEL TRAIN EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS  
OPERATED BY THE CHATHAM MODEL RAILROAD CLUB  
THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER  
AND WILL RUN EXACTLY AS IT HAS FOR THE LAST 60+ YEARS

### **FOR 2018:**

LOCATION - THE SPIRIT AND LIFE CENTRE (formerly St. Joseph's Hall)  
184 Wellington St. W. in Downtown Chatham, plenty of parking.

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

SIGN-UP LISTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE DOOR AT 8:00 AM

AUCTION SALE STARTS AT 10:00 AM

ADMISSION: \$5.00 WHICH INCLUDES DOOR PRIZES

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MODEL TRAIN ESTATES WELCOME!!!

## **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**

London Collectibles Expo	September 16, 2018
Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo	September 23, 2018
Kitchener Collectibles Expo	September 30, 2018

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

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale	October 6, 2018
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### **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

Picton Model Railroaders Model Train & Hobby Show	September 15 & 16, 2018
Grey Central Railway Club Open House & Show	September 15, 2018
Mississauga Model railroad Flea Market	September 16, 2018
NMRA-NFR Convention Huntsville ON	September 28 to September 30, 2018
Greater Toronto Train Show	September 29 & 30, 2018
Montreal Model Train Exposition	September 29 & 30, 2018
Burlington Model Railway Club	September 30, 2018
Muskoka & Simcoe County Model Railroad Layout Tour	September 30, 2018
Bowmanville Annual Model Railroad Show	October 13 & 14, 2018
Capital Region Model Railway Tour	October 20, 2018
Woodstock Model Train & Show	October 21, 2018