

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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We thank all our members for attending our monthly meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE.

***The monthly meetings are now on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.
Please make sure that you mark this change on your calendars.***

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

DONATIONS

The museum has had a number of donations during September which will be great additions to our collection.

All sorts of items from books, pictures, display cabinet for local history room, train collector plates among other things. We are always glad to receive donations and will use them for our collections or trade with other museums.

STATION-MASTERSROOM

Most of the items from around the museum that would have been used by the station-master or used in the station have been rounded up. Still to do: putting up the hoops, organizing the display cabinet with all the small items and finding the rest of the larger items e.g. window closers.

The mugs and glasses are now on in display in the Shay building.

IS THAT CLOSET A LITTLE TOO FULL?

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 7" diameter (To finish connecting the stove to the chimney outlet)
- 2) Needed to hang our collector plates on the wall for display, wooden plate holders only. Wall holders only please, not free standing holders. Someone with knowledge of plate holders has advised the museum not to use the metal holders as there is a risk of chipping or warping the thinner plates.
- 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.

PALMERSTON STATION VISIT

Some of the Komoka Museum members made it to visit the station at Palmerston on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018. We had a great tour and had the opportunity to see the museum collection and displays including the cook house car. There was interest in working together to enhance rail history and acquiring items for the museums that would be of interest to the Komoka Museum or the Palmerston Museum.

For those who have not seen the CN Palmerston Station, here is what it looks like.



Project still in the works to update the history of the Komoka station building.

Dan Oatman

SOME RAIL PICTURES FROM THE RICE LAKE AREA



Abandoned railway bridge. Unknown line in the wilds near southern Rice Lake in the middle of nowhere!

These three pictures below are from a display at Lindsay ON commemorating the role railways played in the history of Lindsay.





FROM TRACKSIDE

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On Sunday September 16th our resident #4 made the annual pilgrimage to Hamilton Museum of Science and Technology to renew friendships and make some new ones.

#4 ran extremely well and although the attendance wasn't as large as in previous years, did manage some passenger hauling without a great deal of effort.

Now that the CBNR world headquarters has to move westward, it has added an extra 45 minutes to the travelling time before starting to raise steam.

A 50/50 mixture of Anthracite and Pocahontas burns well but too quickly and causes excess smoke. Next season will be the opportunity to increase the ratio to 75% Anthracite keeping in mind the propensity of Anthracite to make clinker.

The new workshops are in complete disarray and will be sometime before the machinery is working again. Indeed, some machines are still in transit.

Now that the season is drawing to a close, mention should be made of the phantom gardeners efforts round the home track at Komoka, the hibiscus, lilacs, rose of Sharon, irises etc. are doing well,

Maple and Beech trees bode well for shade in the coming years. It is surprising how well the grass looks just before the snow comes.

It is believed that there are crocus along the back straight to herald spring and a new season of steaming.

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 17th 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 caboose coming to the museum with a special display. Details will follow later.



Picture from Rob Hockin to the Museum's Facebook page. Here for those who do not have access to Facebook.
This is the canal bridge in open position in Aigues-Mortes, a town in France

CPR freight train, locomotive #9778 approaching Strathroy at a ground level crossing, which is controlled by stop signs.



CNR Chinese railway worker
Gravesite marker in Potter's Field,
Woodland Cemetery, London ON

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/
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

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 October 30, 2018 for November 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.

The museum newsletters are also posted to the Komoka Museum's Facebook page.

Q: Why can't the engineer be electrocuted?

A: Because he's not a conductor!

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	October 14, 2018
Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo	October 28 2018
Kitchener Collectibles Expo	November 25, 2018

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale	November 18, 2018
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MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Capital Region Model Railway Tour	October 20, 2018
Woodstock Model Train & Show	October 21, 2018
Nottawasaga Model Railway Fall Auction	October 27, 2018
Niagara Railway Museum Fall Model Railway Show	October 28, 2018
Kitchener model Train Show and Sale	November 4, 2018
Hamilton & Ancaster Model Train Show	November 11, 2018
Whitby Model Train Show	November 17 & 18, 2018
Dundas Modular Railway Club Model Train Show and Sale	November 24, 2018
Kingston Rail Fair Model Train Show	November 24, 2018
Greater Niagara Model Railroad engineers Open House	November 24 & 25, 2018
Scarborough Model Railroaders Train Show	November 25, 2018
York Railway Modellers Club Show	November 25, 2018