

KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019



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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

**Wishing All our Members and Friends
A Very Happy New Year**

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We thank all our members for attending our monthly meetings.

There will be no monthly meetings till March 2019

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT NEWSLETTER

I wish all of you and your families a Very Happy New Year.

May 2019 bring prosperity for your endeavours.

I regret that there was no newsletter for November or December 2018. Because of health issues, I had to rethink how I accomplish items in my schedule. Mornings and afternoons work best but I am finding that by evenings, fatigue has set in and I accomplish very little. So, I took a rest from where I could, particularly in December 2018, to realign my schedule for me to accomplish items in a timely manner again. So there will be items from November 2018 and December 2018 that I am including for their interest as the stories are always timely.

MEETING TIMES: Your feedback would be welcomed on this matter discussed at the November members meeting. As some members are finding evening meetings difficult to attend, it was discussed to switch the monthly meetings to the third Tuesday afternoon each month at 2 pm. We would consider this for the March meeting, weather permitting.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This past Remembrance Day, November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Part of the service overseas in WW1 was a group of about 16,000 men, in 10 battalions, who served as the Canadian Railway Troops. Please see attachment for article on the history of the Canadian Railway Troops. The link below to the Strathroy-Caradoc Lions site tells the story of one who served with these troops and is on the cenotaph in Strathroy ON, George Robert Alexander Urquhart. Check out the ingenuity/resourcefulness of the "Mechanical bug" of the Canadians in one of the pictures. I posted a copy below for those with no internet access.

<https://strathroycaradoclions.ca/index.php/3rd-battalion-canadian-railway-troops/>



New Display: Two sash closers mounted on wall in station-masters room



FROM TRACKSIDE

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The machinery finally arrived at the end of October and facing a deadline to get it inside, several volunteers were conscripted. All was well, except that it soon became apparent, that there was a shortage of power outlets but it is expected that sufficient electricity will be available by the time the machines are re-assembled and placed in position. New LED lighting is on site and waiting for the prima donnas of the skilled trades to run some wire. Fortunately there is an abundance of amperage that can be tapped into. Natural gas is scheduled to be available before Christmas.

A request from another railway for coal has relieved the stores department of some unusable coal that caused clinker, plugged tubes and firebars. There's still a good quantity left for our regular customers at Richmond Hill who seem to have good use for it.

Crossing barriers and some 80lb head free rail was loaded and shipped to Palmerston in October.

A request for assistance in completion of the pipe work of a Northern loco had to be denied due to the move making personnel unavailable for extra-curricular activities.

Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

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 of the cards doesn't need to be rail oriented.

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.

Some pictures from visit to the Palmerston Station Museum that should have made the November newsletter





**New Display: Four styles of hoops mounted on the wall in the Station-masters room.
We have surplus hoops for trade as well.**



**Possible fund raiser with tractor seats for sale with Komoka Railway Museum imprinted.
Your comments would be welcome. Samples coming in March 2019.**



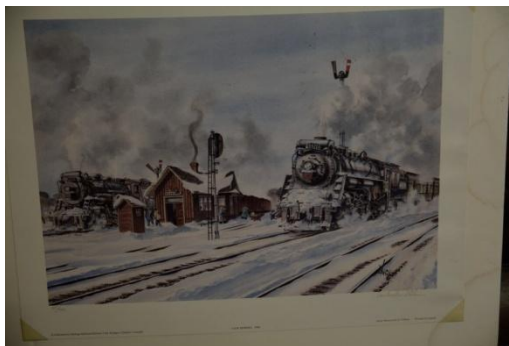
This item was donated to the museum but after research have determined that this is a ship's lantern. It appears that this is incomplete as missing a couple of small pieces. The Anchor Patt. 5902 refers to a pattern number issued by Anchor and is not a patent number. It needs a home in a maritime/nautical location. We would be interested in selling or trading for something to add the railway museum collection. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the museum.



**New donation: A silver teapot stamped ``Canadian National Railways``
Handle is missing but still worthy of display.**



**New display: Surveyors equipment. When assembling the various pieces,
it was discovered that there are three different transit tripods, two different transits.
There is another transit packed away that I noticed the last Saturday in November.
Anxious to see what that one looks like next time I am at the museum.
Research still needs to be done on these as to dating, manufacturer etc.**



**This unframed print is for sale.
We found another print already framed tucked behind the vault, ready to hang.**



Komoka's New Year picture with her friend Sandy who is in the front with Komoka at the back.

Komoka is now about 4 and a-half years old now.

**Hard to believe that it has been that long since she adopted me
and we found her under the station platform with her brother.**

The Library has shelves in storage for hopefully relocating in 2019.

This is what they look like in their original location.



FUND RAISING DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN JANUARY

A SEPARATE MAILING WILL COME WITH MORE DETAILS

**At the last members meeting in November 2018, a number of
projects were reviewed for needing to be done including
but not limited to the following.**

Complete the inside of the baggage car

Paint the caboose

**Fix the entranceway to the large building so it is safer
for people to cross over and drive the hi-railer over**

Work on the deck Plus several other items

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 February 25, 2019 for March 2019 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.

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	February 19 2019
Kitchener Collectibles Expo	February 24, 2019
Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza	March 3, 2019
Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo	March 24, 2019

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale	January 13, 2019
Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale	February 3, 2019
Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale	March 10, 2019

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Woodstock Model Train Show & Sale	January 6, 2019
Paris Junction Model Train Show	January 20, 2019
Hamilton & Ancaster Model Train Show	January 27, 2019
Port Hope 26 th Model Railway Show	February 9 & 10, 2019
Copetown RPM Meet	February 23, 2019
Copetown Train Show	February 24, 2019
Exhibition of the Cobourg & Peterborough Railway Story	March 2, 2019
Scarborough Model Railroaders Train Show	March 3, 2019
Kingston 30th Rail O Rama Model Train Show	March 9 & 10, 2019
Kitchener Model Train Show and Sale	March 17, 2019
Double Headers 36 th Annual Self Guided Tours	March 23, 2019
Woodstock Model Train Show & Sale	March 31, 2019