

KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

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Komoka: Museum mascot

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In June 2016,
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Museum was inducted into
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We thank all our members for attending our monthly meetings.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 2pm

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

COMPUTER ISSUES

Since May 2019, the software on both the museum's computer and the editor's computer was not functioning to be able to create the newsletter. A little frustrating at not being able to get information out and share recent donations and happenings.

The editor's computer is fixed and is back in the business of creating the newsletter again. Some of the items in this newsletter are since May 2019 and others are more current. Tried to give you an update on several items.

Work on our fund raising campaign is know in progress.

CANADA DAY

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the open house for Canada Day. There were many people through.

A special thanks to Judith Colbert and Beth Moyer, two local authors who wrote about Hyde Park and Kilworth respectively, for coming for a book-signing event and spending the day at the museum.

A successful day.

SUMMER EMPLOYEE

A special welcome to Emily Baron, our summer employee, who brings a background in artwork and design with her. Using her skills, Emily is creating a new brochure for the museum. Emily has been working on an updated children's package, which is available for distribution during tours and may give opportunities to have school class visits as well.

Emily has been working as well on a display with Dan Oatman to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first British Home Children and to acknowledge the part that the railways played in the moving of the Home Children across Canada.

If you have not had an opportunity to meet Emily, stop by the station on Thursday to Sunday and say hi to her.

KOMOKA MAP

Justin Marshall is working on getting the map put together of the area to be able to identify buildings etc. of local interest as part of the local history room. The map should soon be on display.

MEMBERSHIPS

If you haven't had an opportunity to forward your 2019-2020 membership, please do so as soon as you are able to do so.

FUND RAISING DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON A SEPARATE MAILING WILL FOLLOW WITH MORE DETAILS

**A number of
projects are needing to be done including
but not limited to the following:
Completing the inside of the baggage car
Painting the caboose
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Cleaning the inside of the caboose
Fixing the entranceway to the large building so it is safer
for people to cross over and drive the hi-railer over
Working on the deck Plus several other items**

FROM TRACKSIDE



During the winter, a large truckload of wood chips arrived at the museum from sources unknown (Tom?). The municipality has no knowledge of them so, it is presumed, they have been delivered for use around the track and very gratefully accepted.

Weather permitting; it is intended to make a start placing them to advantage ASAP as the steaming bay area could certainly use a lot of them. Then, inside the south curve over the old track bed to discourage weeds, after the crocuses have died back. It will be then be possible to access the back straight and the transition from the north curve with any surplus being earmarked by the mystery gardening department. The Irises are poking through and promising a fine display this spring.

The Road Master has been approached to install 2 more steaming bays this year but no promises have been made.

Ed S. Editor's note: Ed pondering at three forkfuls per minute, it will take a long time to move this pile. Wish there was a front-end loader and it would go faster. Presto! His wish came true.



Where some of the chips ended up



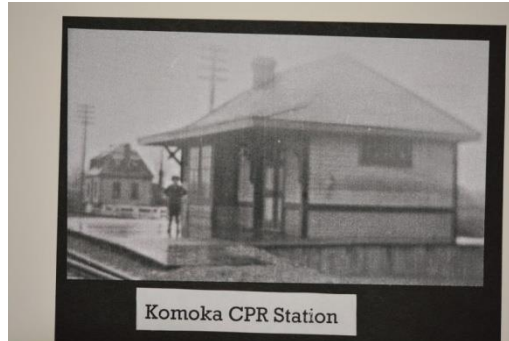
The "Mystery Gardeners" spring display

CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY THIS STATION

The Middlesex Centre Archives has the picture below as the Komoka CPR Station.

This doesn't match the picture of the CPR station that the museum has.

Any thoughts on what station it might be.



SOME RECENT CHANGES

There is now coal in the shuttle beside the stove.





A start on items of local interest in the Local History room display cabinet

- 1) Door bell out of the old post office
- 2) Piece of rail from Hyde Park bridge about 1844
- 3) Forest City Lodge No. 240 B of R.R.T. London Ont.`` embossing stamp

Our display of local railroad pictures is expanding.



A RECENT ADDITION OF SPECIAL NOTE.

This is the station masters chair from the former Komoka CPR station owned by the last CPR stationmaster, the donour's Uncle Ray. When Ray died, it was passed to the donour's mother. When the donour's mother died, he kept the chair. Due to downsizing, the chair was offered to the museum. This may be the first piece from the CPR Komoka station that the museum has.





The display cabinet in the stationmaster's room is undergoing a reorganizing. The display is going to be organized by the function, featuring a couple of shelves pertaining to the stationmaster, one for the yard crews and another featuring the conductors. Probably there will be a couple of shelves of miscellaneous items for now. The items still have to be labelled and organized better as the switch locks and keys are in a pile right now.

SOME LINKS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU

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| 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 |

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131 Queen Street
Komoka ON N0L 1R0**

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The Komoka Museum is a registered charity and your donation of \$20.00 or more can be receipted for income tax purposes.



Hi-Railer in Canada Day Parade 2019 at Komoka

Submissions due by July 25, 2019 for August 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

Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza August 18, 2019

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Woodstock Antique & Vintage Show and Sale July 14, 2019

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Day out with Thomas at Elgin County Railway Museum July 12-14, 2019

Long Sault Seaway 8th Train Show July 20-21, 2019