

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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PLEASE NOTE: Our monthly meetings will be resuming as per below

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 2 PM

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

HI-RAILER

The Hi-Railer will be participating in two events this year, both in June 2020. One in St. Thomas on June 6th and the other in Strathroy on June 13th. Thanks to Tom to volunteer to take the vehicle to both.

DISPLAY AT STRATHROY-CARADOC MUSEUM

"All Aboard" is the name of the railway exhibit at the Strathroy-Caradoc Museum which opens week of March 2, 2020 and runs till May 23, 2020.

Komoka Railway Museum is pleased to partner with the Strathroy-Caradoc Museum by loaning items from its collection for this railway display. Plan to stop by and visit the exhibit. The hours of the museum's gallery are: **Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday and Statutory Holidays Closed**

The exhibit is tentatively scheduled to reopen after April 6, 2020 when the Strathroy-Caradoc Museum opens.

ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is given that the annual meeting of the Komoka Railway Museum will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2020 at 2 pm at the Komoka Museum.

2020 MUSEUM OPENING DATE

The museum is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, April 11, 2020 from 9am till noon.

SECRETARY

Ed Spencer, our present secretary, has indicated that as of the annual meeting in 2020, he would like to retire as secretary. We are looking for a volunteer to take over for Ed and serve as secretary.

The duties are not hard. Attend the monthly meetings (The third Tuesday of each month) from March to November or special meetings as called and take the meeting minutes. Maintain the membership list and mail out membership cards. Mail cards for special occasions e.g. deaths, special birthdays or other special events of the members. Other duties as required on occasion.

The individual does not have to be involved with the museum at present but would be willing to join for this position. If you know someone who you think would make a great fit for this position, have them contact the museum.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ARCHIVES

The museum will be represented at a series of upcoming meeting of various historical groups to discuss a possible formation of a Middlesex County Archives.

RAIL SAFETY is important because accidents can be deadly. See link below for some facts and answers to some questions about railroads you might not know. Some do not have internet access, so here are the answers to the questions from last months newsletter?

Did you ever want to know how many rail crossings there are in Canada?

There are approximately 40,000 railway crossings in Canada.

How quickly can a train stop?

Trains can't stop quickly. The average freight train travelling at 100 km/h — or passenger train travelling at 160 km/h — requires about 2 km to stop. That's the equivalent of the length of 18 football fields.

What to do if your vehicle gets stalled on the tracks?

Get out of your vehicle and move at least 30 m from the tracks. Call 911 or look for the railway company's emergency number posted on the back of the crossbuck, or on the signal house.

What is the fine for trespassing on railway property?

Fines for trespassing on railway property vary between provinces. But if you're caught, you could be fined up to \$50,000.

How much does a freight train weigh?

The average locomotive alone weighs 110 tonnes, but a train can weigh tens of thousands of tonnes. A person or a car is no match for it: a train hitting a car is like a car hitting a pop can.

Answers supplied from Operation LifeSaver website

<https://www.operationlifesaver.ca/>



Thanks to Hickel Gabar for sharing this picture taken at the Komoka Station in 1912.

SOME PICTURES FROM THE RAILWAY EXHIBIT AT THE STRATHROY-CARADOC MUSEUM





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 Show	April 10, 2020
Woodstock Toy and Collectible Expo	April 26, 2020
Kitchener Collectibles Expo	May 3, 2020
Ancaster Toy and Collectible Expo	May 31, 2020

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale	April 5, 2020
Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale	May 24, 2020

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Woodstock Model Train Show and Sale	April 19, 2020
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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:

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