



KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM

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Komoka: Museum mascot

The Museum acknowledges a grant
provided by the Municipality of
Middlesex Centre

In June 2016,
the Komoka Railway Museum
was inducted into the North
American Railway Hall of Fame

Komoka Railway Museum
131 Queen Street
Komoka, Ontario
519-657-1912

www.komokarailmuseum.ca

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PLEASE NOTE:

Our monthly meetings will be at the museum again

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 2pm

- **PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS**
- Meeting restrictions prohibit groups larger than 10 individuals coming together and we want to keep everyone safe. The museum meetings will be return to being at the museum. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 2pm.
- **NOTE** below the change of the date of the annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING CHANGE OF DATE

Notice is given that the annual meeting of the Komoka Railway Museum will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2020 at 2 pm at the museum. Recent changes made by the Ontario Government, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, allow delay of annual meetings to a time when groups can meet in person.

EDITORS COMMENT

There was not a July 2020 newsletter.

HERE ARE OUR TWO SUMMER EMPLOYEES

Welcome Katie

Welcome Bev



2020 KOMOKA MUSEUM OPENING DATE

The museum opened for the season on Friday, August 7, 2020. It will be open Thursday to Sunday 9am to 4 pm till Friday, August 28, 2020. Then the museum will be opened every Saturday morning 9 am to noon till November 28, 2020. Always open for bookings by groups. Recommended to phone and make reservations.

COVID-19 protocols in place.

NEW MUSEUM LOGO

Bev and Katie were asked to design a new logo for the museum. The picture to the left is what they designed for us.



KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM FUND RAISING 2020

The museum is at a time in its life cycle where there needs to be restorations and repairs to many items due to weathering and aging. Below is a partial list

- The museum deck needs replacing.
- Our baggage car and caboose both need repainting and some improvements.
- The Shay building needs the two patio doors replaced as they have deteriorated. Interior lighting needs to be improved.
- The door and entranceway to our large building needs replacing.

Our volunteers are aging and many of these projects cannot be done by volunteer labour any longer. The cost of paying a contractor to do these repairs and restorations must be now incorporated into the cost of the projects, which means extra funds are needed.

The Komoka Railway Museum is launching a \$20,000 fund raising to keep the museum in good repair and restoration. The fund raising will be launched through Canada Helps and donors can give a one-time gift or give monthly. The option is there for however you would like to contribute.

Here is the place to go for your donation

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/komoka-railway-museum/>

If you have never had a tour of the museum to see where your contributions can go, please contact the museum to arrange a tour at 519-657-1912 or via email to the following:

station-master@komokarailmuseum.ca

Corporate donations are always welcome as well

Volunteers are always welcome to help with the small projects.

HI-RAILER

Thank you to those who donated for the repairs to the hi-railer.

INTERAC PAYMENTS

The museum can now accept direct interact payments for your donations, supporting our fund raising and membership payments. Please send to the following address: station-master@komokarailmuseum.ca, This is a direct deposit to the museum's account, so no question or answer is required.

DEBIT AND VISA OR MASTERCARD PAYMENTS

Payments to the museum can be now paid through your debit card and your Visa or Mastercard.

RON DAVIS

I had hoped for the August newsletter to put together some memories of Ron. I ran out of time and will now do that in the September issue. If you have a story that you would like to share about Ron, please forward your stories to the editor by August25, 2020 to be included.



Our collector plates, our train bears and train whistles are now display.



Display case with a whole lot of items that have trains on them including

- **Hats**
- **Bottle**
- **Souvenir plaque**
- **Lunch box**
- **Avon train decanter**
- **Cookie tin**
- **Coaster**
- **Ceramic tile**
- **Baby planters**
- **Piggy bank**
- **Stamp pad**
- **Serviettes**
- **Walkers cookies tin**
- **Dog toy**
- **Picture frame**
- **Puzzle**
- **Lego**
- **Light switch plate**
- **Playing cards**

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

Flooring and some shelving in library room started.

Start of newer, updated lighting for the Shay building.

Setup soon of a new display case to house our glass chimney lanterns.

Review collection from Ron Davis for indexing.

KILWORTH HISTORICAL DISPLAY



The start of a historical display on the nearby Kilworth area. It will include a map of the original Kilworth, display case with artefacts, pictures and other interesting items.



A train whirly-gig spotted in a Strathroy garden.

Not a good picture but there were a pair of quail visiting the museum earlier.



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

Cancelled till end of August 2020

NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS

Cancelled till end of August 2020

MODEL TRAIN SHOWS

Cancelled till end of August 2020

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**

The museum can receive Interac direct deposits to station-master@komokarailmuseum.ca

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.

*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.*



The Komoka Railway Museum will be participating with Middlesex Centre with plantings, to encourage the Monarch butterflies and pollinators, which are at risk. If you would like to know more about the Middlesex Centre initiative, please visit the link below

<http://www.pollinatorteam.com/>

OR on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/pollinatorteam/>

OR on Facebook

Middlesex Centre Pollinator Team.

HISTORY OF CANADA'S OLDEST RAILWAY TUNNEL AT BROCKVILLE, ON



BRIEF HISTORY

Completed 1860 for the Brockville and Ottawa Railway. Later owned by the CPR. The City of Brockville acquired the tunnel in 1983. Restoration included new floor and lighting as you can see in the picture above. For more information, check out the two links below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqUFMZKPxIE>

<https://www.brockvillerrailwaytunnel.com/>