



# SASKATCHEWAN RAILWAY MUSEUM NEWS

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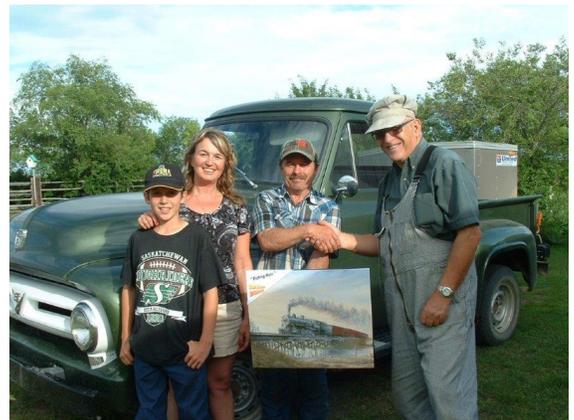
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## Railway Heritage Day

On July 6, 2014 the SRHA once again held their annual Railway Heritage Day. This year's event was attended by approximately 130 visitors, including dignitaries like Saskatoon Mayor Don Atchison who attended the event. 15 museum members, 4 volunteers and the Museums 2 staff members and members of the Morse Telegraph Club, were involved in everything from selling raffle tickets to giving tours of various buildings and rolling stock.

Scouts Canada was invited to participate in the event by supplying a barbeque and concession which brought in over \$200.00 for Scouts Canada.

A raffle was also held which raised \$241.00, with proceeds going to the Museum. The raffle was won by Laurie Tonita, pictured here with his wife and son accepting painting from Keith Flory.



Advertising took place on radio stations 600 and 650 AM. There was an article in the RM Review and an advertisement on the Pike Lake website.

Thank you to SRHA members and volunteers, Norm Dyck, Lorne Dyck, Bill & Evelyn Chimboryk, Gail Byrnes, George Gazuk, Chris Boon, Cal Sexsmith, Mark Fidelak, Lynda Thiesen, P.J. Kennedy, Fred Tatler, Keith Flory, Art Vessy, Les & Marjory Gammel, Jeremy Dahlgrin & Carla Dyck & Family, Art & Dawn Dunlap, Doug & Julie Jones, Brian Randall and Len Solomon from the Morse Telegraph club for participating in making this another successful event.



Gail Byrnes and Doug Jones selling raffle tickets at Brisbin station:



Cubs and Scouts ran this year's concession:



George Gazuk operates Semaphore at Argo Station:



Keith Flory demonstrates train order hoop:



PJ Kennedy rings bell for visitors to Streetcar:



Visitors disembark from speeder at Unity Platform:

## Tours:

The Museum experienced a very successful 2014 tour season. Linda Flory took on the role of Tour Coordinator from Gail Byrnes who stepped down after several successful years in the position.

Linda reports that there were a total of 16 tours in 2014. Linda also reports that she has sent out invitation letters to the Prairie Spirit School Division which has 46 schools, and to 30 schools in Saskatoon.

Linda also wishes to thank Les Gammel, Keith Flory, P.J. Kennedy and Bill Rafoss as well as our summer staff Kristen and Zak for assisting with the tours



Tour group from Parkville Manor at Unity:



Parent Child Cooperative Daycare:



Langham Little Vikings Preschool:



Muenster Primary School at Oban Tower:

## Summer Staff:

Well another season at the Saskatchewan Railway Museum has come and gone. And so it is that we say farewell to our summer staff Kristen Schott and Zakary Lindsay. Both Kristen and Zak received rave reviews from both SRHA members and visitors to the Museum.

Both indicated that they would be willing to come back next year, and I think it was Zak who said it was a “dream job”.

A farewell pizza party was held on the last day of their employment, which happened to be the last day that the Museum was open to the public September 1, 2014.

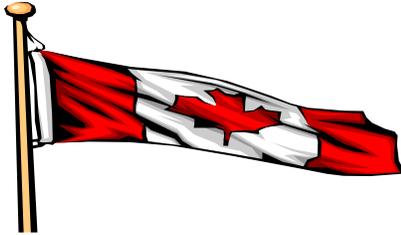


Kristen working in Gift Shop:



Zak takes a break at Streetcar #51:

Once again funding for the two staffing positions was received from federal government agencies **Service Canada** and **Young Canada Works** (in heritage institutions). The SRHA would like to thank both agencies for their generous support.



## CN Family Day:

Once again the Saskatchewan Railway Museum was host to the CN EFAP Family Day. This year event was held on September 20, 2014, with over 200 employees and their family members attended. Two locomotives were brought in, as well as the CN Police, a rubber tired mini-train, and a big tent for food and refreshments



## Museum Happenings:

It has been a summer filled with activity at the Museum. This is due in no small part to the exploits of the Wednesday crew lead by Keith Flory. The “crew”, comprised of SRHA members Keith Flory, Les Gammel, Lorne Lavier, Bill Rafoss, Norm Dyck, Bill Chimboryk, Doug Jones, Warren Clancy and recent volunteer addition Cam Hood.

Since the last issue of the Newsletter here are just a few of the things that the “Wednesday Crew” has accomplished.

1. Replacement of road crossing in front of shop
2. Replacement of pedestrian crossing at Borden and by Jordan Spreader
3. Repair and sealing of platforms at Brisbin Station and Unity/Argo
4. Construction of new handrail around Unity Freight shed.
5. Installation of safety railing and subsequent opening of Jordan Spreader to general public
6. Forming of pad for Model Engineer building
7. Painting of Unity Freight shed, Streetcar shed, and gang car
8. Install new roof on Streetcar shed
9. Repair of Trackmobile
10. Installation and staining of shingles on Turret of Argo Station
11. Shop Clean up and organization of materials
12. Cleanup West end of 2<sup>nd</sup> yard and move materials to compound in 3<sup>rd</sup> yard or haul to dump or burn pile

## In Memoriam:

Sadly, the SRHA lost two members this summer.

Warren Clancy while not a founding member of the SRHA joined the in 1991 shortly after the Association was formed. Warren served as Chair for one term and as a director on several occasions. Warren chaired the Planning committee and was always willing to come out and lend a hand if there was work to do at the Museum.

Les Gammel joined the Association in 2006, primarily to work with Keith Ewart on the Argo Station restoration project. Les took ownership of the project when Keith passed away in 2010, seeing it through to completion.

In recent years both Les and Warren were members of the Wednesday crew, but will be missed by all members of the SRHA. Our condolences go out to the Clancy and Gammel families.



Warren Clancy (left), Keith Flory, Les Gammel and Norm Dyck pose for photo while working on Oban Tower Stairs.

## Did you know?

Hawker siding the site of the Saskatchewan Railway Museum was originally called Eaton siding, and was a grain loading platform on the original Canadian Northern main line from Saskatoon to Calgary.

It was named for John Van Eaton who farmed extensively in the area. Later the name was changed by railway officials to Hawker to honor Captain George Hawker who flew the North Atlantic to Europe in the early years of the 20th century. Hawker never had an elevator, just a small (portable) station used mostly for picking up cream cans and children from the area on their way back and forth to Saskatoon for school. The loading platform was also used for the loading of grain.

(The above information was from the book 'What's in a Name' written by E.T. Russell)

## Chair's Report:

The strength of any volunteer organization is the work done by the volunteers. This year we have seen an increase in active volunteers and the results are noticeable with many projects underway, and some even completed!

We will shortly be calling for nominations for the various awards so please think about your fellow volunteers and please nominate anyone whom you feel worthy of an award. The awards that we have are: Friend of the Museum – awarded to an individual, organization or company that has made a significant contribution to the Museum in the past year. The Friend of the Museum includes an annual pass to the Museum for the next year. Member of the Year - awarded to a member who has made a significant contribution to the Museum in the past year. Achievement Award - awarded to an individual who has been a member for at least 10 years and who has made a significant contribution to the Museum over a number of years. Honorary Life Membership - awarded to an individual who has been a member for at least 10 years, age 65 or over, and who has made a significant contribution to the Museum over a lifetime. Life Members must be nominated by at least five members. If there is someone that you feel is worthy of an award please submit a nomination to any Board Member.

Further on the topic of volunteers I'd like to draw your attention to those who volunteer their time to the various administrative chores necessary to keep our organization operating. Again as a volunteer organization we don't have paid administrative staff to do all of the managing, planning and organizational duties. I know I have probably missed some individuals but I'd like to draw your attention to some of our key administrative volunteers including Financial Administrative Officer Terry Enns, Treasurer and Gift Shop Manager Lynda Thiesen, Secretary Gail Byrnes, Newsletter Editors Terry Enns and Fred Tatler and Board Members Keith Flory, Bill Rafoss and Fred Tatler. All of these folks and others as well, are deserving of your thanks.

And now, a call to action! We are looking for nominations to the Board of Directors for 2015/2016. Three of our four Board Member's terms are expiring at the AGM in January. Although some, or all, of the retiring Board Members may let their names stand for election again we are looking for new Board Members to bring new ideas and energy to the Board. A formal call for nominations will be sent out at a later date, however in the meantime if you are interested in a position on the Board please contact any of the current Board Members. Because of the current imbalance in the Board (our goal is to have one half of the Board up for election each year) there will be one or more one year terms available this year.

Finally, we are also looking for volunteers to help organize the Heritage Fair display in early February, the Saskatoon Train Show display in late February, and Railway Heritage Day in July. Again, please contact the Board if you are interested in taking on one of these tasks. See you at the membership meeting October 25.

Cal Sexsmith, Chair

## Calendar of Upcoming Events:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Aug 16, 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Museum</b>	<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>
<b>Sept 1, 2014</b>	<b>Staff Appreciation Museum Closing</b>	<b>Museum</b>	<b>4:00pm to 6:00pm</b>
<b>Sept 20, 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Museum</b>	<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>
<b>Sept 23, 2014</b>	<b>Work Bee</b>	<b>Museum</b>	<b>9:00am to 3:00pm</b>
<b>Oct 4, 2014</b>	<b>Work Bee</b>	<b>Museum</b>	<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>
<b>Oct 25, 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting Policy review</b>	<b>Cal Sexsmith's</b>	<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>



If you have any comments or submissions please forward to the editors Fred Tatler or Terry Enns at [Newsletter@SRHA.org](mailto:Newsletter@SRHA.org)

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