

## NICK MIKNEV - OUR MAN IN WASHINGTON

In our July 2011 edition of the *Station Dispatch*, we introduced you to our summer students, one of whom was Nick Miknev, and in that edition we indicated he would be attending the American University in Washington, D.C., in September 2011 to study Political Science and Western History. Then in our last edition (March 2012) of the *Station Dispatch*, we included an article entitled, NICK MIKNEV IN WASHINGTON D.C., in which he shared some of his experiences.

In order to finance the massive costs of tuition and living expenses that Nick endures, friends and mentors of Nick came together and established an event to raise money in support of his efforts. Entitled, "Our Man in Washington", this event was held on June 3, 2012, during which Nick spoke about his experiences thus far in Washington and the opportunities he has had as Donald Rumsfeld's intern. There were light refreshments, music, and a silent auction to help raise further funds. As a result of this event, \$5,290 was raised to enable Nick to continue his studies in Washington D.C. The Our Man In Washington committee, which was chaired by Janet (Farley) Brodie, included Anne Lounsbury, Liz Doerksen, Lisa Miknev, Dallas Baker, Grant Hughson, and Kelly Payne. Matt Janes, President of the North America Railway Hall of Fame was the Master of Ceremonies for this special event.



Above: Matt Janes, President of North America Railway, Introduces the Guest of Honour, Nick Miknev

Right: Nick Miknev addressing the crowd

Donations for Nick can be made to: Liz Doerksen, B of M (Talbot Street Branch) – Nicholas Miknev Education Fund



## CASO HOSTS TOURISM CONFERENCE

Ontario's Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sports, Michael Chan, toasted St. Thomas's CASO Station as an ideal place to breathe new life into tourism promotion.

"The CASO Station has stories to tell and breathes new life into the community," he said in an address to delegates at the launch of the Southwestern Ontario Tourism organization. Approximately 185 tourism professionals gathered for the first ever regional tourism conference in Southwest Ontario, which was held over a two day period, occupying the Anderson Hall, the Ladies' Waiting Room, and two rooms on the second floor.

Ontario's Southwest represents eight members including St. Thomas-Elgin and London in planning tourism promotion. Chan described the restored Canada Southern Railway station as a good setting for a conference promoting tourism preparation.

Earlier, Paul Corriveau, President of the North America Railway Hall of Fame welcomed the minister to the CASO Station. "We are proud to be able to hold a conference in our revitalized railway station," he said. "The exciting thing is to be able to share this exciting place."



Above: Photo of the Tourism Conference Event



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# Station DISPATCH

## 2012 Events >>>

July  
19<sup>th</sup> Concert Series – Sarah Smith  
26<sup>th</sup> Concert Series – Pauly Fagan  
August  
9<sup>th</sup> Concert Series – Robbie Antone  
10<sup>th</sup> Antique Auction (to be confirmed)  
16<sup>th</sup> Fred Eaglesmith  
23<sup>rd</sup> Fresh Fest  
September  
6<sup>th</sup> Concert Series – Yuri Pool  
29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Doors Open  
October  
19<sup>th</sup> Station Celebration  
26-28<sup>th</sup> Antique show  
November  
9-11<sup>th</sup> Art Show

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## Office Staff 2012

Joe Docherty, Executive Director  
George Riman, Office Administrator  
Laurence Grant, Historian  
Linda Martin, Events and Volunteer Coordinator  
Debbie Stojkovic, Accounting  
Larry Longfield, Fund Development Manager

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETIRES – AGAIN

Having retired in 2007 from his position at Rogers Communications Incorporated, Joe Docherty began to volunteer with the North America Railway Hall of Fame as a member on the Board of Directors, which was followed by three years' service as Treasurer of the Board. In February of 2011, Joe was appointed to the position of Executive Director, from which he is retiring.

His background in business ownership and private sector management provided him with a unique perspective on the long-term vision and the goals the organization wished to achieve. Joe and his wife Carol are long time residents of St. Thomas and have been actively involved in the community, serving on several boards.

Joe states, "that it has indeed been a wonderful experience over the past five years and one for which I am truly grateful. The dedication of the Board to the restoration and future sustainability of the Station is second to none. I have had the opportunity to work with some outstanding individuals who will not be forgotten. So it is with a sense of pride, I wish the North America Railway Hall of Fame continued success, and remember...THE BEST IS YET TO COME!"



Above: Joe is at his desk

Right: Joe reminiscing about the past and the future



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## CANADA SOUTHERN AUCTIONS

Below: Terry Cook in action as the auctioneer.  
Co-ordination article can be found on page one of the insert.



## Remembering The Past

John Arlein of St. Thomas completed a family genealogy after three years, which included the information below. Almost all of the history has been verified via documents which are in the possession of the family. He also submitted an excerpt from a letter his father, Leon Joseph Arlein, received from the company upon his retirement from MCR: *“Leon, you come of an old railroad family, your grandfather, father and uncles having been Railroad men before you, three of your brothers also having many years of service with this company. The name of ARLEIN is almost synonymous with the name of this Railroad.”*

Please forward any personal/family real life stories of the railroad, or information similar to that below to: [griman@narhf.org](mailto:griman@narhf.org), or mail to George Riman, Office Administrator, at our office address as shown on page 4 of this newsletter.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	POSITON WORKED/RAILWAY	NO OF YEARS
Charles L. Arlein	Great Grandfather	Blacksmith MCR	41
Felix J Arlein	Great - Uncle	Locomotive Engineer MCR	45
Alfonis C. Arlein	Great - Uncle	Boiler Maker MCR	40
Charles J. Arlein	Great - Uncle	Foreman-Boiler Maker B&O	16
Fransis X. Arlein	Great- Uncle	Boiler Maker MCR	10
Theodore W. Arlein	Great- Uncle	Machinist B&O	40
Leonard J. Arlein	Grandfather	Locomotive Engineer MCR	51
Norbert F. Arlein	Uncle	Machinist MCR	50
Charles L. Arlein	Uncle	Train Dispatcher MCR	45
John T. Arlein	Uncle	Conductor MCR	45
Leon J. Arlein	Father	Machinist MCR	50
Leonard A. Arlein	1 <sup>st</sup> Cousin	Clerk B&O	45
<b>TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE ARLEIN FAMILY</b>			<b>478</b>

## Railway Station Mysteries and Ghost Stories

### CHAIR IN THE HALL

There was once a wooden chair that, no matter where it was placed in the building, would appear in the east corner of the second floor corridor every morning. The construction crew took note of this and told the office staff.

This story began when the special events coordinator was conducting a tour of the second floor. She was explaining the mystery surrounding the chair for the first time ever to a group, when it suddenly started to vibrate and inch across the floor. This was witnessed by one staff member and a group of tourists.

The very next day, the special events coordinator and the historian, were taking a group of people throughout the building. Upon urging from this historian, the special events coordinator began to tell the story. Amazingly, the chair vibrated across the floor again, in the same fashion as the day before. Again, this was witnessed by many people, including two staff members.

Once, an elderly lady sat down on the chair while the tour progressed down the hall. She was tired and asked to stay put. When the tour returned, the lady told the group that she had just had a nice conversation with a black man in a suit before he proceeded down the stairs. The stairs she indicated he went down were locked at the bottom and there was no one else in the building.

The chair has since been removed from the station. *Fact or fiction....who knows?*

You can now find us at two locations on Face Book.....North America Railway Hall of Fame (NARHF) and Canada Southern Railway Station (CASO). CHECK OUT OUR FACE BOOK PAGES TODAY!

## In Memoriam

We would like to pay tribute to, and honor the memory of our members and donors, who have recently left us:  
 Donalda Mctaggart  
 Douglas Harold Jewell

*“THOSE WE HAVE HELD IN OUR HEARTS FOR A WHILE, WE WILL HOLD IN OUR MEMORY FOREVER”*

There may be those whom we may have missed, and for this we do apologize. If you are aware of anyone we have missed, please advise us, and we will be pleased to identify them in our future newsletters.

## Canada Southern Concert Series

The Canada Southern Concert Series will be held at the Canada Southern Railway Station over the summer months of 2012. Five concerts will take place at the cost of \$15/Advance, \$18.50/Door, and \$60/Series. All concerts will take place on Thursday evenings, and will commence at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please go to [www.canadasouthernconcertseries.com](http://www.canadasouthernconcertseries.com)

## Summer Tours 2012

Tours of the Canada Southern Railway Station will be offered from Sunday - Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. during the period of May 27 - August 30, 2012. Admission by donation, and for those interested, there is a small gift shop on site.

## The North America Railway Hall of Fame Present and Future

### PRESENT

The North America Railway Hall of Fame, the owner of the historic Canada Southern Railway Station, continues the work of restoring this wonderful structure back to its former glory. The Hall of Fame has historical exhibits and displays which are open to the public. Tours of the station are also available to the public.

The Anderson Hall and the Ladies' Waiting Room are both available to rent for a variety of events, such as weddings, wedding receptions, conferences, meetings, corporate training, parties and various other events. We currently have three tenants in the building, our M.P.P Jeff Yurek, Ferguson and DiMeo Law office, and Serenity House Hospice, with a fourth to take occupancy in the very near future.

### FUTURE

The future looks very bright, with the hope of completing the restoration of the CASO Station in the next few years. To this end, a major fundraising campaign known as *Partners in Progress*, commenced in the fall of 2011 and will continue through 2012 and beyond, until we have raised the necessary funds to *substantially complete the restoration project*, and become the tourist destination and business centre it was intended to be.

The future will see a continuance of the development and expansion of our cultural space for historical displays and exhibits, including educational and cultural programs.

The office space on the second floor and the offices in the east end of the ground floor will be leased to a variety of commercial, nonprofit enterprises, local businesses, and government agencies.

The Hall of Fame itself will be established within the CASO Station as its central exhibit, showcasing its many inductees, past, present and future.

We are grateful to our many members and donors from St. Thomas, Elgin County, across Ontario, Canada, the United States, England and Australia, including government agencies, corporations, businesses and foundations for their financial support over the course of this project. We are indebted to all of our volunteers who contribute their time and energy with work projects, and assist at our many events. Over the years we have had an incredible group of board members and staff who have provided leadership, skill and energy in the oversight and day to day operation of the Station, and do it with such passion. Without financial support, volunteers and the work of the board and staff, our goals would not have been met.

The North America Railway Hall of Fame will continue to work with its railway partners with the intent of once again making St. Thomas the Railway Capital of Canada, as we continue to preserve and maintain railway history.

Editor's Note: This concludes our series on the North America Railway Hall of Fame including *Induction Process* (October 2011), and *About Whom We Are* (March 2012). If you would like extra copies of any of the three articles, please contact our Office Administrator, George Riman at 519.633.2535 or by email, [griman@narhf.org](mailto:griman@narhf.org)

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## Annual General Meeting May 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the North America Railway Hall of Fame was held on May 3, 2012 here in the Anderson Hall of the Canada Southern Railway Station.

Our auditor, Charles Raven, of Raven and Shaw, presented the 2010-2011 financial statements, and our legal advisor, John Sanders, advised that the Federal Government is making changes to the legislation as it relates to non-profit organizations. This requires us to make the necessary transitions and changes in order to comply by October 2014. John also gave oversight to the election of our board members for the new season.

Our new Board of Directors for 2012-13 is: Matt Janes (President), Kari Wilson (Vice President), Kathleen Sebestyen-Scott (Treasurer), Barb Green (Secretary), Paul Corriveau (Past President) and Terry Cook, Linda Crawford, Jake McKenzie, and Bryan Vine. There are three vacancies on the board that we hope to fill over the coming months.

We would like to thank Nancy Mayberry and Bert Dennis for their tremendous contributions of commitment, energy, leadership and support during their tenure as Directors of the Board.

## Railway Humour Corner

This is a very old joke about an English journalist in Ireland who pointed out to the Station Master that the clock on the opposite platform was not at the same hour as the clock on the adjacent platform.

The reply was, *“Now sir, what would we be needing two clocks for if they were to be telling the same time?”*

A traveler informed a Pullman agent that he wanted a Pullman berth. *“Upper or lower?”* asked the agent. *“What’s the difference?”* the customer asked.

*“A difference of two dollars”* replied the agent. *“The lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower. If you want the lower, you’ll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. In other words, the higher the lower. Most people don’t like the upper although it is lower on account of being higher. When you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and get down to get up. You can have the lower if you pay higher. The upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. If you are willing to go higher, it will be lower.”*

At this point, the customer walked away and took a cab to the airport.