

## **Invitation To May 19 Day Trip Into Elgin County History**

At a recent Oxford Historical Society meeting, member Deward Yates noted that he and two other retired high-school teachers, Dave Hay and Brian Cox, teach history at senior centres in Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg each Fall and Spring. Then, each May, they help Deward run a one-day bus trip to places of historical interest.

As he did last year, Deward very kindly opened this year's trip, on Tuesday May 19, to all members and friends of the Society. Trip schedule, cost and contact details are below.

This year's trip is to Elgin County and includes a train ride on the heritage railway from Port Stanley to St Thomas, known once as the "Railway Capital of Canada". The Elgin Historical Society will provide a step-on guided tour of the area. One of several site visits is to the Elgin Railway Museum: home to items ranging from a giant "Hudson" 4-6-4 steam loco to an impressive HO-gauge working model railway.

This day-trip is not organised by Oxford Historical Society: please contact Deward directly if interested (phone number below).

### ***Canada: A Living History*** **End of the Year Day Trip** **Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

The focus this year will be on the Port Stanley railway and sites of historic significance in the Elgin County and St. Thomas area. Open to anyone interested.

#### **Overview**

The Port Stanley Terminal Railway; the Elgin County Railway Museum; a Guided Tour of Historic Buildings and Sites in St. Thomas and the Canadian Southern Station (The Railway Hall of Fame).

#### **General Schedule**

Travel by Luxury Coach (Cherrey Buslines).

Pick-ups - Tillsonburg, Ingersoll and Woodstock (8:00 - 9:00 AM ?).

Travel to Port Stanley Station, Port Stanley Terminal Railway - about 1½ hours.

Travel by train through Elgin to the Railway Station in downtown St. Thomas.

Visit to CASO Station - ½ Hour.

A Picnic Boxed Lunch.

A tour of Elgin Railway Museum - 1½ Hour.

Guided Tour of Historic Sites and Buildings of St. Thomas- 1½ Hour.

Evening Meal - Wayside Inn - Talbotville, Ontario.

Return to Drop-off - Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg.

**Cost:** \$120 per person (\$15.00 less if you bring your own Lunch)

**Contact:** Deward Yates (519 539 3530)