



# NEW HAMPSHIRE GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING -- SEPT. 6, 7:30 pm

Friday, September 6, 7:30 pm at Anheuser-Busch, Route 3, Merrimack, NH. Show and tell will be "Little Critters". Hope to see all of you as our Fall season gets under way.

## OPEN HOUSE

### CUTLERVILLE OPEN HOUSE

on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Rain date, Sunday, Sept. 15



**Directions** to Cutlerville, 393 Blevens Drive, Manchester, NH, (603) 669-4353. **From the South:** Route 93 North to Exit 9S. Bear right after the ramp and get into the left lane. Turn left at lights (Between Sunoco and Burger King). Take the second right which is Fairfield Street. Take the third right which is Blevens Drive. Follow to Number 393 (Light green Cape -- train mailbox).

**From the North:** Route 93 South to Exit 9S. Bear right after the ramp and get into the left lane. Turn left at lights (Between Sunoco and Burger King). Take the second right which is Fairfield Street. Take the third right which is Blevens Drive. Follow to Number 393 (Light green Cape -- train mailbox). Hope to see you there -- Ted and Harriet Cutler

## AUGUST MINUTES

No official meeting was held at the August Meeting because of the Open House at Suleski Transportation.

### TRAILER

Some of you have expressed interest in getting an enclosed trailer for your modules. I saw this one RECENTLY in Dunbarton. It still had the morning dew on it so the paint looks funky in the picture but it appeared fine in person. It is the perfect green - even Suleski Transportation would approve! It appears to be in fine shape. I believe it is a 4' or 5' X 8'. The asking price on the sign was \$1500. (new is about \$2500). The person's name is Don. He can be reached at 603-774-5239. Mike H.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that summer is virtually over! Time passes more quickly with each year. Labor Day is upon us, the youngsters are heading back to school and the Fall show season kicked off with a bang at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Warwick, RI right after Labor Day. Several of our members exhibited at the Narrow Gauge Convention on some of the modules from Big Green.

In just five weeks, I'll be boarding up Camp David for another year and returning from the wilds of Maine to central heating, access to the internet and more than two channels of television entertainment. I'll be bringing home the trains I took with me to play with and all the modeling projects I planned on completing, almost all of them not only uncompleted but untouched!

But there are still lots of days and nights left for outdoor railroading before the snow flies, and still a few open houses to anticipate. I have long felt that September is the most beautiful month. It certainly is in Maine. The weekenders are gone, and the lakes are quiet save for the loons calling as they gather for their annual migration to the Atlantic. The sun has a particularly beautiful warm, golden glow during Indian Summer, and there is nothing to compare with the plume from a live steamer on a crisp Fall morning.

The NHGRS achieved a significant landmark this summer by passing the Century Mark. As of the July meeting, we had 103 members on our roster. It's hard for me to believe that just a handful of years ago, we were but a handful. I've enjoyed watching the club's growth. We have always been diverse in our interests within the hobby, but with our growth, we have acquired a marvelous fund of knowledge and experience in all areas of the hobby as well as many new members starting out in this large-scale adventure. Most important with our growth has come the opportunity to forge new friendships.

With all this growth, I would hope to see a greater participation from all of us in the life of the club in the coming year. I'm encouraged that the attendance at our summer meetings this year has been greater than ever before. Please keep coming to the meetings and make sure you bring something for Show and Tell, even if it doesn't exactly fit the theme of the month. Please send pictures of your layout, project or latest acquisition to Ken and Scott for inclusion in our newsletter and website. And please write an article for the newsletter, sharing a tip, an idea, a review or whatever. If you have a question, please send it to Ken so Stumpy can answer it, or even try to stump Stumpy! And don't forget to come and participate in the shows, there's an awful lot of fun to be had there as well as good fellowship.

The theme for Show and Tell at the September meeting will be Little Critters, the Odd and the Unusual. Hope to see you there!

Dave

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**HAMPTON SHOW** -- Saturday October 4th - 9am till 8pm; Sunday October 5th 9am - 4pm. Sacred Heart School Lafayette Rd (RT 1) Hampton, NH. The school is behind the Our Lady of Miraculous Medals church. **Directions:** Take 101 East from Manchester and get off on Route 1 North (2nd exit after crossing over I-95) The exit puts you on a rotary, so after coming off the ramp get over into the left lane. Follow signs for Route 1 north. As you come up to the 1st set of lights (about 2/10th of a mile from 101). There is a Mobil station on your left and the Church is on your right. Turn into the parking lot before the set of lights. or turn into the parking lot right after the lights on the other side of the church. **From 95 north or south** get off on the Route 101 exit before the tolls. It is a 50 cent toll and then take 101 east and get off at the second exit onto Route 1 The exit puts you on a rotary, so after coming off the ramp get over into the left lane. Follow signs for Route 1 north. As you come up to the 1st set of lights (about 2/10th of a mile from 101) There is a Mobil station on your left and the Church is on your right. Turn into the parking lot before the set of lights. or turn into the parking lot right after the lights on the other side of the church.

**HOOKSETT SHOW, SUNDAY, OCT. 20, 10 am to 4 pm** -- Hooksett Lions' Club at the Hooksett Memorial School, Route 3, Hooksett, NH.

**BEDFORD BOOMERS, SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 10 am to 4 pm** -- McKelvie School, Bedford, NH

**GOFFSTOWN SHOW, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DEC. 5 and 6, times to be announced.** -- Augustana Villa School, Route 114, Goffstown, NH

**MILFORD SHOW, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 7 and 8, Milford Middle School Gymnasium, Osgood Road, Milford, NH**



Mike Hillhouse achieves progress in his garden layout.



## LGBMRRC National BTO Convention

The next LGBMRRC National BTO Convention will be held in King of Prussia, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia, near historic Valley Forge. The dates are June 21-25, 2003. There will be numerous excursions including a special visit to the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, a trip to Steamtown National Park in Scranton, and a full day in Strasburg to visit the Strasburg railroad, the TCA museum, the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum, and the Choo-Choo Barn. Other optional trips include an outing to New Hope, a guided tour of historic Philadelphia, a day trip to the casinos in Atlantic City, and a day at the King of Prussia Mall.

In order to attend the BTO convention you must be a member of the LGBMRRC. Dues are \$25 per year. Benefits include receiving the Big Train Operator Magazine (3 issues per year) and Newsletter (3 per year) as well as a one year subscription of four issues of the LGB Telegram (complementary subscription first year of LGBMRRC membership only). There is also a free annual LGB gift. You can download a member application from the website <http://www.LGBMRRC.com/>.

## More Scenes from Suleski Transportation Open House

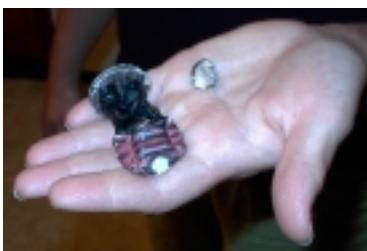


## SCENES FROM HOOKSETT PARADE



Dave:

Thank you and all of the other NHGRS members for participating in the parade. It was hot but I hope that you folks all had a good time. It seemed to me that the crowd was smaller—maybe the heat? Thanks also for the pictures. I will have to get a digital camera. I have also attached the thank you notes which I have sent to the Pike boys. Several of us are getting together at Shorty's about 6 for supper this eve. (It is also a Robie's benefit by telling the server the store gets 15%). So if you and any of the others want to come by we'd be glad to see you. Once you are back from the lake we'll have to get Oct 20th organized. Thanks again. *Robert W. Schroeder*



## TRAGEDY STRIKES

After a recent excursion to Milford, Lefty took an unexpected ride in a washer and dryer. With the dryer on the delicate cycle, Lefty was able to keep a cool head - until he finally lost it. Technicians at the Craftsmens Lounge Medical Facility will attempt to re-attach Lefty's severed head. Lefty will be closely monitored to see if the re-attachment is a success. Investigators are looking into the mishap. They report the washer and dryer set is a standard Kenmore 70 Series in appliance white. One commented, "Even with the dusting of dryer lint, that set is a real head turner!"

# SCENES FROM SULESKI TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE



With his feet firmly on the ground and 'the patch' working overtime, Lefty inspects the newly constructed C-Mint plant along the Suleski transportation trackage.



Actually taken by the pilot as Lefty demonstrates his kung-fu grip on the "Oh-My-Gosh!" bars, this photo shows an aerial view of the recent expansion by Suleski Transportation.



Lefty looks on as the Suleski helicopter prepares to take on a visitor for an aerial tour of the facilities. More a fan of ground transportation, Lefty mutters to himself, "I picked a great week to try to quit smoking!"



John Foley and Chuck Spence enjoying Suleski Transportation's Open House

Lefty looks over the operations at Suleski Transportation's engine house while waiting for the Suleski corporate helicopter to arrive.

