## Block Out This Date: Saturday, May 4th 2013

## Northern New England Chapter Society for Industrial Archeology Spring Tour

New London (Elkins), NH, beginning at 9:30 am (rain or shine) \$5.00 admission fee for non-NNEC-SIA members

9:30-10:00 Arrive at King Solomon's Lodge in Elkins. View the site location, on both sides of the street, as you drive up Elkins Rd. from Rt. 11\*. We'll walk back to it after the slide presentation and talk.

10:00-12:00 **Scytheville Factory Village.** In 1880 the New London Scythe Company produced 120,000 scythe blades, 12,000 hay knives and 6000 axe heads that were shipped around the world. With about 100 workers, they used 12 three ton grindstones and 14 trip hammers powered by water running through a series of three dams and mill ponds. Among the many other mills sharing this power supply were a sawmill, shingle mill, gristmill, cider mill, hosiery mill, carding mill and tannery.

12:15-1:15 Lunch and chapter meeting at The Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grille Optional takeout sandwiches, etc. from the Park'N Go Market in Elkins. Those quick/cheap eaters and non-meeting attendees can grab lunch and head right up to the Ice House. It will be open to allow us flex-time.

12:30-2:30 **Ice House Museum** in New London, an indoor-outdoor private collection of antique Ford cars, horse drawn vehicles, steam whistles, washing machines, auto parts, a town jail, a blacksmith shop, a tinsmith shop, and five small buildings and sheds filled with all kinds of old tools and what-is-its.





3:00-4:30 **Springfield Power, LLC Two** miles northwest of New London along I-89 at exit 12A. This wood-fired power plant generates 18 megawatts of electricity. It uses 2 megawatts for its own power needs, and the rest goes into the grid. We will get a very detailed technical tour, right from the logs and chip coming in to the power going out and all of the steam in between.

## **Directions** to Elkins, NH

\*From I-89 north or south, take exit #11. Turn onto Rt. 11 east (not uphill). Go 3.1 miles. Turn left onto (the second) Elkins Rd. Watch for the site on both sides. Park at or near King Solomon's Lodge, at the T intersection. (On Rt. 11, watch for The Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grille on the right.)

From Rt. 11 Westbound in Andover, NH. Turn right onto Elkins Rd. after Scott's Yard Care.

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