

NNEC-SIA Spring Tour: Saturday, June 20, 2015 Rain or Shine
Wilder, White River Junction & Queechee, VT



Directions to Wilder Dam *Plan to arrive about 9:30 AM; the tour will kick off at promptly at 10:00.* From the junction of I-89 and I-91 go north one exit to I-91N **Ex-12** onto Rt-5. Turn left and stop at Cumberland Farms if you just need coffee or right to Mobile if you need both coffee and a restroom. Then continue north for about 3/4 mile and turn right onto Depot St. After one block, follow around to the left and turn right over the wooden arch bridge and right again at Passumpsic Ave - Wilder Dam Drive (GPS) to the dam parking lot. Sign in with Rick Coughlin at the desk.

Noon - 3:30 PM Hotel Coolidge in WRJ, VT See the New Hampshire built locomotive, eat a buffet lunch*, and enjoy speakers with picture presentations about Engine #494 and the Glory Days of the Railroads in this area. Other presentations will include the first Wilder dam and paper mill, the history of the Queechee bridge and the Dewey Woolen Mill that was there. Over 200 slides in all.



Directions: backtrack to Cumberland Farms, past the exit ramp and follow Rt.-5 south for about a mile. Go left at the light, onto Rt. -4 (not over the bridge) and then right over the next bridge (Bridge St.) then left onto Railroad Row. Park in the big area. See the locomotive and then look for the Coolidge Hotel.

*Buffet Lunch includes salad, finger sandwiches, pickles & olives, chips, homemade soup, coffee/punch, cookies or brownies. Cost is \$16.00 including tax and tip. SIA will collect cash or checks made to "Hotel Coolidge", no credit cards.

At 3:30, we will drive 7 miles west on Rt.-4 to Queechee Gorge. As you drive out of the Railroad parking lot watch for Rt.-4 signs but don't cross the river. Just before the gorge, park in the gift shop/ice-cream area on the right and walk across the bridge and back on the other side. Then walk under the bridge to view it and then upstream to the dam where The Dewey Mill was *on your own*.

As a bonus, the annual Queechee hot air balloon festival will be going on that day.

Welcome to visiting Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) members. We hope you will consider joining with us.

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