

**NNEC-SIA FALL TOUR & MEETING: Friday, October 13, 2017**  
**Franklin & Bristol, NH, beginning at 9:30 am (rain or shine)**



Webster Valve (Watts) is a 500-person company that makes fluid control valves. Wear shop shoes and dress like an engineer *not a tourist*. We will eat in their cafeteria and have our annual meeting there.



Northbound, take Exit 17 W from I-93 just north of Concord. Follow Rt-4 north through Boscawen and keep right onto Rt-3 at the split by the big church. Watts is on the left at 583 So. Main St. in Franklin. 15-20 minutes total. From other directions, take Exit 20 (Tilton) and follow Rt-3 west through Tilton & Franklin and it's about a mile south of where you cross the river when Rt-3A goes north. *Drive to the above-pictured building and go inside.*

Franklin Falls Dam (after lunch) is a huge *dry* dam that backed up a lot of water during hurricane Irene. We can drive right out over the top and go inside the gatehouse. A tour guide will explain all about the dam as well as the history of the area. From Watts, turn left (north) and then right at the first light, across the river, past the high school and left at the light onto Rt-127, W. Bow St. Keep left at the fork and up the steep hill; the dam is on the left about 2 miles up that road.



Newfound Hydro Project Dam (1.5 Mega Watts) dates way back to when there were many mills at this location. Tom Champain will explain the history of the site and take us down to the generator.



Backtrack to the light across the river and turn right onto R-3A North. Bristol is about 16 miles (25 min.) from the dam. Coming downhill into Bristol, turn sharp right and loop around to Central street, then further downhill and park on the right by the rocks.

Then to a small park to learn about the many mills that were powered by the Newfound River. It's only 3.2 miles long but drops 327'. There is an information board there (and a porta-potty). The head of the Bristol Historical Society will be there to answer questions. From the Newfound Hydro Dam, go back uphill toward the stop sign. Go through it and then *left* at the next stop sign. That's Main St.; follow it around the right hand curve and to the information park at 1.2 miles on the right.

The last stop will be the historic construction machinery collection at Earth, Inc. Right out of the park and 4.1 miles north. Look for the below crankshaft on the left. Walk around on your own and ask Dick questions. He said that he isn't good at giving presentations but all you need to do is ask him one question to get him started.



At the annual meeting, bring new suggestions for tour sites and for new officers. Also bring questions and ideas of any kind for our NNEC chapter.

