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## Lotta Rock Garden Railway Open House By Conductor Bob DeForge



Our June Open House found members and friends of the Vermont Garden Railway Society basking in a wonderful day of sunshine and temperate weather, certainly an oddity so far this year. Those who travelled to Brookfield to the Lotta Rock Garden Railroad were pleased to be greeted by a layout that ran essentially trouble free all day, with two loops, a point to point Trolley Line and a Cog Railway with its Cog Engine appearing to defy gravity as it climbed its track to the Sand Cherry Castle where the resident Princess was seen peering over the castle wall hoping for the arrival of her Prince Charming. Although the dreaded 'split running gear' on the Bachman C



16 took place within five minutes of running on track power, it was quickly replaced with its sister locomotive a battery powered C-16, which performed flawlessly throughout the day with ample battery power to spare. Other consists were swapped out as the day went on and various engines both American and European could be seen pulling those consists throughout the afternoon. A swap/sale table offered a chance for members to generate some chances to reduce their inventory, yet at the same time increase their collection. More than 40 people attended this Open House on Saturday and an additional 20 visited the layout on Sunday although part of the

time we ran trains while holding umbrellas until the wheels of the engines were slipping on wet rails and then the rolling stock was returned to the Track Shack to await the next dry day to have fun running trains. In the late afternoon a most abundant Pot Luck meal was shared and enjoyed by all, with the usual leftovers being brought home by various members. Carl Kokes brought an interesting booklet with pictures of his Railroad. This was well received by all who saw it and the interest was such that the hope is that VGRS will be able to put together a series of pictures of the members and various layouts through time to help chronicle the 20 years of the VGRS.





### From the Conductor By Bob DeForge

I wonder how many of us had had a chance to run trains so far this summer? The Live

Steamer group has been meeting at Larry Green's House regularly running their live steam engines around the excellent layout that Larry has built and maintains. The group even let an interloper participate recently when I brought my K 27 battery powered locomotive and newly painted Combine to hook up with other cars on the Belden Falls Railway. We also had a chance to see the Bachman Ore Cars neatly detailed and lettered with OCB. And what does OCB stand for? The Otter Creek Brickworks actually used to exist and some amount of historical research has been done by Larry. In fact he has even found a few of the bricks that were produced by that 'brickery.' Llyn Rice's new 'Emma' live steam and Don Howard's 'San Juan' were also part of the parade of engines that plied their way around the track. I have been slowly converting my rolling stock to Kadee couplers. Even though that represents an additional cost to each car and engine, the \$5 to \$6 expense enables me to bring my rolling stock to other member's layouts and easily 'couple up' with that members rolling stock if he too is running Kadees. Of course this goes the other way too if Kadee equipped rolling stock is brought to my layout. It sure beats using the famous wire tie wraps to mate couplers that do not work well together...but then again when properly attached they are fail safe. The basic rule in all this... 'whatever works for you!' It would be interesting to know how many of our members look in on any of the various forums that are available 'on line?' There is a wealth of good and helpful information to be found there and like with all things on line you need to keep your personal filters active. If you get a chance, check out [www.largescalecentral.com](http://www.largescalecentral.com) . I think you will find it worthwhile.

weather. Since then a second loop and most recently, a Faerie Line have been added, as well as many hand built structures. Power has been through track for years but recently battery has been added. The setting, under a stand of red cedars, has presented a challenge for plantings. One will find vignettes set mostly at the turn of the 19th/20th century. We look forward to sharing our world with you.



For our modern day travelers, we will begin running trains after 1 PM on July 13 and plan to set out the dish-to-share meal at about 4 PM. We will provide beverages and table settings, and there will be a grill available for those wish to use one. Please bring your own chairs, and bug spray is a good idea. If you have questions please feel free to call: 802-372-4612.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

From the NORTH, take route 2 through the village of North Hero. Beyond village, turn at first right, Station Road, and go to the end. Turn right onto Pelots Point Road, and travel past a farm and then a stand of mailboxes on the left. **Do not** turn there! Drive past three driveways. Turn left at the **big** white sign, **CEDARVALE**. Come to top of drive and turn right. #371 Cedarvale Lane (train sign) on left. 3 miles from route 2. From the SOUTH, take route 2 over the drawbridge toward North Hero. Go past Shore Acres, the resort with blue roof, on the right. Take the first left onto Station Road. At end, turn onto Pelots Point road, travel past farm, and then past a stand of mailboxes. **Do not** turn there. Drive past three driveways, and turn left at the **big** white sign, **CEDARVALE**. Come to top of drive and turn right. #371 Cedarvale Lane (train sign) on left. 3 miles from route 2.

### Cedarvale Garden RR Open House Hosts: Ron & Ann DeYoung

Cedarvale Garden Railway began in 1991 with one loop completed by October of that year. The following summer brought the installation of a covered bridge that remains thro' all kinds of

#### Events 2013

July 13 - Open House - Cedarvale Garden Railroad – Hosts: Ann & Ron DeYoung – North Hero, VT

August 17 – Open House - Moose River Valley Garden Railroad – Hosts: Peter & Nancy Eaton – Derby, VT