

This watercolor view of the village hangs in the FIHS headquarters.



Annual Autumn Outing

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Let's visit Francestown!

(see the back page for more information)

IT'S TIME for our Autumn Outing again! This year we're headed to Francestown. Our host will be the **Francestown Improvement & Historical Society (FIHS)** which has its headquarters and Historical Rooms right across the street from the **Old Meetinghouse, 1801**. **Charlie Pyle**, president of the Society, will coordinate our visit. All but one of the sites we'll be seeing are a stone's throw from where we'll be congregating—opposite the **Horsesheds**. Besides the Meetinghouse, we'll see the **Town Hall** (former Francestown Academy, 1847), the **'Beehive,' 1846** (once a dormitory for the Academy and now owned by the FIHS which is raising money for its restoration after which it will be the Society's new home), the **Fairbank Scales**, and probably the most interesting for us, the **Thulander Heritage Museum**, a.k.a. the Vehicular Museum. This structure was fashioned by the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department from a barn frame brought from Weare and within is a selection of vehicles—an 1845 Concord coach, an 1850 fire department hand pumper and hose wagon, summer & winter hearses, and much more, all presented exceedingly well and a pleasure to view. Up Main Street is the former **Pacific Masonic Lodge**, now owned by the FIHS and it is here where we'll end our village tour with light refreshments. Please join us once again for our Annual Autumn Outing! 🍂

COME to the **Jaffrey Civic Center** at **1 pm** when we'll congregate, arrange some carpooling, and head on our way to Francestown. Or go on your own, arriving by the Horsesheds in the center of Francestown at around 1:45 pm. And for those who want to have a nice dinner, we'll end up at **The Toll Booth Tavern** (be sure to RSVP). Details above and on the back page. 🍂



Francetown Improvement & Historical Society

THOSE who wish to carpool or go in convoy, meet at the Civic Center for a 1 pm departure. We'll park and congregate opposite the Horsesheds in the center of Francetown. It is 20 miles from Jaffrey, just over half an hour's drive. This should set our arrival in Francetown at about 1:45.

<http://www.francetownhistory.info>



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The headquarters of our hosts, the **Francetown Improvement & Historical Society** (FIHS). There's a small though quite captivating local history collection inside.

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The **Francetown Heritage Museum** highlights a variety of historical vehicles including a Concord coach restored by Jaffrey's own Lee Sawyer.

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The former **Pacific Masonic Lodge** on Main Street—now owned by the FIHS—is where we'll stop for some light refreshment at the end of our visit.



Crotched Mountain Golf Club

ALL are invited to repair to **The Toll Booth Tavern** for an early dinner. It's at the Crotched Mountain Golf Club, 740 Second NH Turnpike North, about 4 miles from the center of Francetown, off of Route 47 (Main Street). You'll take care of your own food and drink tab and be able to order off the menu. Consult the Club's website to see the choices.

Please **RSVP** to Rob: jhs@rs41.org
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