

# Campton Historical Society

**Monday August 15, 2022 at 7:00**

## **"A Cog Kid Recalls The Jitney Years at the Mount Washington Railway"**

**Presented by: Tim Lewis**

Tim Lewis (left), the son of engineer Norman "Jitney" Lewis (right), presents the current status of a six year project looking into the history of the Mount Washington Cog Railway - with particular emphasis on those who worked on the railroad, at the Base Station, and the Summit House. The project started in 1962 while Jitney was working at the mountain. Jitney and his son spent the last two years of his life finishing the Operating Manual/Memoir. But Jitney Jr. - a former statehouse correspondent decided it was time to track down the names and stories of those who worked at the Cog, and appear in the background of the many photos of the historic tourist attraction. Over two-thousand seven hundred former employees have been identified thus far. And Lewis, who spent his first 14 summers growing up at the Cog, needs your help finding more of his lost "mountain relatives." The Jitney Years presentation briefly covers the well-known Cog history, then focuses on Cog employees from your area. A unique, illustrated talk for those generally interested in the Cog (now celebrating its 152nd birthday) AND those who either worked at the Mountain and/or had relatives who worked on the railroad and its affiliated facilities from 1866 forward.

The goal of the presentation is to identify more Cog veterans, and tell their stories. It is part of a years-long research project backed by Northern Vermont University - Lyndon, where Tim Lewis has been teaching electronic journalism since the fall of 1999. The final crowd-sourced memoir and Cog Roster will be made available online.

### **Special Events:**

- Heritage Day Saturday Sept 24
- Christmas Concert and Cookie Swap Dec 4th



The presentation will be at the Old Town Hall in Campton, which is handicap accessible, and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Society, check our web site at [www.camptonhistorical.org](http://www.camptonhistorical.org)

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