

2. Alex Belida's Lincoln Lumber Company Shay



I bought this beautiful brass Shay at The Caboose in Wolcott, Connecticut en route to a college reunion in Hartford back in the 1980s. I had read their ads for brass engines for years and, since I was nearby, I decided to drop in. Having always wanted a Shay, I didn't drive off empty-handed. It's a United PFM product but the box it came in was for an HOn3 Cowichan Railroad model. But mine is HO and lettered for the Lincoln Lumber Company #6. In researching all the other brass United PFM Shays out there, I have since determined it was actually the version marketed as the Hillcrest Railroad 25-ton Shay. I haven't modified it in anyway nor have I added any details. It operates on simple DC and doesn't have working lights. But I've always liked it and it runs... slowly as befits a workhorse engine hauling logs to my sawmill. **Alex Belida, MMR**