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Special Edition

As most members know, our December edition of the *Messenger* includes our yearly photo essay of Society activities. This year, there have been two significant events that are of special interest to each member. To include these, we have expanded our edition from eight to twelve pages.

One is the amazing adventure by Sam Brakeley, following the entire Expedition's route from Pittston to Quebec City by himself, in a sixteen foot Old Town canoe in a two week period. This seems almost impossible, but his story will show that it was done. It is an expansive article, but one of great interest to Society members.

The second event, somber and sad, is in regards to the loss of one of the Society's founders, Duluth Wing. This is a great loss foremost to his family, and to all his many, many friends. "Dude" as he was known by all, knew more about the history of the Expedition as it passed through the Dead River country than anyone.

We have included his entire obituary here to illustrate how great a person he was. All in the Society would offer our condolences to his fine family, especially to his wife, Betty, who was also an honorary member of the Society.

So this edition of the *Messenger* will be a mixture of joy, interest and sorrow.

[editor, Steve Clark]

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

- Nichols Cabin Improvements
- Annual Meeting Held
- Great Carrying Place Portage Trail
- Duluth Wing and the AEHS
- Passing of a Man
- Tracking Arnold's Expedition

Nichols Cabin Receives Major Improvements!

During the summer season of 2013, the AEHS's Nichols Cabin on Middle Carry Pond, has received many upgrades. These were accomplished by a number of Society members, including, Ron and John Gamage, Bob and Sara Donovan, and especially by Rocky Freeman and his family. (See photos)

A new, sturdy screen door was installed, the inside of the cabin was thoroughly cleaned, brush along the shoreline was cut back, the cabin's exterior was completely repainted Colonial Red, and the trim painted white. The firewood supply was replenished, the gas tank changed, and a new outdoor fire ring installed.

Coupled with the new firewood shed, and a new telescoping flag pole, the cabin is in the best shape it has been for many years. Thanks to all that worked on it. Bob Donovan says a new privy is the next project.