

EXPEDITION MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



May, 2018

President's Message

The AEHS had a busy 2017 with numerous projects. One was the Archaeological Survey in the Chain of Ponds area during the fall. Then there was the adventurous Hodding Carter bateau trip from Pittston to Quebec. Members of the AEHS helped along the way across both the Great Carrying Place and the Height of Land portages to the border into Canada. In particular we would cite Norm Kalloch and Kenny Wing. We will have an article on this interesting trip later this year.

The new 65 foot bog bridge across a wet area between East and Middle Carry Ponds was well organized by Bob Donovan and finished in short order.

This past winter included the negotiations for the swap of the "parking lot" on East Carry Pond for a new addition to our lot on Middle Carry Pond containing the Nichols Cabin. We are still finalizing this transaction and will be marking the new boundaries later this season.

I would like to thank the many members for their ongoing support for the Society. We still have work to do on some of these projects started last year, but hopefully all will be completed during this season. Please review the upcoming 2018 Schedule found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fred Clark

Reestablishing a Section of the GCP Trail

Through research accomplished by director, Norm Kalloch, a lost section of the old Great Carrying Place Portage Trail may be reestablished. President Fred Clark and VP Steve Clark recently made a presentation to the Executive Board of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club to gain permission to reopen a 0.3 mi. section of the old trail.

The board approved this effort, but before final approval is obtained, it must go through several steps before receive final approved by the National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Project Office.

This is required as the trail section in question is located on land owned by the NPS. The section of the trail is located from the shore of Middle Carry Pond and Sandy Stream to the Lane Pond Road. It goes from the pond's shore, through a wooded section and onto an esker before reaching the road and then on to West Carry Pond via the AT.

It may take some time to work through the NPS process. So its reopening is on hold for the time being.

Newsletter Highlights

- president/s Letter
- 2018 Schedule of Events
- Land Swap in the Carry Ponds
- The 2017 Board & Annual Meetings
- Article, *Henry's Mistake*

2018 AE;HS Schedule of Events

President Fred Clark has announced the schedule of upcoming events during this summer season.

May 26th Trail Clearing Trip

This is our annual spring trip to the Carry Ponds area to clear and open up the Great Carrying Place Portage Trail. We have heard preliminary reports that the terrible wind storm in October of 2017 caused many blowdowns to hurt foot trails throughout Maine.

As we have to work on both ends of the route, those that wish to participate should check with Fred Clark for particulars as to where, when to meet, and what to bring. Please call Fred at (207) 872-9471.

June 9th Colburn House Cleanup

This will be our annual trip to do spring cleanup of the grounds at the House. This will be traditional yard work plus cleaning of the AEHS displays located within the Carriage House. As most know the historic House is located just off ME Rt. 27 in the town of Pittston. Bring your own lunch and gloves.

We will start about 9:00 AM and work until we run out of gas. It's a chance to meet other members and catch up on events. For particulars, please call Fred Clark at the above cited phone number. See you all there.

June 16th AEHS Board Meeting

This meeting will be held at the Colburn House in Pittston and will begin at 9:00 AM and will end about noon. All AEHS members and friends are invited to attend and discuss various issues. Some may choose to bring a bag lunch and eat it there. For an agenda and particulars, please call Fred Clark at the number cited above.

June 23rd Fort Halifax Celebration

Each year, the Town of Winslow and the Winslow Historical Society sponsor a public day for people to visit the park, partake in various events and visit the old blockhouse. Often there are some events but it is mainly there for people to visit the view of a very beautiful river side park at the confluence of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers.

The event runs from Noon to 4:00 PM. This is located on US 201, Bay Street, in Winslow near the Sebasticook Bridge. Again, for more particulars, please call Fred Clark at the above cited phone number or call the Winslow Town Office.

Sept. 15th Annual AEHS Meeting

This will be held at the Colburn House in Pittston.

There will be a Board meeting held in the morning beginning at 9:00 AM and all members are invited to attend if they wish. The Annual Meeting will be held in the renovated barn and will begin at 1:00 PM. The agenda for the meeting and an announcement of a guest speaker will be included in the September Newsletter. We hope as many as possible can attend. There will be places to have a picnic lunch there as well. Bring your own drinks. Hopefully Betty Wing will bring one of her delicious deserts!