

## ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER NO. 11

### KENNEBEC RIVER SCENIC - HISTORIC CRUISE

Sunday, September 19, 1971

On September 19, 1775, Benedict Arnold sailed, with his 11-ship fleet, from Newburyport, Mass., through the mouth of the Kennebec River by what is now known as Fort Popham. He was headed for Col. Colburn's boatyard, thirty-five miles up river, to pick up 220 bateaux to carry his 1100 man army and equipment on their long trek to Quebec City.

On September 19, 1971, a group of members and friends of the Arnold Expedition Historical Society will re-sail the Kennebec route enabling them to more vividly re-live some of the experiences of those hardy and adventure-some souls as they struggled up the scenic Kennebec.

At 8:00 A.M. Sunday, September 19th, two busses will leave the Bath Municipal waterfront parking area (leave your cars here for the day) for a 12-mile tour to Bay Point, Georgetown (opposite Fort Popham). Here you will board the 100 passenger cruise boat, "Goodtime", for one of the most scenic and historic river cruises in New England. Fall foliage colors should begin to show as you sail up Atkin's Bay (Arnold's first anchorage); past old fort sites on Arrowsic Island and Phippsburg, past the modern naval shipyard of the Bath Iron Works and the re-activated historic Percy Small shipyard for wooden ships; into Merrymeeting Bay and past Swan Island, old settlement of Abenaki tribes and the home of Jacataqua, the brilliant and handsome abenaki princess that accompanied Aaron Burr to the siege of Quebec;\* past the site of old Fort Richmond (built before Arnold's expedition and mentioned in the journals); the historic Pownalborough Courthouse and jail, and eventually we approach Agry's Point, about two miles below Gardiner, where Col. Colburns original home still stands.

The occupants and owners, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Klopp, have invited us to have our picnic lunch on their point on the river bank where the bateaux were constructed and launched. So don't forget to bring your lunch. [In planning your lunch you should know that fresh lobsters and clams are available at the Bay Point departure dock, at going prices. If you want some cooked up just before departure, you may phone 443-6518 with your order, or write to White Nichols]

Surprisingly, there are no landing facilities near the Colburn Estate; neither Gardiner nor Randolph has safe landing facilities. Therefore, if the weather is agreeable, we shall cruise up to a point opposite the Colburn-Klopp home at Agry Point to view the historic landmark, then drop below to Richmond where we will be returned by bus to the Colburn-Klopp homestead as guests of the Klopps to hold a picnic lunch on their estate. After lunch we will return to our boat at Richmond for the twilight cruise back to Bath where we will disembark at the point where our cars will be parked.

For those that participated in the Quebec tour this cruise will complete the coverage of the Arnold expedition route through Maine to Quebec City as completely as can be done by vehicle. For those that were unable to make the

\* - here on Swan Island you can see the largest bald eagle's nest in the country, about 25 feet deep.

Quebec tour, plans are underway to duplicate this highly successful venture again next year.

The cost of the all day Kennebec cruise, (busses and boat) will be ten dollars, paid in advance; checks payable to the AEHS, marked "cruise". Reservations are arriving fast, so mail your reservation and check early. If you have friends or relatives that would like to go, you are encouraged to welcome them.

This should be a delightful way to end summertime outdoor activities, both educational-wise, social and recreational, mixed with the best of fellowship.

Your co-ordinator, White Nichols, Wiscasset, Maine 04578 -

Tel. 882-7886

#### CARRY PONDS OUTING

On the week-end of September 25-26, members of the AEHS and friends will meet at Tom Dickson's Middle Carry Pond camp [Follow the west shore road above Bingham, along Wyman Lake, watching for AEHS directional signs]

You may want to come in Friday night [the gate will be open at East Carry Pond]

Projects will include underwater searches of beach areas on East and Middle Carry Ponds; archaeological searches and digs for fire-pits and log hospital; and trail work, including the continuation of the survey project of the 12-mile Great Carry.

We hope to have a good turn-out for these projects. So bring your camping gear, tents, campers, project tools for a productive and enjoyable week-end with good fellowship.

#### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will give some details of such subjects as our 1975 Bicentennial and re-enactment of the Arnold March to Quebec in 1775, commemorative books, medals and bottles, Quebec tour, various research projects and political involvements; also several interesting developments. Keep tuned. Have you paid your current membership dues? We want to keep you with us.

W. N.

AEHS - SPECIAL BULLETIN

Aug. 8, 1970

A reminder that the AEHS will conduct a combination research and recreational expedition, in the Upper Dead River region, on the week-end of August 15-16.

Headquarters will be at the beautiful Cathedral Pines Campground on Route 27, at Eustis AEHS office will be at No-Deer Camp on property bordering the Pines on south side. Reservations should be made now.

Plans call for underwater searches by a team of skuba-divers at several fall-sites on the Dead River, and at Arnold Pond where many of the batteaux were abandoned.

Divers wishing to participate should contact Donald Bernard, R.F.D.#3, Turner, Maine, 04210.

A canoe trip with carries will be led by Cecil Pierce and Duluth Wing in the Upper Chain-of-Ponds section of the Arnold Trail, including the wilderness gem, Lost Pond.

A hiking trip will be led by Society President and VP over the Height of Land, across the International border, into Woburn Quebec, Saturday afternoon. Lunch at Arnold Trail in Woburn.

This is a pleasant hike - not difficult, and recommend to all members.

Members having metal-detectors are advised to bring them, with your favorite digging tools. Canoes are also advisable, but not essential.

Be certain to carry your driving license, or suitable ID cards for crossing the border.

Expedition will be conducted, rain or shine.

ANNUAL MEETING

All officers were unanimously re-elected at the 3rd Annual meeting in Augusta on August 2.

A 3-hour session was devoted to the discussion of problems involved in acquiring and preserving the Arnold Trail and associated historic sites, which has become the top priority project of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All members are reminded that 1970-71 Society membership dues are now payable. Checks should be addressed to Harold Brown, Treasurer, c/o Bath Marine Museum, Bath, Me. 04530.

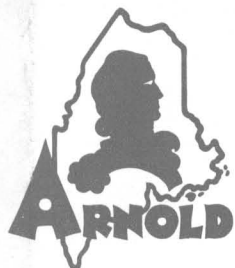
If in doubt as to your membership status contact Fred Fassett, Jr., Newcastle, Me. 04553.

Our Society presently depends wholly on membership funds to conduct its business and activities.

Expense accounts are being confined to postage, phone, stationery, printing and a few associated items.

Travelling expenses, although substantial, are being contributed.

- White Nichols.



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### SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

Invitation to  
Semi-Annual Meeting, AEHS

January 8, 1971

This is a reminder to all members that the Society will hold their first semi-annual meeting at the Augusta House, on Sunday, January 24, 1971.

It will be primarily a social and educational affair, with a short business session slated for 10 A.M., including discussion of season's activities.

A dinner will be served at 1 P.M. followed by several short talks by interesting speakers.

During the day there will be narrated slide shows and exhibits of photos, maps, relics and artifacts. The Society flag, scrapbooks, documents painting, publications and interpretive panels.

There will be an evening luncheon.

This affair is especially dedicated to information and education. Schools and colleges have been invited to attend. We hope that you will come with the family and guests.

All members are invited to bring anything of interest, connected with the Arnold expedition, to the exhibit.

This will be an excellent chance to meet and talk with folks of your own interest.

In case of severe weather, or travelling conditions, the event will be postponed to the following Sunday.

If you have not returned your intention notification, kindly do so at once.

Some of you may not have received the last newsletter, No. 8. Mail service continues to be undependable with some losses.

Hope to meet you at the Augusta House.

- White Nichols, Wiscasset, Maine  
Phone 882-7886

*Hope to see you  
folks there.  
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