



## ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### ANNUAL MEETING

The third annual meeting of the AEHS will be held at the Central Maine Power Co. Service Building, Outer Western Ave., in Augusta, on Sunday, August 2 at 2 P.M.

A directors meeting will follow directly after adjournment.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is composed of Cecil Pierce of West Southport; Margaret Kelley of Waterville; and C. Park Bradford of Manchester.

### MEMBERSHIP

The membership continues to increase having passed the 400 mark (including families) from over 20 states and Canada.

### AFFILIATES

We welcome the affiliation of the Maine Parks and Recreation Commission, the Fort Western Museum, Maine Appalachian Mountain Club, The Company of Military Historians, and individuals of the Province of Quebec.

### LATEST AFFILIATION

One of the most promising affiliations effecting the welfare of the AEHS appears to be emerging after a meeting with several representatives of the 'Company of Military Historians' (a **research** society, as its name implies) an active and interesting group centered around New York, Penna., and Connecticut.

In October 1969 they successfully re-enacted the Battle of Valcour Island on Lake Champlain.

It appears likely that the 'Historians' and the AEHS will jointly re-enact the Arnold Expedition in 1775 (5 short years!)

So, polish up those old muskets, folks!

### MAINVILLE SABBATICAL

The Society will miss Vicki & Dick Mainville while he is on a year's sabbatical leave from UMP to Michigan State. The Mainvilles are two of our most enthusiastic and active members.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elliott accompanied by Mike and Melissa Elliott, grandchildren, attended the meeting of the members of the Arnold Trail which was held in Augusta on Sunday.

### SAVE THE ARNOLD TRAIL

Although this has been a year of several delays involving some of our projects, the overall picture appears promising.

Many hungry eyes have cast more than glances at Maine's scenic and recreational areas including the Upper Kennebec and Dead River Territory.

Numerous developments, from the planning to construction stages, compete, and often threaten the preservation of the Arnold Trail.

Within the year, about two miles of the 12-mile carry section of the Arnold Trail have been destroyed by indiscriminate wood cutting of the most obnoxious kind.

Several miles of this great carry is overlapped by the Appalachian Trail. Our Society and the Maine Appalachian Trail Club have no differences in purposes and policies, and occasionally conduct joint outings on this section.

### THE NATIONAL TRAILWAYS ACT

provides for government acquisition of the Appalachian Trail within two years before eminent domain proceedings are instituted. This land acquisition provides for a corridor from 200 ft. to a quarter mile in width, encompassing the trail, which is to be kept in its natural state.

This provision is identical to the desires of the AEHS on the Arnold Trail, and hopefully can be implemented before the situation becomes hopeless.

The U.S. Dept. of the Interior, through the National Park Service, has declared the Arnold Trail, from Fort Popham to Coburn Gore, (at the Quebec border) a National Historic Site.

This Act provides for some protection from federally financed projects, but does not prevent State or privately encroachment.

However, the Act does cast light upon the importance of preserving Maine's outstanding historic site.

It is hoped that each and every AEHS member will do their utmost to support our Society in this project. Time is very short.

### CARRY POND PROJECT

During the week-end of May 30-31, members of the Trail Committee surveyed and measured the Trail section from East to Middle Carry Pond.

A one-man crew led by Adam Galuza of Woolwich constructed a 35 foot log corduroy bridge over a swampy area of the trail. It is officially recorded in our Society as the 'Galuz Bridge'.

During the survey reconnaissance, Cecil Pierce discovered another fire-site upon which had grown a large white birch tree. Explanatory digging produced pottery sherds which, when assembled, formed a soup bowl of ancient vintage. Also uncovered was a large iron spoon, probably used as a medicine-dropper; and a number of old nails believed to have come from a boat, or bateau.

This area is believed to have been the campground for the Arnold Army for about a week, during which they built a log-hospital for their sick and injured; later became known as Fort Meigs.

The Committee was the guest of Tom Dickson, property owner and Society director.

### AUGUST 15-16 OUTING

On the week-end of August 15-16, all members are invited to join in a combination research and recreational expedition in the upper Chain-of-Ponds and Height-of-Land area.

Cecil Pierce and Duluth Wing, who have retraced the Arnold route from Augusta to Quebec, will lead a group on a canoe trip from Horse-shoe Pond to Arnold Pond, via the 'phantom' Lost Pond and the interesting 'Horseback Trail'. This will involve some carrying.

Those wishing to participate in this trip will meet with the group at Cathedral Pines Campground (Route 27) in Eustis early Saturday morning. Reservations for this splendid campsite should be made promptly.

It is not necessary to have a canoe for this trip as there will be space available. However, those that do have canoes should bring them.

Arrangements are also being made to hike over the 'Height-of-Land' (made famous by Kenneth Roberts' "Arundel" and Smith's "March to Quebec") from Arnold Pond, through 'the pass', to the Great Meadow (near the Arnold River). This will be a hike over the old Arnold Trail of about 3 miles. A lunch can be had at the Arnold Hotel in Woburn.

On Sunday, August 16, an underwater search for evidence of some of the batteaux that were abandoned at Arnold Pond will be conducted by a team of skuba-divers led by Donald Bernard of Auburn.

Plans are underway for an exploratory outing this Fall in the Lake Megantic-Woburn, P.Q. area. A good chance to meet some of our Provincial neighbors and enjoy some good fellowship. More later.

### NEWBURYPORT SHIP RESEARCH

This research project was necessarily postponed due to complications on the Newburyport end. Hopefully it can be implemented this winter season.

### CHARTER MEMBER CERTIFICATES

These certificates were mailed to those members that were entitled to them this spring. If any member that is qualified failed to receive one, kindly request it from your secretary, or President.

During the mail strike a package of fifty of these certificates were lost while in Uncle Sam's care; along with first class correspondence. U.S. Mail inspectors failed to recover!

### SPECIAL NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION

About 200 copies of the Boston Herald-Traveler supplements concerning the Arnold Expedition will be distributed at the Annual Meeting in Augusta. A valuable addition to your collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elliott spent the weekend in Eustis with other members of the Arnold Trail Historical Society. During the stay, some of the members of which Norman and Florence were included, hiked over four miles over the Height of Land into Woburn, Canada, following the same route that Arnold did. While there, they also went to Lost Pond where some members followed in canoes and while trying to establish contact with the canoes, Florence experienced being answered by a bear when she called out loud and clear!