

EXPEDITION MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
ARNOLD EXPEDITION
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Spring, 2009

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AEHS 2009 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

MAY 9 Trail Clearing Trip, Great Carrying Place
JUNE 6 Director's Meeting, Colburn House
AUGUST 29 Member Barbeque and Social
SEPTEMBER 12, Artifact Hunt, Chain of Ponds

Trail Clearing Trip to Carry Ponds.

On **May 9th, a Saturday**, we will hold a trail clearing work bee to clear the Great Carrying Place portage trail from Wyman Lake to East Carry Pond. Blowdowns and annual growth will be cleared.

The trip will be lead by AEHS Director, Ron Gamage. Rusty Arsenault will also be assistant leader. This is a one day trip and will go rain or shine. Bring your own tools, such as clippers, saws or chain saws and of course, a trail lunch and water.

As this is not easy to reach, those contemplating joining the group, should contact Ron to receive directions as to where and when to meet. He will also provide details on the task at hand. If we are successful, this will open up the portage trail for summer hikers. Bring rain gear, although Ron assures us that the sun will be out. Contact Ron at his home phone. (207) 474-3503. Hope we can get a good crew. Many hands make light work.

Directors to Meet.

On **June 6th, a Saturday** the AEHS directors will meet at the Colburn House property in Pittston. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM until noon. A bring your own lunch will follow.

At 1:00 PM, a tour of the property will be conducted by the State Parks and Lands personnel to show the various projects underway during the 2009 season. After, a short new 18 minute film describing the Expedition will be shown.

We invite any members to attend and join us for the full time, or maybe just the lunch and tour. It will be a chance for members to get to know the directors and visa versa. Call the president, Steve Clark for more information. (207) 636-1769.

Did You Know That Lt. Col. Roger Enos, commander of the rear three companies that turned back on the Dead River, faced only a Court of Inquiry upon his return at headquarters in Cambridge. He never faced a formal Court Marshall. The men who might have testified against him for his actions, were fighting and dying at Quebec. He never held command again.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

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- Reuben Colburn, reprinted from 1975

First AEHS Membership Summer Get together, August 29.

Over the past years, the only way for the membership to communicate is through the one-way newsletter.

This year, the Society has arranged for a late summer social meeting in the form of a barbeque at the Colburn House in Pittston. A full day of activities is planned. Here it is!

August 29 (a Saturday) it begins at the historic Colburn House in Pittston, just off Route 27.

10:00 AM, tour of the property by AEHS leaders to view the many improvements made by the State Parks & Lands during the past few months. This will include repairs to the Carriage House to be used as the new Society meeting place, repairs to the Colburn House itself, the new presentation of the bateaux museum, Arnold's bedroom, other displays and a walk around the grounds.

11:00 AM, a short meeting of the Society will be held and a chance to meet many of the directors and long time members. This will be followed by a short 18 minute color film regarding the Expedition, that has just been produced this year.

12 noon, a chicken barbeque, with all the fixings followed by a period to just relax and socialize.

1:00 PM We will take our cars and travel ten miles north to Fort Western in Augusta. There we will have a special tour of the fort and a discussion of the Army's five day encampment here in September of 1775. There will be live demonstrations of activities of the Colonial period by members of Old Fort Western in period costumes. The tour here will last until 3:00 PM when we will head home. We hope this will be well attended as it will be both fun and informative. We will be able to learn much of the men of the Expedition's stay at both the Colburn House and at Fort Western, where the army embarked on its journey northward, through the Wilderness to reach Quebec.

So that we can order the correct quantities of food and make arrangements to accommodate those who plan to attend, we ask that you contact Sherri Clark, at her home in Shapleigh, Maine. She will be able to provide more detailed information about activities. You can reach her at

599 Shapleigh Corner Road, Shapleigh, Maine 04076 or by Phone, (207) 636-1769 or by email at [<scspringhill@metrocast.net>](mailto:scspringhill@metrocast.net). Call no later than August 10. As this will be the only newsletter before the event, this will be your only notice. We look forward to having a great time together.

Chain of Ponds Artifact Hunt.

On Sept. 12, a Saturday, Dude Wing will lead an artifact hunt in the Chain of Ponds area. He and others have spent past years in discovering metal artifacts including hundreds of musket balls. We will have at least two metal detectors, hopefully more. D-6 bulldozers are not needed, just some good detective work, common sense, and a shovel or two to dig when the detectors go off. We should have a great time. Good weather guaranteed

We will meet at the Arnold roadside marker at the Cathedral Pines Campground in Eustis, at 8:30 AM. But it is imperative that you pre-check with the trip leader, Dude Wing before hand to coordinate meeting details.

His address and phone number are below. He does not have an email. Duluth Wing, 1301 Arnold Trail Eustis, Maine 04936
Tel. (207) 246-6211