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MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE A.E.H.S.

## WELCOME FALL and BACK TO BUSINESS

DO WE PREFER A TERRIBLY HOT SUMMER - OR A DREADFULLY COLD WINTER - WELL SINCE WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER EITHER OF THESE- LET US MOVE INTO A BEAUTIFUL BEST TIME OF THE YEAR- LOVELY FALL AND EACH ONE OF US QUICKLY GET BACK TO OUR REGULAR BUSINESS. OUR FIRST IS COMING RIGHT UP - WE'VE GONE TO FIRST CLASS MAILINGS TO MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR NOTICES IN PLENTY OF TIME.

### OUR 26th ANNUAL MEETING

- THE PLACE - WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th. 1988 AT THE NEWLY MANAGED DRESDEN INN ON ROUTE 27 IN DRESDEN, WHICH IS 10 MILES SOUTH OF THE GARDINER-- RANDOLPH BRIDGE AND 10 MILES NORTH OF WISCASSET. AFTER CONTACTING SEVERAL OTHERS, OUR CHOICE IS HERE- OUR NEIGHBORS ARE SOLICITING OUR SUPPORT, WE ARE EAGER TO BE OF HELP TO THEM IN THEIR NEW UNDERTAKING, AND FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE THE FOOD IS SUPERIOR; THE ATMOSPHERE IS " ORDINARY " AND THE PRICE IS THE MOST REASONABLE WE COULD FIND.
- THE TIME - WE WILL GATHER FROM FAR AND NEAR AT 11;A.M. FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION- DINNER AT 12:30, FOLLOWING A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING.
- THE SPEAKER - WILL BE JAY ADAMS - CURATOR AT FORT WESTERN WHOSE TOPIC WILL BE "MILITARY AFFAIRS AT FORT WESTERN ". WE WELCOME JAY AND HIS YOUNG FAMILY TO DRESDEN, PITTSTON AND OUR ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
- THE MEAL - WILL BE A SIT-DOWN DINNER WITH A CHOICE OF CHICKEN-KIEVE (EXCELLENT ), @ \$8.95, BAKED STUFFED HADDOCK OR SEAFOOD NEWBERG @\$9.95, OR THE PRIME RIB @ \$12.95. WE ARE ALSO FREE TO CHOOSE THE HOT FOODS BUFFET COMPLETE FROM SOUP - DESSERT AT \$9.95. PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE TAX & GRATUITY. THE MANAGEMENT WILL NOT CHARGE US FOR THE ROOM OR THE MORNING COFFEE.

### AND NOW THE BUSINESS

AS I GET THIS MESSAGE OFF TO YOU, OUR AD-HOC COMMITTEE IS ALREADY AT WORK PAINTING, REPAIRING AND RECONDITIONING OUR UPTON CABIN. THIS COMMITTEE GROWS BY LEAPS & BOUNDS WITH FRIENDS BRINGING FRIENDS ETC. NEW METAL DETECTORS, NEW MEMBERS, AND "OLDIES" LOYALISTS ( CECIL PIERCE, DULUTH WING, BOB CUNNINGHAM) ARE BUSY AT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN EVERY AREA. HERE WE MAKE MENTION OF OUR SPECIAL SAVIOUR RONALD GAMAGE FROM SKOWHEGAN WHO CONSTANTLY SURVEYS AND PHYSICALLY TAKES CARE OF THE UPTON CABIN. THANKS RON, FOR YOUR YEAR-ROUND ATTENTION. REPORTS ARE THAT A COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON THE FIX THE ROOF PROJECT COULD NOT GET AHEAD OF CECIL FROM SOUTHPORT WHO HAD IT ALL DONE AHEAD OF TIME. REMAINS OF THE WHARF HAVE BEEN REMOVED, LEGAL LINES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED RE: A PARKING LOT OWNED BY THE SOCIETY: TRAIL WORK HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY DONE BY MANAGER LEE KNOWLES (BRUNSWICK DIRECTOR) AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOISE-CASCADE CO. HAVE GONE SMOOTHLY. MORE DETAILS ON ALL OF THIS AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

### OUR REQUESTS -ABOUT YOUR AEQ SLIDES

WE WOULD LIKE TO BORROW ANY AND ALL OF YOUR SLIDES COLLECTION WHICH WERE TAKEN ON OUR AEQ '75 MARCH. UPON RECEIPT OF THESE THEY WILL BE EDITED AND PROMPTLY RETURNED

TO YOU- UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED ( IF YOU HAVE ANY YOU WISH TO DONATE ). ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS ARRANGED TO PUT THESE ON VIDEO TAPES WHICH WILL RUN APPROXIMATELY 6 HOURS. WE DEEM THIS TO BE A MOST FORTUNATE MOVE FOR OUR EDUCATIONAL// POSTERITY PURPOSES, THUS WE WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO KEEP AEQ-'75 ALIVE.

CALLING THE CURATOR

THE JACOBSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY , JACOBSBURG PA. TO CROSBY MILLIMAN : AUGUST 2, 1988

" WITH OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE A GREAT MOMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF OUR APPRECIATION OF "THE MARCH" THAT YOU WILL MAKE POSSIBLE. "

WILLIAM HENRY ATHERTON  
MARY HENRY STITES

THE ABOVE INVITATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR BOOK JACOBSBURG A PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY AND ITS PEOPLE.

CROSBY WILL JOURNEY TO JACOBSBURG AND SPEAK AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 20, FURTHER TO THIS HE HAS INVITED ONE OF OUR GREATEST ( HARD TO SAY THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY ) AEQ'75 PARTICIPANTS AND 16 YEAR MEMBER OF AEHS JACK ARMSTRONG FROM HARLEYSVILLE PA TO APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM WITH HIM. JACK IS A DYNAMIC, COLORFUL RIFLEMAN . WE ARE PROUD TO SEND THESE TWO TO REPRESENT US HERE IN PITTSTON. SINCE THIS DATE JUST HAPPENS TO COINCIDE WITH THE CURATORS BIRTHDAY (?) HE IS SO YOUNG AND ACTIVE - WE SAY "GO FORTH YOUNG MAN BUT SAY "I SHALL RETURN "

THIS GEORGE -

ALTHOUGH THE THIRTEEN STATES LACKED A GREAT POLITICAL LEADER TO CALL FORTH A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE , WASHINGTON DID HIS BEST TO FULFILL THE POLITICAL AS WELL AS THE MILITARY ROLE. HE WAS MORE THAN A GENERAL: THE EMBODIMENT OF EVERYTHING FINE IN THE AMERICAN CHARACTER. WITH NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT HIS OWN GRANDEUR, NO THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE EXCEPT AN INTENSE LONGING TO RETURN TO MOUNT VERNON, HE ASSUMED EVERY RESPONSIBILITY THRUST UPON HIM, AND FULFILLED IT. HE NOT ONLY HAD TO LEAD AN ARMY, BUT CONSTANTLY WRITE LETTERS TO CONGRESS, STATE LEADERS AND GOVERNMENTS, BEGGING THEM FOR THE WHEREWITHALL TO MAINTAIN HIS ARMY. HE HAD TO COMPOSE QUARRELS AMONG HIS OFFICERS AND PLACATE COLD, HUNGRY UNPAID TROOPS. INTRIGUES AGAINST HIS AUTHORITY HE IGNORED AND THE INTRIGUERS CAME TO GRIEF. In his relations with french OFFICERS, HE PROVED TO BE A DIPLOMAT SECOND ONLY TO FRANKLIN. REFUSING TO ACCEPT A SALARY, HE DIPPED INTO HIS MODEST FORTUNE TO BUY COMFORTS FOR THE SOLDIERS AND TO HELP DESTITUTE FAMILIES OF HIS COMPANIONS IN BATTLE. THUS WASHINGTON BROUGHT SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO THE CAUSE THAN MILITARY ABILITY AND STATESMANSHIP: THE PRICELESS GIFT OF CHARACTER.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR GOOD FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, LIFE MEMBER AND GIVER OF THE OLDEST BATEAU, ELEANOR EVERSON OF DRESDEN, ON HER APPOINTMENT ( A FIRST FOR THE TOWN ) AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. WE JOIN YOUR FAMILY AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN WISHING YOU MUCH SUCCESS.

ANY NEWS ?

DO FORWARD ANY PERSONAL, MILITARY, OR HISTORICAL EVENTS ALONG TO US FOR ALL OF US TO SHARE IN OUR NEWSLETTERS.