

BONAVENTURE RIVER

When Jim Hartman said he was bringing his friend Jeff Wartluft of Lehighton to share his trip on the Bonaventure River for our January 22nd club meeting, I was excited. Located on the Gaspe Peninsula, this beautiful clear river is known for salmon fishing and canoeing, so I wanted to hear all about his wilderness experience.

Jeff and his friends worked with 'CimeAventure,' an outfitter that would run a shuttle for them, upriver. There were four men and one woman in the party, canoeing 74 miles over six days. Jeff's friend, Billy Clark had done half the river the previous spring, but because of the conditions, he had been unable to get upriver far enough to do the entire stretch.

So, in June 2007, the group traveled to Quebec, completed the shuttle, and started out on the beautiful river. They came around a bend in the river, and much to their dismay, there was an enormous logjam ahead of them. Jeff said that the pile of dead trees must have resulted from a big fire, perhaps 10-15 years ago.

Since it was out of the question to continue on the blocked river, and it was practically impossible to walk across the huge pile of twisted tree trunks and branches, the party decided to work their way around most of it, dragging their canoes and equipment over the deadfalls that remained in their way.

Much of the rest of the trip was not quite so arduous as the beginning, and they greatly enjoyed the journey. They also enjoyed learning about the history of the Arcadians, who were displaced by the British in the mid- 1700s.

To find out more about this great wilderness experience, join us at the January 22nd club meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As Membership Chairman this year, it has been a real pleasure to see membership in Keystone Canoe Club grow steadily. We are still receiving memberships from people who have been attracted to our club's activities. We now have 106 family memberships, not counting spouses and children. The best part is that we've had nice turnouts for the July and August picnic meetings, the September meeting, and for PaddleFest.

Another point is that even though the ACA decision was a difficult one for the club, we now have at least 77 KCC members enrolled in ACA.

Welcome to the newest (since June) members:

Robert and Diane Cappa	Teresa Diaz
Jeremy Drey	Donald Hart
R. George Hughes	Linnea Jepsen
Priscilla Kistler	Christine Lamm
Sue Landis family	Sheila Minore
Don Moll	Sylvia Moyer
Angie Purcell	Scott Robertson
Paul Rudolph	Cathy Safford
Chris Seibert	Jim Showalter
Russell Strampe	Pamela Taylor
Nancy Trawin	Thomas Weigley
Lynn Zimmerman	

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