

## **MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – Thirtieth Edition – September 14, 2003**

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Donna Clayson has asked that I clarify that she has not resigned as Story Editor for any other reason than pressures of her job, her health and the lack of input of stories. - Sherron



Snow Geese – Photo courtesy Doug Bell

For in depth information on the Lesser Snow Geese check such sites as:

[http://www.taiga.net/wmac/consandmanagementplan\\_volume3/snowgeese.html#populati](http://www.taiga.net/wmac/consandmanagementplan_volume3/snowgeese.html#populati)  
[on](http://www.taiga.net/wmac/researchplan/reports/snowgeese.html) or <http://www.taiga.net/wmac/researchplan/reports/snowgeese.html>

### **GROWING UP IN THE YUKON**

**By Michael Paolera**

I remember growing up at Marsh Lake. We would spend every weekend and all summer long at my Aunt Shirley and Uncle Les Middlebrook's cabin on McClintock Bay.

When I was about five years old Uncle decided that it was about time to introduce me to fishing. He took me down the way to the Olsen's dock and showed me how to set up a rod, tie a fishing knot and cast a line. We were there for about a half hour when he hooked a pike. It was the most thrilling thing I had ever seen. The fish jumped out of the water and me out of my shoes, I am sure. It took Uncle what seemed like an hour to land the fish but probably only minutes. The fish was about 10lbs, Wow I was also hooked. I ran all the way back to the cabin to tell my Aunt Shirley. That night we had the best fish in the world for dinner. This was around 1975 and my Uncle made me practice for about one month before I was aloud to go on my own. I fished the Yukon waters for the next 9 years until we moved to the Lower mainland. This past July I was back at the cabin and for the first time in 19 years was out on the lake. I caught two pike what a great time.

Man do I miss the Yukon.

There is no place like it on earth.



### **END OF AN ERA**

By Gus Barrett

For years they sat upon the ways,  
Planks bleaching in the sun,  
A reminder to all of their glory days  
On the Whitehorse to Dawson run.  
On the golden trail of ninety eight,  
And the great Klondike stampede,  
When they carried mail and carried freight,  
And men of a stronger breed.

They sat and they rotted, through the years,  
As they watched the northland grow,  
While sap from their timbers dripped like tears  
Into the river below.

The people demanded much faster trips  
To further their business deals,  
And gave no thought to the crumbling ships,  
With their sun warped paddlewheels.

'Till at last, came a group of vandals,  
Who, in a careless act of shame,  
Lit up that fatal candle  
And set those famous boats in flames.  
The citizens then set up a shout  
As they realized the cost.  
But too late to put the fire out,  
A great piece of the past was lost.

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**ISAAC TAYLOR**  
**TRANSPORTATION PERSON OF THE YEAR 2001**  
Forwarded by Donna Clayson



Isaac Taylor was inducted into the Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame June 6, 2001. The Welcome and Opening and Closing Remarks were presented by The Honourable Ms. Pamela J. Buckway, Minister, Community & Transportation Services, Government of the Yukon.

The introduction of Transportation Pioneer 2001 was presented by Ms. Jennie Howie, President of the Yukon Transportation Museum Society.

Introduction of Mr. Isaac Taylor by Mr. Mike Stanock, Yukon Transportation Association.

Isaac Taylor was a pioneer who experienced and contributed to the economic, historical and social fabric of the Yukon. Transportation figured prominently in his experiences, both in getting to the Yukon and in building a business that included trading posts throughout the Territory.

His journey to the Yukon brought him from his homeland in Yorkshire, England via the Australian Kilgourlie goldfields. To reach the Yukon, he chose the arduous Ashcroft Trail, which brought him to Telegraph Creek in the fall of 1898. Wanting to keep busy for the winter, he journeyed down the Stikine River to Wrangell, caught a ship to Skagway, and laid track for WP & YR. Hearing of the gold strike in Atlin, BC he hiked the Fantail Route into Discovery where he had his third chance meeting with a fellow Englishman, William Drury, General Merchants. In 1899 they operated at Lake Bennett and, when the railway was completed in 1900, moved their store to Whitehorse.

To participate in the fur trade, Taylor and Drury built trading posts along the Yukon River and its tributaries. Transportation, therefore, was an important and essential facet of their business. In the very early years they used small boats, scows and dog teams to service their posts. In 1909, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Drury had their first company vessel, the Kluahne, built. This steamer satisfied their need to have a boat that would be able to navigate the much shallower tributaries of the Yukon River and hence allow them to better supply their trading posts, as well as their customers living along the Yukon River and its tributaries.

Exploration entered the picture in 1912 when Mr. Taylor, the Kluahne, and its crew set off to see if there was a navigable route that would enable the company to better supply the Kluane area. Their lengthy trip took them down the Yukon River, along the White River, onto the Donjek River and then along the Kluane River. Their hopes were dashed when only six miles from the Lake, they came across a series of reefs that made further progress impossible. The Kluhane's whistle was heard by the residents nearby, and the supplies aboard were delivered overland.

The Kluhane was retired in 1920 and replaced by the steamers Thistle and later the Yukon Rose. These Taylor & Drury boats were indispensable in delivering supplies, mail and passengers to their various posts. Barges were used in conjunction with the boats and were able to push 50 tons of merchandise. Following the building of the Alaska Highway, the company had its own trucking route, which saw goods delivered from Beaver Creek (Mile 1202) to Coal River (Mile 543), south one week, north the next.

In 1927, Isaac Taylor added a General Motors dealership to the business, selling the first truck to the Yukon Government in 1927 and the first car, a 1928 Chevrolet, to George Johnson of Teslin. With the building of the Alaska Highway, the dealership grew significantly, warranting the formation of a separate company, Taylor & Drury Motors.

Isaac Taylor is remembered as a man who was always blazing a trail, or a waterway, that others would follow.

## **FRED & JEAN COOK - REPLIES**

Sherron, Donna and Sandy -

I've been thinking about this ever since I saw the first edition of the MocTel .....  
SOMEONE should really put all of the MocTels together into a book! You have collected the most wonderful stories and photographs, and I'm sure if it were lovingly done, it would be in great demand. You should think about it!

About Fred Cook -- I'm sure he is the same Fred Cook who sold our wonderful Jeffery Quad (early four-wheel drive vehicle, circa 1915) to us at Eagle Historical Society, just a year or two ago. The Jeffery has been a hit in our collection of vintage vehicles, and we are still trying to find out more about how it was used here in Eagle. We suspect it might have been used to haul heavy generators up to our (steep and rugged) Telegraph Hill when the new wireless was installed. If anyone has any information about it, please share. Sometime in the future, I will post a photo of the Jeffery as it has been restored thus far. I think Fred would be happy to see that it is operating, actually hauling passengers, and even has hopes of being steered from both ends as it once did. We found parts of another Jeffery in Fairbanks, and those have since been donated, so there will be further restoration.

Wonderful job you MocTel folks are doing!

Jean Turner [njturner@aptalaska.net](mailto:njturner@aptalaska.net)  
Eagle, Alaska

Hi Sherron,

Which of the Cooks are you looking for? There were two Fred and Jean Cooks in Dawson City. One was Dredger Cook and the Other was Digger Cook. Dredger Cook started out working on the Str. Whitehorse in 1946, and teamed up with Stan Hiscocks who was a friend of his from working together for the BCE in Vancouver. They and their families spent that first winter cutting cordwood for the boats. They lived in Fort Selkirk. Fred and Jean had at least three kids, Jim, Bella and another girl, but I don't know her name. I heard from someone that she is married and still lives in Dawson City. Jim I think was killed in a vehicle accident many years ago, and I think Bella lives in Whitehorse. Pretty sketchy stuff.

Digger Cook is a member of the Okanagan Yukoners and He lives with his wife Jean at Marsh lake. Joan and I stopped in to see them a couple of years ago when we were on our way back from the ISR in Fairbanks. Their mailing address and 'phone number are in the membership list that I sent you.

I have just finished the newsletter, so I will attach it.

Larry Chalmers [larryjoanchalmers@telus.net](mailto:larryjoanchalmers@telus.net)

*I asked Barb Cook for clarification, as to which Fred & Jean Cook, the in her words. – Sherron*

Hi Sherron,

Imagine having a Grandfather and not knowing his nickname - Dredger. Anyway the Fred and Jean Cook that I belong to are the ones that had the house by the post office and across from the school, with the beautiful garden. Fred worked on the dredges, Fred & Jean had 3 children Bella, Donna and my father Jim.

The story about Swede that Brownie sent in brought tears to my eyes. I'll pass that one on to my Mom for sure. Thanks so much.

I'm getting some great replies and hopefully clarifying the Cook family connection will help trigger some more memories.

Barb Cook [cookbarb@shaw.ca](mailto:cookbarb@shaw.ca)

Hi Sherron,

Enjoyed reading about your visit to Kelowna and the water bombers. (I watched water bombers at La Ronge in 2001. It was a special viewing for our group. Your encounter sounded more interesting.)

I, too, (as well as Brownie Foth - see Mocassin Telegraph 29th Edition) went round "The Loop" with Fred Cook on the mail run. I particularly remember visiting the Brady Brothers. (I have recently dropped a line to Fred and Jean after reading "The Life and Times of Fred Cook," recalling our visit to the Brady's as well as about some other things mentioned in the book.)

Eric Blomberg's sisters's name was Sylvia, in case you'd like to inform Brownie and your readers.

Oh yes, you were saying about one of my stories going to the Yukon Archives. I expect others will, too. When might this happen?

Sorry, about your neighbor.

Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com)

### **REPLY TO WHISKEY FLATS QUESTION IN MOC TEL 29**

Yes I do have memories about the Flats. Now- I was never sure, which ones were whisky- and which ones were Moccasin Flats. I am talking about the ones near the (now) bridge. It must have been 1953 or 54, I worked at the Whitehorse Inn for T.C. Richards and as so often, a worker did not show up. So I was asked, to go to the flats and see what happened. A welcome relief to go for a walk. When I turned in to the flats, I did not trust my eyes. There was, fenced in, a little garden with things, I had not seen in Whitehorse. Flowers, veggies, even celery and I stood on the fence and looked in

disbelief. A gentleman came out and I found out, he used to be the gardener for the Commissioner in Dawson City and as Whitehorse was made Capital in 1953, he transferred. I forgot his name, but had over the years contact with him, as we built our house on corner of 3rd. Ave. and Hoge St. He gave me a chive for my garden. I was so fascinated with the Gentleman's garden and the conversation, I forgot all about why I had come to the flats---- and went home.

Anne Domes [octavia13@yknet.ca](mailto:octavia13@yknet.ca)

### **REPLIES TO WHISKEY FLATS SPECIAL EDITION**

This picture shows buildings on the Klondike side. The Klondike now sits in the upper left corner. The two long buildings in the upper part are Taylor & Drury's warehouses on a spur of the White Pass railway. The army truck may well be one of Curly Graham's but I remember his house being on the river bank to the left, out of the picture.

Take care, Bucky

Wow!!!! what a bag of worms you opened up. It was almost confusing to read it all....but definitely interesting. It reminds me of the child's game called Telephone. There is no idea what was originally said, and it is so vastly different in the end.

First of all, we lived there for one winter in a tar paper shack, I believe it was the winter in 1963. Dad bought a trailer in City Trailer Park in the spring. It was situated at the end of 2nd Ave, right where Olgilvie Street ended.

Dad is away at the moment, but when he gets back I will ask about the "*rent*", "*mortgage*", or "*taxes*".

Somebody that might know yet another side of it, would be Doug Bell, or perhaps, Danny Lang, and I am sure that Chuck MacKenzie or his Dad, would know. They were there during all the change. And now that I think of it....Curly Graham would be an excellent source.

I remember in 1974, when I had first gone to Whitehorse to go to high school, walking by "Whisky Flats". There were two houses that were up on blocks, and I remember asking Marguerite Lambert, who was the dorm mother, what was planned to be done with these houses. They were beautiful homes, and if I remember correctly, one of them was yellow, and one of them I believe was owned by a former sternwheeler captain. I don't recall what her answer was, but I will give her a jingle and ask her tonight.

If I remember correctly, there was quite a controversy over these houses, and there were several write ups in the local papers over it.

I hope that this finds you well, and keep up the good work.

I am sorry to hear that Donna has left us.

It is too bad that Chuck Morgan is no longer on this side of the "bridge" as he was quite involved in moving a lot of those houses, as well as Andy Hooper.

Take care,

Sandy Campbell [northernlyght@shaw.ca](mailto:northernlyght@shaw.ca)



Hi Sherron,

I think the Special on Whiskey Flats is one of the best to come out. It gave several perspectives from the people who lived there, those who drove past and those that had friends there. It was an interesting era, and you could find all walks of life that made use of it. I think you did a bang up job on a subject that had so many ends sticking out! At that time, Whitehorse was an interesting place with all of its characters. Good job gal, Cheers,

Henry Breaden [breaden@shaw.ca](mailto:breaden@shaw.ca)

### **HELLO FROM THE KEOPKES**

Hope all is well with you Sherron. I am always trying to get Bucks to write something for your paper as he can remember so much about those "days" Maybe now he will start??????

We had a wonderful trip to East Coulee, Alberta for our 50th anniversary. Our four children, spouses and all 9 of our grandchildren attended plus my brothers, sister, nieces and nephews and our closest friends in Alberta. Would have been great to have people I went to school with etc, but you just never get a chance to visit so decided to keep it small. We camped in a campground in Dorothy, it was an experience for some of our family but they enjoyed every moment. This campground in the middle of nowhere and it had a shower and flush toilets!!!! The shower was certainly the deciding factor for staying there. That Drumheller valley is like an oven AT ALL TIMES, therefore someone was in that shower at all times! We had a "tea party" in my old school, which is now a museum. Our grandchildren thought it was wonderful seeing old pictures etc of "Grama" on the wall and lots of memorabilia of their great grandparents etc. We are still restless and have been away fishing etc a few times since we got home. Will soon have to get serious and get our garden in etc. Anyway take care Sherron, Shirley

### **RETURNED MAIL**

*If you happen to see any of these people you may like to tell them there is a problem getting through to them. I will take the first two addresses off the outgoing mail list and hope that someone is able to make contact with them. I guess they have changed their address.*

<b>Glenis and Martin Allen</b>	<b>Invalid recipient:</b> < <a href="mailto:l-t@yt.sympatico.ca">l-t@yt.sympatico.ca</a> >
<b>Bev Bapty</b>	<b>Invalid recipient:</b> < <a href="mailto:disdes@yt.sympatico.ca">disdes@yt.sympatico.ca</a> >
<b>Jim &amp; Lynn Armstrong</b>	<b>Reason:</b> Over quota <a href="mailto:jim.lynn@shaw.ca">jim.lynn@shaw.ca</a>

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

If your parents or grandparents lived in Yukon and you have very little knowledge of their life there and are looking toward putting some memories together for your family, please consider asking the folks in this group to help you. Barb Cook had really good success. – Sherron



## **GENEALOGY**

By Sherron Jones

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If you have not already put together a family tree to pass on down to your descendants, I highly recommend you start one. It is really very simple and you can download a free genealogy program from several sources online. The Mormon website has one and they were the leader in developing a PAF file which simply mean Personal Ancestral File. Once data is inserted into a PAF file it can be easily moved from one program to another if you choose to change genealogy programs or if you wish to transfer the data to a relative.

The Mormon Church website is at: <http://www.familysearch.org/>

To obtain a free copy of PAF you will want to double click on the words "Order/Download Products" on that "Home" page. (They are written on the GREEN bar.)

Then you will want to click on "Software Downloads Free".

If you wish to buy a copy of a Genealogy program I can personally say that I use Family Tree Maker and it is a very good program.

To start your family tree, you simply start by entering your own name and then those of your parents, then their parents etc. At each generation you can enter the other children of each couple and their children.

There is a very good (free) website out there, called ROOTSWEB. There are links on the site that will take you to ANCESTRY.COM, which is a pay per view for some of its information. But if you stay on ROOTSWEB it is free. It can be found at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/>

If you have relatives who were born in BC 100 yrs ago, married in BC more than 75 years ago or died in BC more than 20 years ago. They are on an index at BC Archives. If you go there via ANCESTRY.COM they want you to be a paying customer first. If you wish to go direct to the index the address is: <http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/sn-176A39D/gbsearch/Deaths> This address will give you deaths and you can just change the check mark on the left to change to Marriages or Births. If you go looking via a search engine, it is VITAL EVENTS that you are looking for.

If any of you do find relatives and wish to get a copy of the registration document, I can get them from a set of film that are located in the Kelowna Library. It is just a matter of finding the item on the film based on the index number you find on the above noted site and putting 25 cents in the viewer copier.

Death registrations often give you the name of the spouse or sometimes a son or daughter. They usually give the parents names and place of birth. But they are only as good for accuracy as the person who was the informant at the time of death.

Marriage registrations are more useful as they give maiden names for the wife and parents names and place of birth as well. Often though that will just say the name of the country and not the city.

If your relatives were in Yukon for a few generations, Henry has provided us with a list of genealogy related websites and they are near the bottom of the e-mail address list.

When doing genealogy it is best to start from yourself and what you know and then from your parents and what they know and then start searching from there.

Obituary notices are very useful as they usually contain the names of all the family members. More and more of them are now online. Vernon's newspaper is among those who have started listing theirs in the past year.

If you know what city your relative died in and the Obituary notice is not online you will likely be able to find it in the newspaper copy which is likely held at their library.

You will be amazed at how helpful people are in this hobby. There is a section of ROOTSWEB referred to as RAGOK, which stands for "Random Act of Genealogical Kindness". People have signed on from around the world to offer to help each other in their area. I often do lookups on the BC Archive film in Kelowna for people from around the globe.

I was lucky enough to find people in England to help me with my search and I want to pay back how ever I can. I was even taken right to the grave of my great great grandparents by someone I met online while researching my family. What a wonderful experience.

I also have a set of CD's that cover the whole of **England and Scotland for the 1881 Census**. Just for fun I just looked up **Isaac Taylor – Yorkshire** and there are 56 of them. Then next thing I would need to know is what age he might have been in 1881 if he were born then. Also the names of sisters or brothers or the name of the village is always a clue to you finding the correct one.

There is also a free **Birth, Death and Marriage Index online for England**. It does just cover a portion of History starting in 1837 and it is still being developed entered by volunteers. But it is quite a useful tool already.

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl>

There is also a free index to the **1901 Census for England** online

<http://www.census.pro.gov.uk/>

## **CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAYS**

Bill and I are planning a trip in December. We expect to be away for a couple of weeks. I discussed the idea of not doing a normal Moccasin Telegraph during December and those I contacted agree with the idea of just collecting some Christmas stories and poems, Christmas greetings, seasonal photos and recipes ahead and then just send it out closer to Christmas.

So if you have any memories of a special Christmas in Yukon that you would be kind enough to share with the group, I would appreciate you sending it at any time and I will put the December edition together ahead of time. Just note that your submission is for the December MocTel.

If you do not have a memory or story or anything else you can think of that is appropriate and would just like to send along a seasonal greeting to the group, by all means send it in. Again please state it is for the December MocTel or I may just think you are sending me a greeting. ;-))

This could be quite a memorable edition.

Sherron [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca)

PS I will also need a bit to get January off to a good start. It will be one year on February 6<sup>th</sup> since this project began. We must see it through until then at least and remember I am depending on you for the material.

### **NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIST**

Hi Sherron,

I would like to add my name and my brothers to the Ex-Yukoners list. I do not have the website address so am sending it to you. Please let me know what the address is so that I can access it for more information.

Our names and information are as follows:

Brian K. White [briank\\_white@hotmail.com](mailto:briank_white@hotmail.com) (In Whitehorse 1946 - 1962 & 1977-1978) [In Ottawa (613)726-7622 address: 2360 Tobin Ave. Ottawa ON K2C 1K2]

Ken S. White (In Whitehorse 1946 - 1961) [In Dawson Creek (250) 782-9242 address: 1600 - 94th Ave. Dawson Creek B.C. V1G 1H1]

Lorne F. White (In Whitehorse 1946-1962) [In Edmonton (780) 452-4680 address: 10437 - 135th Street Edmonton AB T5W 2C5]

I was over at some friends tonight and they showed me the site - Moccasin Telegraph - what a find, especially for myself being born in Whitehorse and raised, schooling and all, in Haines Junction. All of my family are still in the Yukon, some in Texas and Alaska. I live out in South Eastern B.C., in Cranbrook now, but for the most part, in the Columbia

Valley for the past 41 years. I still look to the visits that I am able to make back home on an annual basis to meet the new as well as the old. Please add my name and address to your contact list, I have looked at the names and have found so many old friends as well as relatives that have moved from the Yukon, so will be writing them and catching up on all that we have missed over the years. Looking forward to the news of the North and updates. A wonderful site to visit.

Thank you Carol Buzzell nee Hume.

Dear Sherron: Thank you for your interest in all of the "Yukoners", past and present. I have not looked at the Moc. news, but will do that as I would love to par-take in the events coming up in Kelowna.

About the HUME family:

Grandfather: William "Scotty" Hume from Glasgow, Scotland, married having 6 children, Dave, Jessie, Fran, Mary, Jeanette, Louise, with only 2 children living, Aunt Fran Wellar (Fromme) and Aunt Mary McKiddy (Texas). A member of the N.W.M.P., being stationed in Dawson City, Whitehorse, Champagne and postings along the Trail of '98, during the Gold Rush Days of yesteryear.

Grandfather: Jack Pringle, from Ireland, married having 2 children, Mom and Uncle Fred, both deceased. He too, a member of the N.W.M.P., being stationed along the Dalton Trail, ending his career at Dalton Post, and Pleasant Camp and moving to Haines, Alaska, raising the family and seeing to it that their educational needs were met.

We come from a very large family, and try to have the Family Re-Unions as often as possible, with the last being held at Haines Junction, Klukshu and Dalton Post in August of this year with the relatives coming from Dallas, Texas, Vancouver, Alberta and points from Alaska as well as points from B.C. There will be an annual Family Picnic, we have to carry on with the Horse Shoe Tournament.....

We try to re-group on an annual basis, having Easter at Grandpa Humes' post out across Dezedeash Lake, and a summer gathering at Grandpa Pringles' post at Dalton Post.

There is so much to talk about when it comes to the family, there is so much history and we truly are Yukoners settling the land, living off the land, survival skills, learning to live in peace and harmony with the land. Daddy was one of the original Canadian Rangers Core Units, which is still very active all across the Northland. It is wonderful to see that generations later are actively involved in the Rangers doing what the forefathers did years ago, travel being easier now that they have the use of air-planes, choppers, snow mobiles and the like.

Cousin, David Joe, Barrister and Solicitor, played an instrumental part in negotiations with the Federal Government in the settling of the Land Claims that we were all involved in. He now resides in Vancouver as do some of other cousins and their families and Aunt Fran.

I have tried to keep this as short as possible and hope the information is fun reading for anyone that reads it. As time goes on, I will submit other short stories that would be enjoyed by all readers and to the other writers, please keep the newsie items coming and keep the North alive in our hearts..

Again, Thanks Sherron, hope this gives a better insight of the family and their part in the days of yore.

Yours truly, Carol Buzzell [buzzy.cj@shaw.ca](mailto:buzzy.cj@shaw.ca)

P.S. My phone # at home is 250 - 426 - 3941, please call if you are ever thru this way and it can be added to my e-mail listing for any others that are travelling about the country, would love to meet with you all.

Hi Sherron,

Add me to your Moccasin Telegraph list please - Vic Hoy, remember me?

[vichoy@vip.net](mailto:vichoy@vip.net)

Vic & Sylvia Hoy

### **SERVICE INTERRUPTED – LIKELY NEEDS HELP**

Les Sommerton phoned to ask me to let you know that his computer has a virus so he is out of commission now.

Marnie and I have had several good visits, she has a wonderful attitude, which helps her cope with her illness.

She worked with Jocelyn Ward when she was the Librarian at Dawson. The three of us have planned a luncheon for Thursday of next week.

Regards

Ruth McIntyre [rmac@polarcom.com](mailto:rmac@polarcom.com)

*If any of you computer tech types in Whitehorse see Les Sommerton, you might like to ask if he is out of the woods. I think this will be a great loss to Les as I have talked to him on MSN many times. I understand he is hearing impaired and depends a great deal on the e-mail and MSN for entertainment. – Sherron*

### **ON HOLIDAYS**

In case anyone is looking for Joyce Yardley, she left this week for a month in England.

### **ONLINE DICTIONARY**

If you ever find yourself in need on an online dictionary or thesaurus click here:

<http://www.m-w.com/home.htm>

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"The basis of optimism is sheer terror" Oscar Wilde

### **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

## Moose Jerky

3 - 5 lbs of moose meat	3 cups warm water
3 tbsp coarse salt	3 tbsp liquid smoke
3 tsp onion powder	1/2 tsp Tabasco sauce
3 tsp garlic powder	2 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
2 tsp ground black pepper	

Slice meat into thin 1/4 in strips, cutting with the grain. Marinade overnight covered with saran wrap. Blot with paper towels, place in wire rack so pieces are not touching. Cook in the oven at the lowest setting, 200 or 225 degrees, for 2- 2 1/2 hours, leaving the oven door slightly ajar. Shut the oven off and leave the jerky in for more dryness. Place in airtight container.

If you have fresh berries that are in season, i.e. blue berries, cranberries, you can use a rolling pin, and roll the berries into the meat before you put the jerky into the oven. It is a bit messy, but it adds a nice flavour. You can add lemon juice, and this will add a bit of tartness, as well, as vitamin C.

Sandy Campbell [northernlyght@shaw.ca](mailto:northernlyght@shaw.ca)

*I agonize each time I get a request to place non **Yukon** related information into the MocTel. This time I asked for help from some of those who help me with this project. So we have concluded that we hope the following article may help someone avoid the pain of credit theft. - Sherron*

### **Helpful Information**

Forwarded to the MocTel by Henry Breaden

This is some GREAT advice from an attorney in Ontario.

**A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:**

- The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your check book they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name but your bank will know how you sign your checks.

- When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

- Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. Box use that instead of your home address. Never have your SIN# printed on your checks (DUH!) you can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

- \*\* Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc. Unfortunately I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case your wallet, credit cards are lost or stolen:

- We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily.

- File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never even thought to do this).

Call the three national credit-reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name.



The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:

Equifax Canada : (Your Credit File): 1-800-465-7166

Experian: (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

Trans Canada Credit: 416-465-71 66

Human Resources Development Canada (1-800-206-7218)

Sandy Campbell said she was very thankful she had credit card insurance this past February when her wallet was stolen and \$2,000. charged to her. She also indicated it is good to write in felt pen on your credit card "CHECK ID" and then you only need to show your drivers licenses and no one else can falsify you.

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

YXYCP Reunion - September 26 – 28 – Parksville, Bayside – contact Pat Besier [jpbesier@seaside.net](mailto:jpbesier@seaside.net) (see edition 5)

ISR – Whitehorse Westmark downtown – Sept 24-28 - Lloyd Ryder is the one taking the registrations in Whitehorse at --3 Tutshi Rd. Whitehorse, YT Y1A 3R2 or by phone at (867) 667-7536.

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