

**MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – Thirty First Edition – September 21, 2003**

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*We are trying once again to provoke you into forwarding your memories and recollections about the material in this edition. Have you seen any albino wildlife in Yukon? – Sherron*



White Moose (Not necessarily a Yukon sighting.) – Photo Courtesy Doug Bell

**NOBAWDY HOME**

By Gus Barrett

A Mountie went to Dawson town,  
In service to mankind,  
Downhearted when he thought about  
The girl he'd left behind.  
He knew that while he stayed up here,  
In this god-forsaken place,  
He'd never find another with  
Her beauty, poise and grace.

That very night, 'round midnight,  
On his first all night patrol,  
He chanced to meet a damsel,  
At a local watering hole.

She'd a face reserved for angels,  
And a form so neat and trim,  
He knew in that first moment  
That this jewel was meant for him.

"Hello, My name is John", he said.  
"I'm here to serve mankind."  
"I'd like you with me to replace,  
The girl I left behind."  
"Thank you, kind sir," the lass replied,  
"I'll join you when I can,  
You see, like you, I came up north,  
To serve the needs of man".

"We each serve in our way", he said  
"I'd guess you'd be a nurse,  
Or kindergarten teacher, teaching  
Little children verse."  
"I don't teach little girls," she laughed,  
Just fathers and their sons,  
And though I've never met you sir,  
I have known a lot of Johns."

"So, while to all the Mounted Police,  
My bonny hat I'll tip.  
I can not accept your offer of  
A long relationship.  
But if, in time, the hardships of  
Your service gets you down,  
Come on up and see me,  
I'm the Madam of this town."

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<http://www.policelink.ca/Yukon.html>

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<http://www.yukonbooks.com/Northern/ProductDetail.jsp?BookID=94>

**MIKE NIKON  
TRANSPORTATION PERSON OF THE YEAR 2001**

**Forwarded by Donna Clayson**



Mike Nikon's motor of "steady and sure" has served him well over 50 accident free years of hauling freight in the Yukon.

Mike started working in the Yukon in 1954 for the transport division United Keno Mines and Cassiar Asbestos when he was 22. He hauled asbestos off the mountain to the mill site. After that, he moved to Whitehorse and for ten years hauled coal for United Keno from Carmacks to the dryer in Cassiar, then returning with asbestos back to Whitehorse. In his spare time he would haul fuel for other companies.

In 1973 he purchased two trucks and started his own freight company – Mike Nikon Trucking Ltd. One truck was a belly tanker high boy and hauled freight to Dawson City and fuel to surrounding gold mines. He also operated a weekly freight service from Whitehorse which serviced Carmacks, Mayo, Elsa and Dawson for 16 years and later Jake's Corner, Teslin, Message Post, Rancheria and Watson Lake.

Mike has many memories; one in particular is when he drove the first freight truck over the ice bridges on the Peel and MacKenzie River and into Inuvik. The town celebrated and was so appreciative it honoured Mike with a dinner and a community tour. CBC did a documentary to record the making of history. Another milestone was an

acknowledgement from the Cassiar Transport Division when he hauled the one millionth ton of asbestos from the mine. Mike received many award pins over the 19 years of service and safe driving for the company.

Mike is a “professional” when it comes to driving truck and hauling goods and has received praise for his outstanding ability to get the job done regardless of conditions. He’s also known as a fine teacher who patiently taught new drivers how to operate big rigs and fully understand the responsibilities and pride of driving commercial vehicles.

Over the years Mike has moved everything that can be hauled including pine cones, scribed building logs, fencing for buffalo, jade boulders, sloops and electrical cables, drills, mining equipment, firewood, classrooms and camp units, lumber, sawmills, horses and machinery. Once during the operation of his freight line business to Dawson City he received an unusual request that came during the time when the bus would move the deceased between communities. This particular time the bus broke down and the family of the deceased needed the body in Dawson City for the funeral. Mike took Ruby Scott, one of the Yukon’s colourful five percent, to her final resting spot.

Mike’s contribution to the Yukon transportation industry has spanned over 45 years. He continues to drive and attributes his success to the fact he has always enjoyed the work and always had the support of his family.

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Sherron, attached is a short one from when I lived in Yukon. I spent eleven years from when I graduated from good ol' WHS on the Highway, working for the Army, the last year with DPW. My wife of that time raised four kids up there, two born in Whitehorse and two in Watson Lake. This is one of our holiday trips; the Army let us have only two weeks a year.

Aksel

## **CIRCLE TOUR**

By Aksel Porsild [yukoner1@shaw.ca](mailto:yukoner1@shaw.ca)



### **1948 Stinson Station Wagon**

This is exactly the way mine looked; it was on wheels and had some streamlined wheel "pants" on the wheels. It was painted a lovely turquoise with day-glo red wing tips and the top eight inches of vertical fin. Powered by a 165 horsepower Franklin engine, it was a pretty good performer and very rugged. I owned it from 1963 to 66, sold it when I moved "outside" to farm.—Aksel

Recently, in the Victoria Times-Colonist there was a feature article in the Travel section on the Golden Circle. Of course this is the tour from Whitehorse to Skagway, Haines, the Junction and return to Whitehorse. To quote the writer of the feature, "filled with magnificent snow capped mountains and pristine lakes". The usual stuff, but I remember way back when I was living at Watson Lake, my own circle, which had a three hundred mile handle on it stretching from Whitehorse to the southeast.

My wife and I left Watson on a late July afternoon in my **1948 Stinson Station Wagon** and flew it to Squanga Lake airstrip. This is six miles from Johnson's Crossing where my sister Ellen and family operated the Lodge. Next day Ellen's husband Phil Davignon drove us to Carcross to catch the WP&YR train. Boarding it about eleven, we rattled on down to Bennett, where we met the northbound train, and passengers from both trains piled into the trackside dining room for black bear stew, moose roast, and grilled Dall sheep side meat, with wild berry pies for dessert. An excellent lunch as usual and we continued, with belts loosened, to Skagway after this repast.

Even though I was born in Whitehorse and had lived all my 28 years in the Yukon, I'd never set foot in a White Pass train car, and so this was a first for me. The route through the Coast mountains was and is a superlative trip; much of it seen from the highway now, but there were some scenes unique to the railroad journey. Of course we all ooh'd and aah'd at the scenery on the way down the Pass, stopping at Inspiration Point as is usual in summer, and arrived in Skagway, exhilarated by the wonderful trip down the valley, in lovely sunshine all the way.

We had only a couple of hours to explore Skagway, before we boarded the *Taku*, one of the Alaska Marine Highway ferries, and did the short trip to Haines, about half an hour.

Donna and Paul Rivest met us at the dock and we drove out to the Pipeline camp where Paul was employed as a mechanic/pump operator. This was a self contained camp about fifteen miles or so east of Haines on the banks of the Chilkat River, with some eight or nine families, and we stayed with the Rivests for a few days. Paul was (and is) an ardent outdoorsman and a wonderful hunter; this area was ideal for him, and Donna and the four boys didn't mind the area either; they'd been living in northern BC and Yukon, and the winters here were much more benign. Why, they even had a lawn!

We were to take Rivests' Pontiac to Whitehorse for warranty work; they would pick it up later when Paul was up on business, and so we left one morning early and drove up the magnificent Haines Road to the Junction, then to Whitehorse. I'd been on this road several times but always enjoy the change of vegetation as one climbs from the rain forest environment to above timber line, then into the dry spruce and pine forests of the southern Yukon. Most rivers in this area flow to the Pacific and so salmon were in most of them and there were fish camps in various places on the Klukshu, Takhanne, and other rivers. Ellen met us in Whitehorse and took us back to JC, and the next day we flew the Stinson back to Watson. I won't even mention the scenery on the return trip to Watson but from the air at low altitude the trip over the Rancheria area, a part of the Cassiar Range is quite spectacular as well, on a day such as we had that day.

This was a sort of multi-mode circle tour and we did it in fine style, taking about a week. It was one of the best short holiday trips I've ever made!

## **RIVERFRONT BEAUTIFICATION WHISKEY FLATS – THE SS KLONDIKE – ROBERT SERVICE PARK**

By Klaus Hoenisch

*More facts from another source concerning 39 yrs ago.*

Here is a bit more about **Whiskey Flats** clean up and what followed thereafter.

**Dr. Bill Buchan** was then president of the **Whitehorse Board of Trade** (later Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce). **Eric Wienecke** was chairman of the Tourism Committee with **Hermann Kutscher** (manager of Hougen's Furniture Dept.) and **yours truly** as committee members.

Besides organizing the clean-up of Whiskey Flats - **Ed Jacobs**, a friend of **Eric Wienecke**, played a major role in this venture; at one point a few of us hid behind his bulldozer blade when one of the squatters threatened us with a rifle.

Under Eric's strong leadership, we successfully caused the relocation in **1966** of one of the Riverboats from the White Pass dockside to its present location, and created the **ROBERT SERVICE PARK**.

Financing of the Robert Service Park was my responsibility.

**Eric** had first approached YTG with the idea of a Tourist Park and was advised that YTG would match us dollar for dollar if we went ahead with our "crazy" plan.

With "hat in hand" I visited about every business in Whitehorse, large and small, and asked for donations. With a substantial amount from Hougen's Ltd. at the top of the list, I succeeded beyond expectations!

Everybody I visited praised our plan and put some money down. The only negative response came from the manager of United Keno Hill Mines (his name escapes me). He made it clear that he does not like tourists on the road to slow down his ore trucks. Nevertheless, as a good member of the Board of Trade, he donated \$25. In total I collected close to three thousand dollars. Back in **1964** this was quite a respectable sum.

When we advised YTG of our financial resources, they flipped. Their budget for tourism was minimal and they indicated they may not be able to honour the commitment.

**Eric** had already spent plenty on construction costs and well drilling at what would later be named Robert Service Park. (Mr. Stinson quoted us \$8 per foot; the Government pays \$16 he claimed...) He hit water at about **280 feet** - I believe. It turned out to be an artesian well.

The washrooms were under construction; power was brought in by Yukon Electric under general manager **Bob Choate**, etc. It is only fair to mention that **Cliff Kelly** (Kelly's Plumbing & Heating) donated all his labour for the washroom installation; various business, professional and other people provided free labour and services. All members of the Board of Trade - including their families - worked on this project.

Bruni was heavy with our second child (Helen); no excuses were accepted.

Thanks to the success of the venture YTG managed to break loose some extra funds and honoured their pledge eventually.

All is well that ends well, the saying goes. The archives of the Whitehorse Star no doubt have all the details of that time. Flo Whyard made sure publicity did not suffer. She was another enthusiastic promoter of all Board of Trade activities.

Take care, Klaus Hoenisch [hoenisch@junction.net](mailto:hoenisch@junction.net)

## **WHISKEY FLATS RECOLLECTIONS**

By Ralph Lortie

I really enjoyed the MocTel on Whiskey Flats. I have no recollection of the tax or rent issues, being just a boy at the time. I do have some personal memories, however.

As a boy living on Hawkins St. (at 304 from 1948 to about 1951, then at 309), I knew a few people who lived in "the Flats". There was Jock Shepherd & his wife, who was a daughter of Johnny Johns of Tagish. Their son Darrell was a friend during early years at school. There was Dick Dickson (or Dixon), who worked with my mother at George Meikle's music store on 1st Avenue (near the first Nelson's Hardware). I think Dick was a friend of George & Dale Webber, who many will remember. I also recall a lovely lady whose name escapes me. I used to pile firewood for her. Her house was very small, but clean and rather elegant inside. Certainly not all homes in Whiskey Flats were shacks, as others have noted.

My clearest memory of Whiskey Flats is of one of the several times in my youth I could have lost my life. At the age of about 8, I was fishing on the river bank (just a short way downstream from where the bridge is today). Having caught a grayling & cleaned it, I stepped close to the water to wash my hands. In a flash, my feet slipped out from under me, and I was in the river. I couldn't swim at all (not that any 8yr-old would be able to swim in that strong current). But fortunately, the water wasn't very deep and, lying face down, I could see the bottom going swiftly by. So I reached down and clawed into the clay of the riverbed. Using only my hands, I crawled my way out.

By the way, all the talk about early Porter Creek dwellers reminded me of my mother's friend, Edie Raito, a Finnish lady. In about 1958 or so, I had my first sauna (and then roll in the snow) at Edie's place in Porter Creek.

I hope more of your readers will tell stories of Whitehorse in the 1950s. It seems that most of the articles are about earlier or later eras.

Keep it up. Ralph Lortie [rlortie001@sympatico.ca](mailto:rlortie001@sympatico.ca)

### **VIC HOY - NEW ON THE LIST LAST WEEK**

*I was delighted to hear from Vic Hoy. We worked together for the City of Whitehorse. I remembered Vic best for his hobbies of woodworking and bread making. He made me a 'Dolly Parton' cookie box one Christmas and baked bread and gave it to me in a lovely wooden tray another year. There is nothing like homemade gifts to make memories. Can you guess what the cookie box had an excess of? Handles! Lovely round wooden handles. ;-)) – Sherron*

**EXPEDITING**  
**By Vic Hoy**

In the late 60's I worked for Al Kulan and John Dunne in a company called Northwest Expediting. Part of my job was to meet the CP Air flights to pick up the university students that were going to work out at Ross River for Al Kulan in the summer.

I'd pick them up at the airport; take them immediately to the floatplane dock where they'd be dumped (literally) into the back end of a Beaver to be taken to Ross River. On most occasions the pilot was Bob Gurkey. His procedure was to load them in on top of their bags and cargo (no seats) very pleasantly, get set in his pilot's seat, give us a wave as we stood on the dock, then search under his seat for a large black loose leaf binder, open it up and start muttering loudly enough for everyone in the plane to hear, "lets see, takeoffs and landings, oh yeah page 17". Then proceed to start up the engine holler "untie me", and head out into the river to take off. The amazed looks on the faces of the passengers draped over their luggage in the plane through the windows always made my day...

Time to do some other stuff, I am really enjoying your Moccasin Telegraph and remember fondly Whiskey Flats. I went to Whitehorse on May 1st, 1952, did a few months in Whitehorse and some time in Watson Lake, left in '53, came back in '54, left in '57 and came back in '58 to stay until '91, close to 39 years altogether.

I have another favourite story about my first caribou hunt in '55 I'll do in a bit, have to go do some mundane things now like getting ready to handle the day.

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

### **GERT SQUIRECHUCK & FAMILY**



Gert Squirechuck with twin great grand daughters  
Camryn left and Reagan right.



Gert's daughter Carol Kowal with her three grand daughters.  
Reagan left, big sister Ryleigh with baby Camryn.

*Gert is another co-worker from our City Hall days in Whitehorse. Gert is now living in the same town as her daughter Carol, so anyone wishing to drop her a line can do so at Carol's e-mail address. [caroica@telus.net](mailto:caroica@telus.net)*

### **MESSAGE FROM BROWNIE FOTH**

Just wanted to tell you that Gus and Blanche stopped in on their way to Whitehorse and possibly Dawson, and had lunch with us .Was it ever a lovely 2 hour visit. Blanche was the first girl in Dawson to take me to a ball game when I arrived in '51. The 3 Holbrook girls took their uncle Helmer's car and away we went to Granville on a Sunday. Blanche came up to the hospital and said, "Are you the new nurse and do you want to go to a ball game with us tomorrow?" Of course I jumped at the chance to go.

And so the life- time friendship was started. Great eh? Of course we all knew Gus during the short time he stayed in Dawson in the RCMP, then he went in to Customs for just a short time also, and then on.....

Thank you so much for sending the Poster to us. It's absolutely beautiful. How I wish we could go, but know it is impossible.

Gillian is a good friend of ours, knew she and the 2 little boys when they lived in Dawson for the summers.

Love you, Sherron

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Hi Sherron. In this edition of the Moccasin Telegraph I noticed that two email addresses were being returned as invalid. This is due to a Northwestel dictated change for everyone using the [\\*@yt.sympatico.ca](mailto:*@yt.sympatico.ca) addresses. The new addresses are now [\\*@northwestel.net](mailto:*@northwestel.net) .

Perhaps using the same name with the [northwestel.net](mailto:*@northwestel.net) address may find these people again.

Kerry Lyle

## **HELPING A FELLOW YUKONER**

Hi Sherron

I was just reading the request for help in the Yukon on a computer. My friend is my hands for me up there and I would be glad to see if she could go over and help him, while I am on the phone walking her through what to do to get him up and running again.

Thought I would let you know, and let me know.

Talk to you later

Jenny Roberts [roberts-papps@shaw.ca](mailto:roberts-papps@shaw.ca)

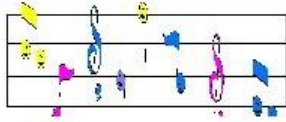
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## **THOSE WHO CAN MAY WISH TO MAKE THIS DATE**

*Thank you for the poster Gillian.*

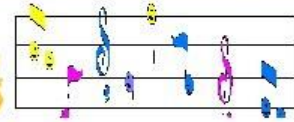
Hello Sherron.. This is the Poster, for the Benefit... which I do hope will bring in a packed house...CAN YOU IMAGINE LOSING YOUR HOME AND ALL CONTENTS....VERY SAD AND TRAGIC...thank YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING PROMOTE THE EVENT.. cheers. Gillian XO

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Come and enjoy some of Vancouver's \* Walk of Fame \* artists as they band together with fellow entertainers to help the fire victims.

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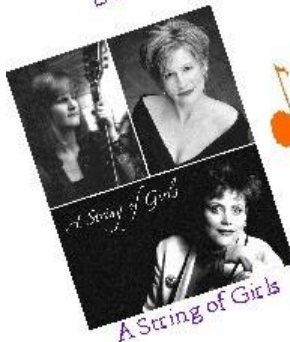
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Evan Kemp



Gillian Campbell as Klondike Kate



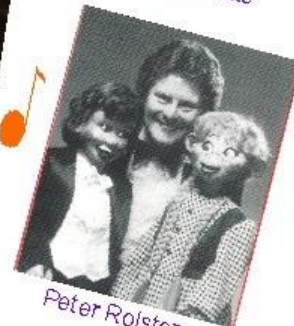
A String of Girls



Susie Francis



Linda Jones



Peter Rolston

**IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE CONCERT AND WISH TO SEND A DONATION**

*It was suggested to me by one of our group that I should supply this information. Sherron*

Hello Sherron .. my name is Linda Jones and I am the one organizing the fund raising concert that Gillian told you about .. the Red Cross has given me permission to use my p.o. box to collect funds from people who want to contribute but can't make it to the concert .. please make check payable to:

Canadian Red Cross B.C. Forest Fires  
C/O South Burnaby P.O. Box 81182  
South Burnaby B.C. V5H 4K2

Thank you Sherron for your interest and support for what we are doing .. I hope some of your friends can attend and thanks for your donation .. the reason we are doing it this way for additional donations is so that we can tally up our total collection and send it under one cover to them .. Please post checks before the 30th of Sept. if possible so they can be taken to the Red Cross the day after the concert .. thanks again ..

Yours Sincerely ... Linda Jones (concert co-ordinator) [balladwriter@aebc.com](mailto:balladwriter@aebc.com)

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Hi Sherron - Yes Northwestel changed their server and we now have a new e-mail address ([l-t@northwestel.net](mailto:l-t@northwestel.net)) . I thought I let everyone but guess not - sorry about that.  
Glenis Allen

Hello there,  
I've just switched to shaw please send future emails to  
[jmccconachy@shaw.ca](mailto:jmccconachy@shaw.ca)  
thanks  
Jan McConachy

### **COPYRIGHT CONCERN**

Hi, again, Sherron,

Would it be possible to put a copyright mark to my name in the four stories I've submitted in case any of them go to the Yukon Archives?

Emily Stillwell

*I have no way of insuring that the four stories are marked copyright because they have long since been mailed out to everyone. But I can make a note here against each title and hope that the two can be blended if they are ever filed electronically in Archives. So for the purpose of clarity, Emily Stillwell wishes the following submissions from her be marked as copyright. – Sherron*

*In Edition 25 – AKLAVIK TO OLD CROW—JULY 1, 1958  
In Edition 16 – CAPTAIN (CAP) HANSON—AN ANECDOTE  
In Edition 16 – INSTANT CELEBRITY  
In Edition 14 – “ONE ON ONE WITH MADAM ZOOM”*

Dear Sherron,

Thanks for the info. I would appreciate it if you can put "copyright" on the master in your computer.

In some of your issues, you have stated your concern that we keep information for the Moc Telegraph people from being distributed to the wrong people. I would hope everyone would realize that it would only be proper to ask someone before copying his or her story or stories.

Thanks for your honesty and concern and all the work you do.

Sincerely, Emily Stillwell

*I have noted (copyright notation requested September 15, 2003) on my master copy of each of these four stories. To all of the above Emily replied. – Sherron*

Dear Sherron,

That will suffice. Thanks, again.

Emily

*I do hope that other people will not request stories have a copyright notation, after they are issued. It is very time-consuming finding them. If you wish any such notations, please be kind enough to say which stories in which editions.*

*I am not sure what this would prove anything in a copyright dispute when the original was not noted. But it is a good subject to address here and I hope that no one would reproduce any of the Moccasin Telegraph Stories without first gaining the approval of the individual author.*

*I have addressed this concern a couple of times before when I recognized the new subscriber to our list was in the business of publishing stories. They have always been very understanding of my concern for your welfare and assured me that they would make contact with the author of a story before they would ever use it. – Sherron*

### **JEFFERY QUAD**

P.S. I have a slide, of the Jeffery Quad truck, taken in 1956. It was in the Discovery Day Parade and transporting members of The Nutty Club. This is among my collection being processed at the Dawson City Museum. There is also a picture of the truck in "The Life and Times of Fred Cook" This latter picture was taken in 1970 or so. (- Emily)

Hi Emily!

Those photos sound promising! I know we got some when we acquired the Jeffery. I would have to check our records to see if we have the ones you mentioned. I don't think

we have any from the Discovery Days parade. Can you describe the one that is in the book (we do not have the book)?

If you were able to get us copies, we would reimburse you for all costs of production and mailing. Would you be willing? The photos would be included in our archives.

Thanks for letting us know!

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

### **THE COOK CONNECTIONS**

Dear Sherron:

Hope I get this right: Fred Cook, who I will call no.1. was an undertaker, hence the name Digger Cook.

Fred Cook no.2 was a Dredgemaster so was called Dredger Cook.

Fred & Jean (Dredger Cook) had 2 daughters. Bella married Alvin Cusick and Donna married Lugs Close from Mayo.

Fred & Jean (Digger Cook) had a son Jimmy who married Sylvia Bloomberg. Sylvia was the daughter of Big Swede (ED) Bloomberg. There was also a son called young Swede.

This is the connections that I recall and just hope it has been of some help..

Fran Hakonson [fhakon@cityofdawson.ca](mailto:fhakon@cityofdawson.ca)

### **ANOTHER COOK RECOLLECTION**

Hi Sherron; I continue to read your production with interest and nostalgia. The latest edition had an article by Larry Chalmers concerning the Fred Cook saga. One point of clarification. Fred and my Dad, Stan Wilcox, cut cordwood for the Riverboats in 1946. We lived in Ft. Selkirk in a log cabin (House-inside water pump - outside chummy). Our house was next door to the RCMP detachment. At that time Cpl "Cam" Cameron was the Detachment Commander. I was 5 years old at the time, but strangely, I have vivid memories of that short period in my life. I had no intention of making this into an article, but did want to clarify the above noted. Keep up the interesting and good work.

Stan Wilcox (The 2nd.) [sgwilcox@shaw.ca](mailto:sgwilcox@shaw.ca)

*Larry Chalmers had indicated it was **Stan Hiscocks** who cut wood with Fred Cook at Ft. Selkirk when in fact it was **Stan Wilcox**. How lucky we are for this group to have an authentic correction to the facts. Thank you very much Stan.*

*Stan advises an "outside chummy" is to the best of his knowledge a Newfoundland acronym for "outside toilet". – Sherron*

Hi Sherron,

I am a little embarrassed by that Hiscock mistake!! It seemed strange to me that I could recognize the name on his nametag, but screw it up putting it down on paper. Maybe I can blame it on old age, or something!! As embarrassing as it may be, I'm glad Stan sent you that e-mail and cleared it up. I apologize to Barb as well.

On a different note. We will be shutting down here on Sat. 20th and won't open up again until we get back from Whitehorse around the 4th of Oct. I have been picking up at least 50 pieces of spam a day, so I may be a little over loaded by the time I open up again. If it doesn't slack off I may have to change my address that is if nobody out there can tell me how to cure this curse.

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

### **UP UP AND AWAY – FAR AWAY**

Hi Sherron

Just a note to let you know we will be away for about 3 months [ going to Sri Lanka on a CESO assignment ] so please take our name off the list for receiving the Sourdough news.

When we get back we'll be in touch again.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely Leona and Cyril Lane

### **NEW ADDITION TO THE LIST**

Dear Henry - that was such an interesting tale of the pilots. I thoroughly enjoyed that. Yes, I did live in the Yukon - my parents owned the Morley River Lodge...mile 777.7. They were there and used to cook for and house the American soldiers building the Alaska Highway.

I went back to Whitehorse when I was 19 and lived there again until I was 26 (1976). I actually lived in the "skyscraper" which is right downtown.

My mom just came back from Whitehorse last week and said it is still there. That was her first trip back in many years and she really enjoyed herself - although she tells me it has changed so much.

I used to fly as a flight attendant for Great Northern Airways in the years of 1971-1974. Home base was Whitehorse and then on to Mayo, Clinton Creek, Old Crow and Inuvik. Used to go back and forth in an old DC-3, also worked at the Whitehorse Inn and the Kopper King as well (bartending) and loved it.

My maiden name was Andrews. My dad was a chef - his name was Edward Rex - and he went by Rex most of the time. My mom tells me they used to take me into the Whitehorse Inn when I was only 3 years old and I would sit on his knee in the bar.

My moms' nickname was Lee. They were both from Newfoundland originally.

My sister, Jacqueline, was born in Whitehorse and eventually married Dennis Stoltz who is from The Pas, Manitoba. It seems like a long time since I spoke of the Yukon.

My husband now is not a Yukoner and has only flown up once on an overnight business trip. I keep yearning to go back and see it one more time. Maybe some day.  
Peace be with you Vallerie Vlodder [hvlodder@shaw.ca](mailto:hvlodder@shaw.ca)

Hi Sandy -

Our friend Rolf Hougen has kindly sent us a couple of the Moccasin Telegraph newsletters, which we have found most interesting.

Bruce was in Whitehorse - in Signals - from 1946 - 1950. I went up in 1948 to work at the hospital and met him then. We were very sorry to leave in 1950 but he was posted to Ottawa and we had to go!!!

Bruce lived in the single quarters for a while and then with the Hougen's until we married in '49 and then we had a tar-paper shack - no insulation - on the Flats. It was one mighty cold winter that year but we survived - thank goodness for the heating pad my Dad gave us for a wedding present (no electric blankets then).

If you could send me the info to accomplish the following I would be most grateful.

**We have also come up with a way of placing the past editions into e-mail accounts online and we can provide you with the instructions and password, which will enable you to retrieve them yourself.**

Looking forward to some good reading.

Isobel (Jolly) Cameron now in Ottawa  
[issie@capitalnet.com](mailto:issie@capitalnet.com)

Greetings - thanks sooo much for the info, have printed it off and will get to it soon-as!!  
Have also forwarded the newsletter on to others but am sure they are aware of it.

What a lot of work - and you aren't even in Whitehorse!! but it must be very interesting and rewarding.

Sign-up wasn't the idea - just info, but that is O.K. as I would have done it next time. Thanks for including us.

Didn't know anyone on the first list as my circle of friends was mainly the other nurses, Signalers, Mounties - and such!! But a couple of names on the Sourghdoughs list lit a light.

Thanks again  
Is [issie@capitalnet.com](mailto:issie@capitalnet.com)

*I hope someone out there will remember Bruce and Isobel (Jolly) Cameron during their time in Whitehorse and reach out and say hello. – Sherron*

Hi Sherron,

My name is Lisa Erickson, my dad is John Erickson. We would like to be added to your list for receiving the Moccasin Telegraph. My e-mail address is [kleby@whtvcable.com](mailto:kleby@whtvcable.com).

Thank-you,  
Lisa Erickson

Hi Sherron,

Please add me to the 'list'.

Garner, Ron [ron@hopeforhealth.com](mailto:ron@hopeforhealth.com) (Whitehorse 77-80) (250) 762-4890 Kelowna)

Thanks, Ron Garner

Hi Sherron, Thank you for replying so quickly and following is a bit of info for your records.

I was born in Dawson, Yukon ( but I will not tell you the year) and my maiden name was BRASSEUR, HYACINTHE, however I left Dawson in 1946 as I was transferred to Vancouver with the C.I.B.C. (worked in Dawson in the same Bank as our one and only bard ROBERT SERVICE).

After marrying and raising three children in Whitehorse I left the Yukon in 1980. Since then I have been living in the Fraser Valley.

It would be very interesting to hear from anyone who may remember me and the BRASSEUR family.

Hello SHERRON:

When I first saw your name on this Moc. Tel. immediately it rang a bell and I was not wrong, was I? Nice to be in touch with you and this is a neat idea to contact old friends that we remember by name only. Yes, you are right of course and when I omitted my name of SEELY I only thought to mention my maiden name. Yes, Lawrence and I were in many businesses in Whitehorse. I still have my son up there RIC SEELY but my two girls are in other parts of Canada..

Love for now, Hy

Hi Sherron

I lived in the Yukon several times. In addition to my stay in Atlin during the summers of '64 and '66 I lived in Dawson 1940-43; Whse 1952-54 and 1969-1972.

Danny Bereza [danbereza@shaw.ca](mailto:danbereza@shaw.ca)

*(Donna forwarded Danny's name and the fact that he is now living in Courtenay. Danny contributed to the special edition about Herman Peterson. Thanks Danny.)*

Hi Sherron

My daughter asked me to send in her name to be added onto the MocTel list. She is busy studying for exams (veterinary tech). She just got a computer and is excited about receiving the MocTel. She doesn't want to miss any future editions and will read them when not studying. Her information:

Verena Ross

[yukongal@shaw.ca](mailto:yukongal@shaw.ca)

Living in Edmonton

Born in Whitehorse, left in 1978

Feel free to e-mail her anytime in case you have further questions.

Cheers,

Donna Clayson

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Please note my new home e-mail address ...

New: [sue.thomas@shaw.ca](mailto:sue.thomas@shaw.ca)

Old: [suthomas@islandnet.com](mailto:suthomas@islandnet.com)

Sue

### **Word Study** - *Forwarded by Elwood Lyle – Interesting!*

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### **CONTINUING MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS**

**(These addresses have missed the Spec Ed on Herman Peterson) (The first two addresses have missed several mailings)**

[jim.lynn@shaw.ca](mailto:jim.lynn@shaw.ca) Reason: Over quota

Le compte de l'utilisateur d'Ãpasse temporairement les quotas. [dokkens@sprint.ca](mailto:dokkens@sprint.ca)

[bconway@mag-net.com](mailto:bconway@mag-net.com) Reason: Remote SMTP server has rejected address

[marcjjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:marcjjohn@yahoo.com) cannot be delivered. This account is over quota.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do.

### **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

By Anne Domes

I have a great recipe for garlic- no smell when eaten. I have made this **marinated garlic** for about 20 years and still eat 2 gloves a day. Here it is.

Marinated garlic. 7-10 bulbs of garlic, 1/2 liter dry cheap wine, 4 oz. vinegar, 4 bayleaves, 1/2 teasp. peppercorns, 2 teasp. salt. 2 tsp. sugar. 1 dried pimento, 1/4 teaspoon each marjoram and Thyme.

Peel garlic, put in mixture in stainless steel pot and cook covered for 3-4 minutes. Let stand covered over night, cook for 5-6 minutes, fill in glass jar, cool and top with 2-3 spoons of vegetable oil. Let sit 2-3 days before using. **DO NOT REFRIGERATE.**

### **CHRISTMAS EDITION**

I am still looking for your input put in the way of greetings, photos, recipes, stories or anything else that would make a good December issue. - Sherron

### **FOR PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH**

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Sandy is a working girl and will get to the requests at her earliest convenience.

**Contact Sandy at [northernlyght@shaw.ca](mailto:northernlyght@shaw.ca)**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

International Sourdough Reunion – 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.

Okanagan Yukoners' AGM and Luncheon – Noon – Oct 19 – Mekong Restaurant – Harvey St. Kelowna