

**MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 234<sup>th</sup> Edition – December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**

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**Poinsettias**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**

By Gus Barrett [sourdoughs2@shaw.ca](mailto:sourdoughs2@shaw.ca) (In Qualicum BC)

As Christmas time is drawing near  
My mind is filled with doubts and fears,  
The reason is, I would suspect,  
I'm not politically correct.  
At Christmas time, I'm apt to pause,  
And think of Christ, and Santa Claus,  
Which, despite my good intention,  
Are words I'm told I must not mention.  
You wonder why I find it odd,  
That I am not to mention God?

A "Greeting card" arrived by mail,  
From Ottawa, that Holy Grail,  
Where members tried in varied ways.

To wish me “Happy Holidays”  
With flowery words and silly rhymes,  
But not a word of Christmas time.  
Yet Parliament will ring its bells  
To celebrate their “Festivals.”  
I’m glad its Christmas time again,  
Christ and Christmas must remain.

And now, the experts latest cause,  
Would shield our kids from Santa Claus.  
Because they may be scared, you know,  
By Santa’s hearty HO, HO, HO.  
So for the little psyche’s sake,  
They celebrate “Mid Winter Break”  
Poor old Santa, meek and mild,  
Who’d guess he’d scare a little child?  
But, just as I have always done,  
“MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE”.

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Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

### **Gather ‘Round the Campfire**

by Dan Davidson - Dec. 8/07

Let’s gather’ round the campfire  
as they did in days of old.  
With the crackle of the flames we’ll strive  
to drive away the cold.

We'll warm our hearts and spirits  
round the brightly burning brands  
and sing a song for Advent  
as we toast our toes and hands.

We'll sit and watch the yellow flames  
banish cold and dark,  
and wonder once again that Christmas  
still remains a part

Of this world so full of fighting,  
of ignorance and fear.  
If only "peace of earth" could last.  
If only Christmas cheer

Could light our world with gladness  
as this fire lights the night,  
and start the healing process  
to set this Earth aright.



### **To You At Christmas**

Submitted by Joyce Yardley [Joyce\\*dataspan.ca](mailto:Joyce*dataspan.ca) (In Nanaimo)

There is a list of folks I know  
All written in a book,  
And every year at Christmas time  
I go and take a look.

And that is when I realize  
That these names are a part  
Not of the book they're written in,  
But of my very heart.

For each name stands for someone  
Who touched my life sometime,  
And in that meeting they've become  
The "Rythm of the Rhyme."  
I really feel I am composed  
Of each remembered name,  
And while you may not be aware  
Of feeling quite the same,  
My life is so much better now  
Than it was before you came.

For once that you have known someone  
The years cannot erase,  
The memory of a pleasant word  
Or of a friendly face.  
So never think my Christmas cards  
Are just a mere routine  
Of names appearing on a list -  
Forgotten in between.  
For when I send a Christmas card  
That is addressed to you,  
It is because you're on that list  
Of folks I'm indebted to.

And whether I have known you  
For many years or few,  
In some way you have had a part  
In shaping things I do.  
So every year when Christmas comes,  
I realize anew,  
The biggest gift that God can give  
Is knowing folks like you!

Author Unknown



### Hula-Hoop Christmas Concert Light Pattern

Photo courtesy Doug Bell [chechako46@northwestel.net](mailto:chechako46@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

The children had a ball with this idea, and the patterns reflect their enthusiasm, and their gyrations. - Doug



Afternoon Moon over Dawson General Store– Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm, 2007

Photo courtesy Debbie Algottson (In Dawson) and Brownie Foth [lfoth@shaw.ca](mailto:lfoth@shaw.ca) (In White Rock BC)

They have everything and anything in that store; it brings back memories of powdered eggs and powdered milk. Brownie



## **A Canadian**

An Australian Definition of a Canadian -Written by an Australian Dentist

Pakistan Newspaper Ad - Reward for killing a Canadian

You probably missed it in the local news, but there was a report that someone in Pakistan had advertised in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed a Canadian - any Canadian.

An Australian dentist wrote the following editorial to help define what a Canadian is, so they would know one when they found one.

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A Canadian can be English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. A Canadian can be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan.

A Canadian may also be a Cree, Metis, Mohawk, Blackfoot, Sioux, or one of the many other tribes known as native Canadians. A Canadian's religious beliefs range from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu or none. In fact, there are more Muslims in Canada than in Afghanistan. The key difference is that in Canada they are free to worship as each of them chooses. Whether they have a religion or no religion, each Canadian ultimately answers only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

A Canadian lives in one of the most prosperous lands in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which recognize the right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

A Canadian is generous and Canadians have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return. Canadians welcome the best of everything, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services and the best minds. But they also welcome the least - the oppressed, the outcast and the rejected.

These are the people who built Canada. You can try to kill a Canadian if you must as other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world have tried but in doing so you could just be killing a relative or a neighbor. This is because Canadians are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, can be a Canadian.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! From the Berger's & the Vigneau's.



Mrs. Claus [Gillian Campbell] and her Elves at Oakridge Mall – Vancouver – Dec 2007  
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca) (In Burnaby BC)

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC

I just had an idea. It's not about the Yukon, but Christmas. If folks would like to hear some wonderful Christmas songs (by my favourite singer), they can go to <http://rubymurray.org/>. Clicking on a gift, on or under the tree, will play a song. There are 5 lovely songs, some of which our readers may not have heard before. So put on your headphones, and have a good listen. I should point out that the "gifts" are song clips, not complete songs (because of copyright).

Merry Christmas to all Sourdoughs.

Ralph Lortie [rlortie001@sympatico.ca](mailto:rlortie001@sympatico.ca) (In Mississauga ON)

### **Third World Fair trade Goods Come to Dawson**

by Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net)  
December 8, 2007

For Dawsonites who wanted to find some unusual Christmas gifts and help alleviate Third World poverty, the annual Ten Thousand Villages Bazaar proved that opportunity on December 1.

The Ten Thousand Villages project is a nonprofit program run by the Mennonite Central Committee. Over 200 non-profit stores and hundreds of festival sales all over North America help to promote the arts and crafts of over 100 groups of artisans in over thirty countries in Africa Asia and South America.

Promotional literature explains the idea behind the festivals:

Men and women around the world have a simple dream to earn an honest living, to provide for their children and to be gainfully employed in a job that brings dignity and joy. Ten Thousand Villages partners with thousands of talented artisans in healthy business relationships.

Fair Trade is the theme of the festival bazaars which combine tables of exotic gift items, a video presentation about the project and local entertainment. In Dawson's case, Kim Ettinger and Florian Boulais provided the entertainment on guitar, marimba and an assortment of drums.

Held from around 11 a.m. to mid afternoon, the festival also offered the chance to sample some Spicy Thai cuisine either on site or as a take-home treat.

Organizer Cathie Findlay-Brook noted in her report that even -45 degree weather couldn't keep the people of Dawson City from supporting the 2007 event.



Musical instruments are the theme of this table.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Craft items from three continents.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Florian Boulais and Kim Ettinger entertain the shoppers.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Seasonal greetings are spelled out on this table.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## **Busy Pre-Christmas Rush in Dawson**

by Dan Davidson

December 11, 2007

Open houses and Christmas themes marked the second weekend of December here. As always at this time of year, there were way too many events going on for anyone to be able to make it to them all, The Dawson City Museum Christmas open house would hardly be the same without carol singing in the lobby. This year's event was combined with a Parks Canada bonfire and wiener roast just across the street. At -28° C even a blazing fire didn't cut all the evenings chill, but it was pleasant to sit or stand around for awhile.

The Robert Service School choir was kept busy for an hour or so, moving to the bonfire for a bit of singing after a carolling visit to the Macdonald Lodge seniors' residence, and then across Fifth Avenue to the Museum, where they took up their usual station on the grand stairway to the old legislative chambers and led an enthusiastic group in a selection of carols.

For those who required sustenance there were bonfire goodies supplied outside, after which there were hot cider and a vast selection of desserts to be found inside, out of the chill.

In the midst of all this, Santa arrived, courtesy of the Dawson City Fire Department. Then, since the cab of the fire truck made an awkward place from which to greet the children, the Jolly Old Gent made his way to a sleigh on the Museum's front lawn and visited there for a while. Back inside, the Museum's AV room was busy showing Christmas cartoons. It's a much more popular spot to sit and watch a show now that those hard benches have been replaced by comfortable chairs, courtesy of Holland-America.

Saturday morning held a breakfast treat of pancakes and sausages at the Dawson Curling Club for anyone who could make it between nine and noon. This was a fund raiser, but at \$5 a plate, it was a real bargain.

Saturday afternoon was filled up with the Last Minute Bazaar at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall and the Old Fashioned Christmas celebrations at Diamond Tooth Gerties. The latter event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Dawson, the CIBC, the Klondike Visitors' Association, Klondike Centennial Society and Parks Canada.

The Association franco-yukonnaise offered maple taffy in a steamy wall tent Cabane à Sucre outside and French themed games in the hall later on. Inside, kids enjoyed face painting, making Christmas cards and another visit with Santa while the Dawson City

Singers entertained, the RCMP staffed the food line, passing out the fixings for turkey on a bun with potato salad and the KVA handed out door prizes.

A busy weekend, indeed.

### Museum Open House



The Robert Service School choir led the singing in the lobby.



Carol sing.



Fire circle - Outside, Parks Canada staged a real old fashioned Christmas celebration.



Santa arrived by fire truck.



Santa greeted the children in a more traditional setting.

**Old Fashioned Christmas.**



Cabane a Sucre - The Sugar Shack was hosted by the Association franco-yukonnaise



Card making was part of the crafts for kids at Gerties.



RCMP Food line. - The Mounties were maintaining the right balance of turkey and potato salad.



Meet & Eat. - Gerties was packed for this year's Old Fashioned Christmas event.

## CHRISTMAS IN YUMA – By request

Hi Sherron.....

Just had dinner with Cal and Norma Waddington.....

To some of us, if you are running short of material, you can do an edition of what you and Bill do as 'snow birds', with pictures, of course. Loved the ones you sent last Xmas time.....and still wish you both could make it to the banquet this coming April.

All the best and cheers.....

Carol Clarke [clclarke\\*shaw.ca](mailto:clclarke*shaw.ca) (In Vancouver)

Merry Christmas Sherron and Bill.....

.....do really hope you put some of your Xmas pictures in upcoming editions.

Carol

*So in answer to Carol's request – here are some photos from here in Country Roads RV Resort in Yuma Arizona. – Sherron*



**Christmas in Yuma at the Jones'**

If I didn't have the blind closed (under the wreath on the left window) you would likely see me sitting there working on the MocTel. Merry Christmas to all !!

Photo courtesy Bill Jones [ve7yi\\*shaw.ca](mailto:ve7yi*shaw.ca) (In Yuma AZ)



An extravaganza of lights, by one homeowner, in our park in Yuma. A corner lot which he has decorated the 100' lot depth as well as 40' width. Note the effect of icicle lights along the edge of property on the ground.

Photo courtesy Bill Jones [ve7yi@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7yi@shaw.ca) (In Yuma AZ)



Another valiant effort in decorating. Next he was planning to replace the flag on the flag pole with a pull up Christmas tree, made of lights.



This is the second year for a golf cart parade during the Christmas season. Even the dogs get dressed for the occasion. (Main complex in the background.)



An effort to make some horse heads look like reindeer.  
Amazing how we seniors find our second childhood.



Another little dog dressed for the ride. I wonder if his name is Snowflake. Note the driver wearing her name badge around her neck. The kids think we wear these because we don't remember our own names and addresses.



On Monday night about 35 carts travelled the west half of our 1300 lot park and on Wednesday night an additional dozen or so carts joined in parading each street in the east half of the park.



We inspired folks on both sides of our street to decorate with luminaries for parade night and plan to do the same on Christmas Eve. Last year I bought 500 white paper bags and started the tradition and this year others joined in making it happen. Together we lined 7 lots on both sides of the street. Maybe next year we can interest more to do the same.



We folded down a bit of the top edge so the bags do not collapse and put in a small shovel of sand so the wind does not blow them around, and then add a tea light.

At sundown we light them and they last the whole evening.



It is hard to get much of a photo of the lighted carts, but is just to give you an idea.



Most on our street have their homes decorated too.  
Photos courtesy Bill & Sherron Jones [ve7yi\\*shaw.ca](http://ve7yi*shaw.ca) (In Yuma AZ)

## Vancouver Island Yukoners' Christmas Luncheon

by Harvey Burian [hburian@telus.net](mailto:hburian@telus.net) (In Parksville)

On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 42 ex-Yukoners from the Island gathered at the ABC Country Restaurant in North Nanaimo to celebrate the Season with a time of chatting, refreshments and a sit-down, served Christmas dinner. It was a joyous occasion with time to visit and renew old friendships and just generally have a good time as those who have lived in the Yukon know so well how to do. It was also a delight to have Don Machan join us, accompanied by son Bob who very ably assisted with Don's transportation and care. This is the first Yukoners' event that Don has been able to attend since his car accident in the Fall of 2006.

On behalf of the Vancouver Island Yukoners I want to express a big THANK YOU to all those who organized the luncheon. I know that Fay Ash, Harriett Butterworth and Art Nakano were involved and perhaps others as well. A great time was had by all and hopefully there will be many more Christmas luncheons in the future.

I took the following photos of the event. I know that Gus Barrett also took some photos and was originally going to do this little write-up but had to rush off to celebrate Harry Nixon's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Union Bay. Happy Birthday Harry and Best Wishes for many more!



Valarie (Osborn) Butterworth, Karren (North) Crowley, Bob Crowley



Don Machan, Warren Rongve



Jack Marsh, Percy DeWolfe



From Left: Beth Mellis, Annette Lacharite, Roland Veillet, Gerard St.Jean, Betty St.Jean, Jean Rongve, Warren Rongve



Blanche Barrett, Gus Barrett, Joan (Callison) Rodschat



Debi Simpson, Dale Simpson, Sandy Baker, Fay (Callison) Ash



From left: Art Parsons, Tina (Brasseur) Parsons, Vivian (Lilievre) Stuart, Joan (Murdoch) Crowe, Wayne Crowe, Carol Avon, Frances McLeod, Neil McLeod  
Missed from the photo and seated beside Neil was Tina Marie (Parsons) Slowley.



From Left: Ron Butler, Colleen Butler, Sharon Redmond (missing!), Nikki Buchan, Bill Buchan (hidden), Guy Marcoux, Harriett (Osborn) Butterworth, Valerie (Osborn) Duckworth, Evelyn Smyth, Ron Smyth



From Left: John Slack, Carolyn (Wheeler) Moore, Dolan Chaddock, Jack Marsh, Percy DeWolfe, Harvey Burian (missing-taking photos!), Karren (North) Crowley, Bob Crowley, Robert Machan, Don Machan

## CPA OFFICE PHOTOS in MocTel 233

The first CPA office picture is on Front Street in Dawson. It was in the Monte Carlo Bldg. The Orpheum Theatre is on the left. The Monte Carlo was beside the Royal Alexandra Hotel.

The second CPA picture everyone agrees is also on Front Street in Dawson. It was on the other side of the Royal Alex., beside Olson's Dawson Artscraft.

Merry Christmas.

Joe Redmond [yukon43\\*telusplanet.net](mailto:yukon43@telusplanet.net) (In Sylvan Lake AB)

I agree with Karren Crowley, the hill behind the small building looks like the Dome in Dawson, but I sure don't recognize the building, I asked Madeleine to have a look she did not recognize. The large tin building to the right of the CPA office, I don't recognize it either. Maybe Myrna Butterworth will recognize it.

John Gould [jgould\\*northwestel.net](mailto:jgould@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

I have to agree with Joe Redmond on the CPA pictures.

Myrna Butterworth [myrnab\\*northwestel.net](mailto:myrnab@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

Found out today that the picture **was not** taken in Quesnel as I guess the ladies that I asked to find our some information took the picture to a dinner party and there was lots of older folks there and they said it was not taken in Quesnel BC. So we can write off Quesnel. I also read your email that you sent and see it was taken in Dawson City. Good to know.

Kathryn Goulet [jgoul@telus.net](mailto:jgoul@telus.net) (In Quesnel BC)

## A MESSAGE FROM DON MACHAN

Visited with Don Machan last night at The Gardens, and he sends along the following message. – Gus Barrett [sourdoughs2\\*shaw.ca](mailto:sourdoughs2@shaw.ca) (In Qualicum)

“Miss the Moc/Tel connections very much. Still hope to get re-connected with a computer system enable me to get back in touch.

Wishing all of you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year.”

Don Machan  
Room 378, The Gardens  
650 Berwick Rd. North,  
Qualicum Beach B.C., V9K1P7  
(250) 752-6288

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS MOCTEL READERS**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all those that receive the Moccasin Telegraph. May everyone enjoy getting together with family and friends and may 2008 bring peace throughout the year. Thank you, Sherron for bringing about another year of memories and stories. Your dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed.

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS !**

Donna & Bryan Clayson [yukonlady\\*albertacom.com](mailto:yukonlady@albertacom.com) (In Ardrossan AB)



We didn't get as fancy with our cart. Just realized the colour resembles Yukon gold.  
Photo courtesy Bill Jones [ve7yi\\*shaw.ca](mailto:ve7yi@shaw.ca) (In Yuma AZ)

## INTERVIEW BY NORTH OF ORDINARY

If you interested in reading a recap of an interview of **Sherron Jones** by the editor of the Yukon published, inflight magazine 'North of Ordinary' – see the second story on this webpage: <http://www.northofordinary.ca/discover/where.html>

Also on a personal level.....

## 2008 Edition, Canadian Who's Who

As a result of receiving a Commissioners Award last year I received a request to supply information for inclusion in the 2008 Edition of "Canadian Who's Who".

Since you folks are the reason for this little bit of fame and so that it is not a surprise later– here is a copy of the proof just returned to the University of Toronto Press Incorporated. –

**“JONES, Sherron Donna**; retired; b Victoria, B.C. 1942; d. James Donald and Viola May Dunagan; e. McKenzie Ave. Sch; Colquitz Jr. H.S.; Mount View H.S.; m. William s. Frank and Lillias Jones 3 Sept 1966; son: Wesley Scott; Publisher. MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH E-NEWSLETTER 2003-PRESENT; Typist/Acct. – Dir. of Finance, City of Whitehorse, Yukon 1968-83; Headstone Designer & Acct., Valley Monuments. Vernon, BC. 1993-2007; Justice of the Peace, Whitehorse 1972-83; Ham Radio Operator 1972 – Present; Recipient, Yukon Commissioner's Award 2006; Dir.-at-Large & Pres. Ladies Section, Vernon Golf and Country Club; Volunteer, Vernon Jubilee Hosp.; Anglican; recreations: reading, gardening, computer service; Home: 9205 Orchard Ridge Dr., Vernon, BC V1B 1V8”

## OBIT

Aboriginal role model Ken Kane mourned as 'champion for Yukon'  
Courtesy Whitehorse Star

**Ken Kane** is being remembered by the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) as a role model for all aboriginal people in the territory. The chief and council of the first nation expressed their sadness early this afternoon following Kane's death Monday at Whitehorse General Hospital, following a battle with cancer.

“Ken was an excellent communicator, a champion for Yukon first nations, and an amazing individual,” Chief Diane Strand said in a statement.

“We all feel his loss, and our hearts go out to his family.”

Kane played a role in building modern first nations communications by helping to start Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon and CHON-FM. He was also part of the late Elijah Smith's team that brought Yukon first nation rights to Ottawa, which led to the approval of land claims in the territory, the CAFN noted.

"Friends have called him, 'Champagne Aishihik's biggest fan,' " the first nations stated. Most recently, Kane was recognized for his hard work when he received the Commissioner's Public Service Award last August.

That came a month after the CAFN honoured him with a surprise retirement party and dance at Kathleen Lake during the 2007 General Assembly.

His achievements date back to his youth, when he became one of the first Yukon first nations students to attend university at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He studied and played hockey there in the early 1960s.

Kane also had the distinction of being the only aboriginal hockey player on the original Yukon team, which travelled to Quebec City in 1967 for the first Canada Winter Games.

"Ken was an articulate, positive role model for all aboriginal people in the Yukon," the CAFN stated. "He will be sorely missed."

**CHESTER, Brendan Davidson** August 10, 1975 December 16, 2007 **Born in Faro,** Yukon, Brendan grew up in Mackenzie, B.C. and Sointula, B.C. He spent two terms peacekeeping in Bosnia. His wit, generosity and kindness will be missed, including his silly songs, poems and cartoons of family and friends. Left to mourn him are wife Terra Thomsen, parents Terry Chester and Lynn and Chris Moss, sister Caitlin Chester (Efren Bermes), niece and nephew, Victoria and Vicente, grandmothers Dot Chester and Clay Davidson, Julie Moss, Gary and Rachel Moss, Brian Moss, Heather Pearson and buddies and class mates in the Canadian Scottish and Navy. We hope you are playing with Winnie and Darkypoo in the sunny field. Memorial TBA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CDS Military Family Fund c/o CFPS, 4210 LaBelle St., Ottawa, ON., K1A 0K2 Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.mccallbros.com](http://www.mccallbros.com) 433349 Published in the Victoria Times-Colonist on 12/21/2007.

## **NEW ADDITIONS**

I just received a copy of the Moccasin Telegraph 223, from my old friend, Blair Ledingham. I was both shocked and delighted to see an old photo of me, taken in front of my old CPA office in Mayo, Yukon. Also, I was really pleased to see that the information was provided by my old friend, Harvey Burian, who was still a high school student in Mayo when I was stationed there. His parents (Mary and Rene) were very kind to me during my time there. Later, Harvey ended up boarding with my parents in Vancouver during his first year at UBC, and then I lost track of him. Needless to say, I intend to establish contact again with Harvey in the next week or so, now that I have his email address in Parksville from the Moccasin Telegraph notes.

I used to belong to the Yukon Order of Pioneers when I lived in Vancouver, but I am now retired, living on Pender Island in the Gulf Islands, and in somewhat poor health, so I am unable to travel at the moment or I would try and attend the gathering at the Casino. However, maybe sometime in the future.

Anyway, I would like to be put on your list to receive the Moccasin Telegraph. Also, I lived in Whitehorse for several years, first as an agent for CPA (Jamie Mutch was Yukon District Manager at the time), and later as the Station Manager for Wien Consolidated Airlines (previously Wien Alaska Airlines). There are many names and places in the Moccasin Telegraph familiar to me and it was wonderful to have so many memories brought back to life!

Best regards, and Merry Christmas!

Trevor Bennett

Hello again, Sherron,

First of all, thank you for your interesting email! Yes, I was in Whitehorse during that period. As a matter of fact, after Mayo, when I had been transferred to Edmonton in 1964, I was contacted by Wien Alaska Airlines and hired by them in 1965 to be based in Fairbanks, Alaska to reorganize their operations which were in quite a mess. Anyway, the Vietnam war was raging and I was draft age, but because I was due to get married they told me I would be reclassified from 1A to 4C (basically non-draftable), so I went. However, before I could get married, Lyndon Johnson signed a new draft bill that said that any resident of the U.S. that was married after midnight on that day would not be reclassified and would be 1A. Luckily, the owners of Wien Alaska Airlines, (the Wien family) were Jehovah Witnesses and were anti-war, so they said, "cancel your immigrant status, move back to Whitehorse in Canada, and you can help us from there". So, I did, and I re-entered Whitehorse as a Canadian resident again, early in 1967. I eventually took over as Manager in Whitehorse while continuing to reorganize the Alaska operation, until I resigned in the fall of 1969 and moved back to Vancouver to go into real estate. When I left, Jock [Patterson] was made Manager. I saw Jock once afterward, but it was some years later and then we lost touch but I knew he had retired, too.

Also, yes, I was in Kiwanis during my time there, and the year before I left I was Vice-President of the club, and I do now recall knowing Bill [Jones] through Kiwanis and I believe I did meet you as well. Bill and you will likely recall me from the sales of snow crab and king scallops that I set up through my Alaska contacts for the Whitehorse Kiwanis to raise money for the club during the 1968 period. I knew your name rang a bell but, after all these years, it is a struggle to put it all together again, isn't it?? At least, it is for me! I also remember knowing a Don ["Boomer"] Williams, but I honestly can't remember knowing him well. Blair Ledingham and I have been friends since high school, and we ran into each other again in Whitehorse and took up where we left off. I was divorced, and then married for a second time 14 years ago and Blair was 'best man' at

my wedding. His brother is married to my wife's aunt, so it is almost a family connection now. The reunions at Nanoose sound interesting and I will try to make it next year if I feel better. Thanks for mentioning it.

Thanks for placing my name on your list and for taking the contact info, etc. Before I forget, I should mention that sometime in January, I will be changing my email address because I am going on to cable, but I will certainly let you know immediately when I do, what my new email address is. Sometime in the New Year, I will dig out my 'memory boxes' of stuff from my days up north and will try to give you input for the Moccasin Telegraph. However, I do have a lot of photos but they are all slides and I have to first figure out how I can get them into my computer, or have them printed, etc, so I can provide them to you. I know the slides can be put on a CD, but I don't have the equipment and it will have to be done by somebody in Victoria. Anyway, I will look into it. Feel free to utilize the email info I sent, and thank you in advance for sending me some of the back issues. I am more than happy to participate in the communications and thank you for taking the time and trouble to set it all up. It is a great vehicle to renew old acquaintances!

I was in Whitehorse with CPA in early 1963 for a couple of months before I was sent to manage the base in Mayo for one year. I arrived in Mayo in the spring of 1963, and then was transferred back to Edmonton with CPA in the late spring of 1964. From there, I went to Fairbanks, Alaska in the summer of 1966 to work for Wien Alaska Airlines and returned to Whitehorse with Wien in the spring of 1967 where I stayed until the fall of 1969. To summarize: Whitehorse and Mayo 1963 -1964, and Whitehorse again 1967-1969.

All the best, and I will stay in touch,

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Trevor Bennett forwarded link to MT and suggested I get in touch with you for an update feed whenever it becomes available. I am part of the "old Yukon crowd" having worked for CP Air in Whitehorse in the early and late '60's. All my family still lives in YXY, so I guess I qualify for "Yukon Roots".

I would also like to suggest you put Jim Austin (former Aircraft Engineer with CP) who was up there from the early '50's to around 1990 or so. I am convinced he has material to contribute that might be of considerable interest to your readers. His email is:

[jraustin929@yahoo.ca](mailto:jraustin929@yahoo.ca) If he does not respond immediately to you, it is because a) he is in Arizona for the winter; b) he called me a couple days ago with satellite linkup problems to his computer.

Thanks for a most interesting read.  
Fred Mandl [fmandl@shaw.ca](mailto:fmandl@shaw.ca)

## SOMETHING MOST OF US DO NOT SEE AT CHRISTMAS



**Christmas in Maui 2007**

Photo courtesy Ernie and Sue Andreeff [erniesue@shaw.ca](mailto:erniesue@shaw.ca) (In Parksville)

My girlfriend from Parksville was in Maui for a month before Christmas and we were sharing photos via e-mail. – Sherron

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. - "If I told you once, I told you a million times, don't exaggerate."*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

From First Presbyterian Ladies Aid book the Art of Cooking in Whitehorse.  
Submitted by Florence Roberts [yapper\\*klondiker.com](mailto:yapper*klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)

### One Half Hour Cranberry Pudding

1/3 cup brown sugar  
1 cup flour, sifted  
2 tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp salt  
½ cup cranberries  
½ cup WHITEHORSE DAIRIES milk

Mix well together, then spread in a small greased baking dish.

Then pour over top the following mixture:

½ cup brown sugar  
1 tbsp butter  
¼ tsp cinnamon  
½ cup hot water

Bake in 375 degree oven for 30 minutes. When baked the sauce in on bottom of pan and pudding has risen to top. Serve hot.

Jean Banks

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Vancouver Yukoners would like readers to know that plans for the spring banquet are well under way. Mark **Saturday, April 5th** on your calendar and join us at the **River Rock Resort Casino [in Richmond]** for a weekend with friends. There will be a hospitality suite this year, a locale for early registration and an area where we can meet and greet to our hearts content. In truth, many of us have booked for the evenings of the 4th and 5th as that allows us more time to visit at our leisure. The response has been very encouraging to date and we want to stress that if you are interested, please make your arrangements sooner than later. WE are selling 300 tickets only (due to fire marshal requirements re banquet area) and the sales have already begun. Get a group together - we guarantee you a good time.

Free parking, reasonable rates for lovely suites, use of pool and hot tub, never mind the other entertainment venues offered the River Rock. For information, bookings and tickets:

Tickets are \$55.00 per person and include a sit down plated three course meal. For tickets contact Vivian Stuart Treasurer at [lornellis\\*shaw.ca](mailto:lornellis*shaw.ca)

Send monies to her at #217 -3255 Cook St. Victoria, BC, V8X 7K4

You can also call her at 250.383.1349

For reservations at the River Rock call toll free 1.866.748.3718

For on line reservations [www.riverrock.com](http://www.riverrock.com)

BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE YUKONERS RATE WHEN RESERVING.

Reserve rooms early as they are limited.

If you have any trouble reserving or if you have any unanswered questions please contact:

[hmunro\\*shaw.ca](mailto:hmunro*shaw.ca) ( 604.937.3740 ) [cclarke\\*shaw.ca](mailto:cclarke*shaw.ca) ( 604.325.4774 )

In closing, we sincerely hope you and your families are well and content. A Merry Christmas from the Vancouver Yukoner's Association, your Klondike connection. OK, OK, it is now snowing like mad and we are getting our comeuppance!!

Cheers. Helen Munro Fitch

## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH**

If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criterion is that you **are or were a Yukoner**. The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

– Sherron Jones [sherronjones\\*shaw](mailto:sherronjones*shaw).

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