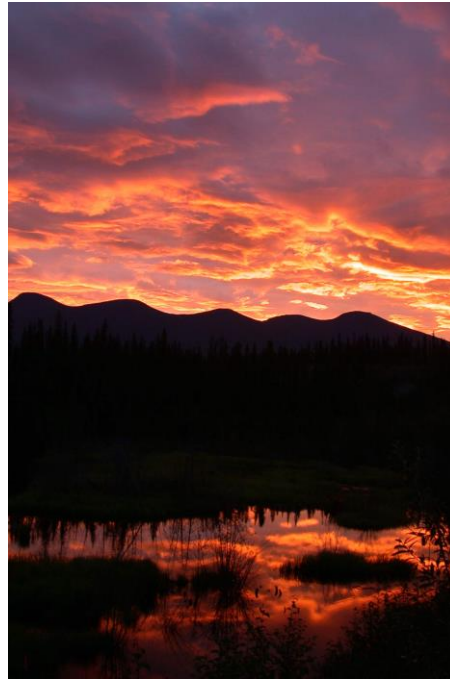


## **MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 257<sup>th</sup> Edition – June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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Marshall Creek – June 2005

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### **Yukon Celebrates 110th Birthday at the Palace Grand**

by Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson) June 17, 2008

The boardwalk and stairs by the Old Post Office began gathering spectators around 6:15 on Saturday night. People always turn out to see the finery that folks deck themselves out in to attend the Commissioner's Ball. This year, rumour had it, there would be more to see than usual, as there was to be a planned photo opportunity around 6:30.

The gawkers were not disappointed as most of the 110 guests at the ball filed out under the direction of the YTG photographer and the high definition video crew. The colour came mostly from the women, of course, for the majority of the men were in black or grey. The meal, somewhat different from traditional fare, was catered this year by Antoinette's Food Cache.

The Ball was originally established to celebrate the territory's 75th birthday.

"On June 13, 1898," said emcee Bill Holmes, marketing manager of the Klondike Visitors Association, "the Canadian Parliament passed the Yukon Act welcoming the

Yukon into the Dominion of Canada. It then appointed a Commissioner and council of six to govern the new territory.



The photo op.

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

“Today the Commissioner’s role is similar to that of a Lieut. Governor. One duty stands out above all else. The Commissioner of the Yukon represents the distinct interests of the Yukon people. Our Commissioner has spent her professional life working towards the betterment of our territory, whether it was as a director of the Canadian Tourism Council, or in her role in the formation of the Yukon First Nations Tourism Association. She is involved in a number of community initiatives and has stood as an example to all Yukoners.”

The Commissioner welcomed everyone to the ball. “One hundred and ten. Tonight we are 110 guests as we celebrate the 110th birthday of the Yukon.

“110 years ago ... the auto speed record was set at 39 miles per hour. The first auto insurance was sold, by coincidence. The US annexed Hawaii and flew its flag in Puerto Rico. This one is for Pat - his favorite soft drink, Barq’s Root Beer, was invented. “At age 21, his grandfather, Ira Van Bibber, along with his brothers, Patrick and Theodore arrived at Skagway. They hailed from West Virginia and were on their way to the goldfields. On June 13, 1898, Yukon was officially recognized and Dawson City was made its capital.

“I’ve been doing a bit of digging into the history of Commissioner’s Day and it was 35 years ago that Commissioner **James Smith** and KVA member **John Gould**, decided to do something to celebrate this day. There must have been a lull in the Dawson calendar - can you imagine?

‘In the older days apparently there was a men’s social hosted by the Commissioner of the day. They’re probably doing a slow roll over as I speak, for they could not imagine a woman Commissioner, let alone an event where a woman was allowed in the same front door.’”

The Commissioner introduced her two tables: **Pat Van Bibber; son Stuart and his fiancée, Nikki; Doug Phillips**, the territorial administrator, and his **wife, Dale**; KVA president **Mark Wickham** and his **wife, Debbie**; **John and Carol Grant**; **Myrna and Jack Kingscote**; aides-de-camp **Superintendent Tracy Hardy** of the RCMP and **Lieutenant Ursula Matchett** of the Canadian Forces.

She singled out some other guests for special mention: **former Commissioners Jack Cable, Ken McKinnon, Arthur Pearson, Frank Finland**; **Mr. and Mrs. Yukon, Shirley and Bucky Koebke**; **Miss Sourdough Rendezvous, Lindsay Agar**; **MP Larry Bagnell and his wife, Melissa**; **the Hon. Ted Staffen, Speaker of the Yukon Legislature**.

The band for the evening was CHS from Whitehorse. The initials apparently stand for the band member’s names.



Classical quintet soprano Beth Egnatoff, marimba player Kim Ettinger, guitarist Tim Moxon, cellist Dylan Meyerhoffer, violinist Sam Coxwell  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Com Table Clockwise: Commissioner Van Bibber and her husband, Pat; Stuart and his Fiancee, Nikki; Yukon Administrator Doug Phillips and his wife, Dale, KVA chair Mark Wickham and his wife, Debbie.

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Commissioner Van Bibber at the podium.

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Former Commissioner Ken McKinnon, MP Larry Bagnell and MLA Steve Nordick  
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These Belles of the Ball show a little leg for the audience across the street.

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Photo courtesy Debbie Winston (In Dawson)



Photo courtesy Debbie Winston (In Dawson)



Photo courtesy Debbie Winston (In Dawson)



Photo courtesy Debbie Winston (In Dawson)

Hi Gillian

Yes I made Shelley Hakonson's. The forest green/mint green with roses is Karen Jenkins (Peter's wife). I made that too, and the black one in the first photo, which is Peggy Amendola, as well as the Commissioner's. I am wearing the red one in the first photo which I made for Lenore around 1981. She loaned it to me as I had nothing to wear. Ha ha.

Debbie Winston [juba\\*northwestel.net](http://juba*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

### **Rare plant rediscovered in Yukon**



Yukon Draba or Yukon Whitlow-grass (*Draba yukonensis* **Porsild**) is known from a single site outside Kluane National Park, near Haines Junction. It was collected in 1944 and again in 1957; and finally officially described in 1975. Phil Caswell, an amateur botanist from New York City, began searching for it in 2000. This is one of the rarest plants in the world, and we do not yet know if it will survive to grow next season. Maybe it would be a good idea to throw a dome of chicken-wire over the site to protect it.

<http://monado2.blogspot.com/2006/03/rare-plant-rediscovered-in-yukon.html>

Follow the link to read more- <http://yukon.taiga.net/vuntutrd/veg/rare.htm>

Submitted by Donna Clayson [yukonlady\\*albertacom.com](mailto:yukonlady@albertacom.com) (In Ardrossan)

*Hi Aksel*

*Are you familiar with this rare plant found in Yukon and given a name with Porsild in it?*

*Sherron*

Sherron; I'm not familiar with it, but it was discovered and named by my uncle. Dr. Alf Erling Porsild, an eminent botanist of the era, on his Canol Road, Haines Road expedition of the summer of 1944.

Aksel Porsild [yukoner1\\*shaw.ca](mailto:yukoner1@shaw.ca) (In Courtenay BC)

## **Listen for the Keno**

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

May 30, 2008

A not uncommon complaint heard from **summerdoughs** and new citizens in Dawson between mid-May and the end of July is that they can't tell what time of day it is. With the sun doing its summery thing, what's the difference between 5 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon? As a case in point, luminary candles which were supposed to light up the trail and provide inspiration during the recent Relay for Life had to settle for being merely inspirational. There was a brief period at about 2 a.m. on Sunday morning when it began to look as if they might actually shed some light and then the sun started to come up again.

This effect can be merely annoying, as when you set your clock to rouse you in the morning, inadvertently set it for afternoon, and can't tell the difference when you wake up.

If you're late for work or for an appointment someone will probably call you, but it can be more serious than that.

I'm acquainted with at least one senior citizen who completely mixed up her medication due to this chronological confusion, ending up both under and over medicating herself before the family and the health professionals realized what was happening and stepped in to help get her back on an even keel.

These days, she might have been able to figure out what time of day it was just by cocking an ear.

The whistle on the SS Keno is now blowing twice daily, once at **noon** and again at **5** o'clock.



The whistle on the SS Keno helps Dawson keep time twice a day.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

The noon alert started a couple of years ago, towards the end of the summer season, and was successful enough that it was sounded all through the summer in 2007.

The whistle can be heard all over town. By 7th Avenue it's a more of a moan than a blast, but it can be quite startling if you happen to be on Front Street when it sounds off. No one's complaining though, It adds a summery extra to the ambiance of the town.

According to a source at Klondike National Historic Sites the extra toot came about as the result of a suggestion from some of the southern brass at Parks Canada. Once again, there have been no complaints.

For me it's a bit of nostalgia, I grew up in a two industry town in Nova Scotia where the shift changes at the Minas Basin Pulp Mill and the Keyes Fibre paper plate factory were sounded from morning to evening. During my summers at the pulp mill I was governed by whistles at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., with extras at noon and 5 p.m. for those on the 9 to 5 office shift.

Before I was 16 the evenings were further punctuated by a 9 p.m. curfew whistle left over from the Second World War. No one really paid attention to that one, but the local police force of one might just stop and tell a youngster to head on home if he happened to run across one.

Of course, by 9 o'clock of a Nova Scotia evening it was either dark already or just about to be and there was never any doubt about which was day and which was night.

## **TAKHINI FIRE**

I don't have any direct pictures of the fire, but I certainly got a couple of the smoke generated by the fire. Apparently the fire crowned from two separate ways - the Whitehorse-Carmacks road and the Whitehorse-Haines Jct. highway. The two fires met and combined near the Junction near Takhini Hot springs and headed toward Whitehorse along the west side of the river. It jumped the river near the old dump area and proceeded along the north-east side of the river. There was fear at one time that it might get to the "new" subdivision across the river. The forestry people put a lot of people and equipment into fighting the fire on that side of the river. In fact, there is probably still the remains of the D-8 caterpillar that went over the edge of the river bank and dropped nearly 50 feet into the river. Luckily, the operator was able to jump off before the cat went over the edge.

The original fire on both sides of the Carmacks Highway was reportedly so hot that it was blistering the paint on the trucks coming through. The fire crews were stopping the transport trucks on the north side of the fire and pumping off excess fuel for the caterpillars to use because they couldn't get any through from Whitehorse.

The pictures were all taken about supper time from the back compound of the RCMP Building. The clouds created their own storm and, during the following night, it rained soot and leaf particles all over town. It was impossible to walk outdoors without coming back in looking like an Al Jolson minstrel ! ! ! The rain did, however, help to control the blaze.

Looking back at the sequence of the photos, it would appear that it was the summer of 1959 - but I can't say for sure. It may have been the fall of 1958 also.

Ira Saunders [sandisaunders@rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders@rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders@rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders\\*rogers.com](http://sandisaunders*rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Anyone recognize these rear views? (1958-59)  
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders\\*rogers.com](http://sandisaunders*rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders\\*rogers.com](http://sandisaunders*rogers.com) (In Ottawa)

## VICTOR JORY

Are you familiar with the actor, Victor Jory? He was born in Dawson City and his story is very interesting.

<http://www.nndb.com/people/489/000092213/>

### **Victor Jory**

**Born:** 23-Nov-1902

**Birthplace:** Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Canada

**Died:** 12-Feb-1982

**Location of death:** Santa Monica, CA

There is an excellent write up in the last North of Ordinary Magazine on Victor. Excerpt:

“After Edwin Jory left, Joanna became pregnant. In an effort to convince Edwin that he was Victor’s father, she switched Victor’s birthday to nine months after Edwin’s department. So, Victor always blew out the candles on November 23 even though he was born in April. Victor’s life began with lust, lies and dreams lost on a cold frontier (Dawson City). What else could such a debut lead to but a career in Hollywood?”

Donna Clayson (In Ardrossan AB)

## **WINTER DRIVING IN YUKON**

Here's a story I've chuckled at over the years.

I was at the weigh scales at Whitehorse one night during the winter and it was about midnight when a White Pass ore truck came in from Faro. The driver told me the road was very icy near the north end of pavement on the Mayo Road. At this time the asphalt ended 22 miles north of the start of the Klondike Highway. I called Colin Yeulet with the Dept. of Highways and woke him up and asked that a sanding truck be dispatched. He asked me if I wouldn't mind checking it out to see just how slippery it might be and for what distance. Not a problem. I drove out to the end of the pavement and turned around. I was just starting back and had radioed the office to confirm with Colin that a sanding truck was needed as it was very slippery. I think I was only going 30 miles per hour and I had to drop the microphone as I needed both hands on the steering wheel as I was going from \* lock to lock just trying to stay on the road. The telcoms operator was getting a little concerned that I wouldn't answer her, for what seemed like a long time. I was just a little busy but I did manage to stay out of the ditch. Those who drove on the gravel after the calcium chloride had been spread and then it got wet will understand just how slippery, slippery can be. I know it has put many a tourist on the wrong side of the shoulder of the road.

George Bliss [jrsports@sasktel.net](mailto:jrsports@sasktel.net) (In Regina)  
Whitehorse Highway Patrol 1973-1978

\* Lock to lock is turning the steering wheel as far as it will go to the left, then all the way to the right and all the way.....well, that's it in a nutshell and it's all done as fast as you can turn the wheel. – George

## **TRUDEAU VISIT TO WHITHORSE**

Tim Kinvig,

You probably won't know/remember me, but I was in Whitehorse from 1969 - 1987. I married (still) Susan Blaker, daughter of then Fire Chief Fred Blaker.

I was looking at the recent Trudeau photos you posted in the Moc Tel. and I remember this visit quite well. The visit was August 6, 1970 (also documented in the Hougen Family website) and I was just 20 years old. I was in the band 'The R&B's' at the time and we were playing at this event. The real memorable part for me was when Trudeau joined us on the stage and we (Mr Trudeau and I) had our picture taken shaking hands, which ended up on the front page of the local newspaper. I thought it was on the Whitehorse Star but it might have been the Yukon News. Earlier this year I was talking with the Yukon Archives trying to get a copy of the front page picture but they couldn't

seem to get one that was in the Star (at least on that date). The woman I was speaking to thought it might have been in the Yukon News but unfortunately the Archives didn't have the Yukon News in their file.

If you have other pictures from that visit, perhaps you have one similar to the one in the paper....maybe even the one that was in the paper???

I often thought of that picture (which I had sent back to my parents in Montreal, both since passed away).

In the 2004 Federal election I ran as the candidate for the Liberal Party here in Kootenay-Columbia (Cranbrook, BC) and that picture would have been great to have....perhaps not everyone would have thought so...ha,ha.

Any way, it would be nice to hear back from you if/when you get a chance to reply.

Regards,

Ross Priest [priestnomination@shaw.ca](mailto:priestnomination@shaw.ca)

P.S. I am currently (8 years now) the Mayor of the City of Cranbrook

## **YUKONERS REUNION IN OTTAWA**

I meant to send this earlier in the week.

The Father's Day Weekend was great for me. I drove to Ottawa to be with my **granddaughter Phoebe, daughter Renee, and son-in-law Henry**. While there, I had a great visit with my cousin **Al Lortie and his wife Sandy**. Al is a former hockey and softball star in Whitehorse (until 1958). He was a driver for Service Corps.

I also had a great visit with two former Whitehorse Mounties, **Joe Roenspies** and **Ira Saunders**. They were Army hockey & RCMP softball stars.

I have seen the entries by Rex Terpening. I once knew a lovely girl, Linda Terpening, in Whitehorse. They must be related - brother and sister, perhaps. I'll have to email Rex.

Well done.

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

## **CHESTER HENDERSON**

Your stories do bring back wonderful memories. I can't not add a footnote to the Chester Henderson story.

When I was a teenager in Dawson in the 40's I worked for the B & F store owned by Joe Redmond and Jack Bremner. Chester was a frequent client whom I chatted with and got to know and became very fond of. He was a quiet, private man. He worked down the street for the city water works. Yes, his sister was Elizabeth, also a very kind quiet person.

My Dad, Bud Holbrook, was killed in 1950. We were left with very little finances. I'm sure that in a small town, this was very well known. I went into Nurses training at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver in 1951. We were paid \$8.00 per month for the first year, \$10.00 per month for the second and \$12.00 for the third. Periodically family and friends would send me a few dollars to help me along. Chester Henderson was one of those friends and I have never forgotten his kindness. Later, when Gus and I were married in Dawson he gave us a beautiful Royal Dalton limited edition plate, which still hangs on our wall. We treasure it and think often of the many kindnesses of this true gentleman.

Blanche (Holbrook) Barrett [sourdoughs2@shaw.ca](mailto:sourdoughs2@shaw.ca) (In Qualicum Beach BC)

## LOST SOULS

I have lost Mel and **Laurence Purdy**. I was wondering if you could maybe put a "blurb" in the next Moc Tel to help me find them. They have paid their dues up to 2010, but have gone right off my radar. Thanks in advance, see you at the picnic. If you have a Yukon flag could you bring it? Myrt has ours and I forgot to get it from her.

Larry Chalmers [aksala49@telus.net](mailto:aksala49@telus.net) (In Oliver BC)

*Sorry we do not have a Yukon Flag – but if someone in Yukon could entrust us with one for such occasions it would be helpful.*

## SUMMERLAND PICNIC

*Two serving spoons as well as a plate and cutlery from the previous year were left behind and I have brought them home. If you are missing them I will hold them for you.*

*Home now from the picnic in Summerland and the flag did arrive. Myrt Raymond passed it on to Alex and Shirley Hughes who brought it, and it went back to Kelowna with Marc Steinbach. Marc brought Ethel Colbourne down to the picnic from Kelowna they were first there when we arrived, Ethel turned 95 on June 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*Ethel was pleased to see the following photo which I printed and took along for her. Her husband Jack was a Mayor in Dawson. The best guess for the dating of the photo was about 1961. She said her sons John now age 61(1947) was born in Dawson and Tom now*

*age 51 (1957) was born in Vancouver. And that she went out to Vancouver for the birth of her second son, because "the doctor wasn't always around – sometimes he was away fishing". – Sherron*



This is Colbournes. Jack and Ethel, John is the tall boy, and, Tommy is the little one. This card could have come to me from Penticton where the Colbourne's first lived after leaving Dawson. They later moved to Kelowna.

Part of what it says on the back of the card is "we are fine and are going to Houston for Christmas." I might have still been in Dawson when I received the card. They left before I did as I recall.

Emily Stillwell [eistillwell\\*sasktel.net](mailto:eistillwell@sasktel.net) (In Moose Jaw)

## **RCMP TECH & FRIEND REMEMBERED**

Hi Sherron,

What a busy lady you are producing such an informative MocTel for us, as well as being a hostess to any, or many, friends and acquaintances travelling your way!

Thanks for the MocTel. I think Norm Bastien's photograph of the 'Klondike' is one of the best I've seen.

Re. the RCMP techs. I have a photograph of Joe Wlasitz and his wife Eleonore taken at the 1964 RCMP Ball and at the New Year's party of 1965.

A July 1966 note in my journal states "Joe leaving tomorrow". I didn't write where he was going but I'm fairly sure it was the time they left the Yukon. Alas, we did not keep in touch for me to be able to confirm that.

You have a busy summer ahead, so remember to take some rest periods!

Regards to Bill,

Dorothy Sorensen [redshoes@klondiker.com](mailto:redshoes@klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)

*Dorothy's husband Harry Sorensen served in the RCMP and died at a young age. As a matter of coincidence friends of Dorothy and Harry Sorensen's joined the MocTel this week; they are John and Nadia Hodgson. John and Harry worked and hunted together, while Dorothy and Nadia were both nurses. – Sherron*

How interesting that you should hear from John Hodgson coinciding with my info. re. Joe Wlasitz. I'll see what I can do about a photo when I have a tad more time.

Harry was a Special Constable with the RCMP. We were married in 1966, had a beautiful daughter [Kirsten] in 1969 and were shattered to learn Harry had leukaemia in 1970. There were no bone marrow transplants etc at that time and after nine months of chemotherapy and blood transfusions, Harry died in Jan. 1971. He was 38 years old.

I looked after Harry at home and of course, will never forget Nellie coming to stay with me following her evening shift at the hospital to be with us the night Harry died. We have kept in touch over the years, a Christmas exchange of news, and met only once in the interim, in Kirsten's Vancouver apartment. It was a bit startling when John and Nadia walked in and Nadia's first exclamation was "Harry!" I'm delighted, Kirsten has always looked like her Dad.

I'm hoping to meet the Hodgsons and other old RCMP friends at the big reunion planned for April 2009 here in Whitehorse.

Dorothy

## **RCMP MENTIONS IN MOCTEL BRING BACK MEMORIES**

Hello Sherron - I found the articles in Issue number 256 regarding the RCMP interesting. In regards to the YTG radio repeater system we used in the Yukon. I found in Watson Lake between 1978 - 1980 a MISUSE of the keypad (on a quiet night of course) found you could easily play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" by utilizing the numbers 1 thru 3. I never did it THAT much but about 10 years later when stationed in Pincher Creek, Alberta I got to know a mechanic who had been stationed at the YTG highway maintenance camp on the Robert Campbell Highway north of Watson Lake. He said they would hear the RCMP calls via the YTG network and I

related the story about being able to play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on the keypad. He lit up and said "that was YOU"!! We would hear this every now and then and wonder what was going on!  
You're doing a great job.  
I made it back to Yukon after a 12 year absence and am enjoying catching up as well as seeing "old" friends again.

Reg Jensen [excopper@gmail.com](mailto:excopper@gmail.com) Abbotsford, BC

## LADIES SOFTBALL – Taku Team



### TAKU 1967 – 68 ?

BACK ROW : “Mugsy” JOE, Marg SHULTZ, Jean KENNEDY, Irene KOSMENKO, Jean GRAHAM, Norma BURRELL , Keith SIMPSON (coach)

FRONT ROW : Diane MITCHELL (now BACKE), Willie OLSEN, Gloria GRAHAM, Doreen KREITZER

*Hi Ken, Haven't heard from Jean Kennedy yet -- but thought you might like to let her know I saw some of the people associated with the photo at the Summerland picnic today.*

*Norm (& Sheila) Becker (from Penticton) was with the Taku at the time and started the team as I understand it. Also Keith & Pat Simpson came up from the coast (they have a new car and decided to come for a drive - they picked up -- on the way.) Also Albert & Irene Kosmenko were there from Osoyoos.*

*Hope you are able to get Jean's correct E-mail address.*

*Ken did you tell me on the phone what the name is of the lady in the front row of the picture. If so I have forgotten it.*

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

I passed your note on to Jean and she said that she will be in touch.

The girl in the front row is Diane Backe. Her maiden name was Mitchell and she married John Bakke from Haines Junction. I believe that they are on the MocTel.

Sounds like it was a good turnout for the OK Yukoners.

Will talk to you soon.

Ken Jones [k29j32@shaw.ca](mailto:k29j32@shaw.ca) (In Chilliwack)

I finally found my old photo album since the move to Kamloops, and according to my picture the lady beside Mugsy was Marg Shultz. I don't know if she was related to Shultz that used to work for White Pass. I have Doreen Kreitzer (?) she was married to Jack I think.

Diane (MITCHELL) Backe [hj1016@shaw.ca](mailto:hj1016@shaw.ca) (In Kamloops BC)

### **Start of the 2008 Yukon River Quest**

Submitted by Tim Kinvig [kinvig@northwestel.net](mailto:kinvig@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Race start on Main Street Whitehorse – June 25, 2008  
Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig [kinvig\\*northwestel.net](mailto:kinvig*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig [kinvig\\*northwestel.net](mailto:kinvig*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Race underway on Yukon River at Whitehorse – June 25, 2008  
Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig [kinvig\\*northwestel.net](mailto:kinvig*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

Start of the 2008 Yukon River Quest.

Updates from this years race can be seen at <http://www.yukonriverquest.com/>.

Cheers,

Tim Kinvig

Race Schedule from this point on – --- info from website  
<http://www.yukonriverquest.com/>

### **Wednesday, June 25**

#### **8-10:30 a.m. – Positioning of boats & final inspections at Rotary Park. IMPORTANT**

–Volunteers will be coordinating vehicle access to avoid congestion. Solo and tandem boats will be lined up by groups of numbers every half hour in the grassy areas.

Voyageurs will be launched and moved to their starting locations on the river. Detailed information and assigned arrival times at pre-race briefing on Tuesday. After boat and gear are in place and vehicle is moved, then there will be a final inspection of your boat and gear.

**10:45-11:30 a.m. – Movement of boats to the riverbank.** Solo and tandem teams return to move boats to assigned spots on the river bank.

**11:30-12 noon – Proceed to Starting Line.** All teams need to be at starting line under YRQ banner on Main Street between 1st and 2nd by 12 noon.

**12 noon – Welcome and Introduction of Teams** – Brief speeches and teams are introduced along with their bib sponsors.

**12:30 p.m. – Start of 2008 Yukon River Quest!** Teams run to end of Main, take a right on First Ave. for a block, and then cross left over to the marked heritage trail south along river bank to their boats.

**Thursday, June 26**

**6:00 a.m. – Carmacks checkpoint opens** at Coal Mine Campground, about 2K past the bridge, on the right just before the Campbell Hwy. intersection.

**Friday, June 27**

**6:30 a.m. – Carmacks checkpoint closes.**

**12 noon – Dawson City checkpoint opens** on Yukon River dike between gazebo and historic CIBC bank building.

**Saturday, June 28**

**5-7 p.m. – Reception for Racers at Forty Mile Gold, 3rd and York**

**Evening - Diamond Tooth Gerties** open for racers (tickets in packets), sponsored by Klondike Visitors Association, 4th and Queen.

**Sunday, June 29**

**8:30 a.m. (or sooner) – Dawson City checkpoint closes** after arrival of last team.

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Awards banquet at Diamond Tooth Gerties, 4th and Queen.** Catered by Percy De Wolfe Society and Northland Beverages. Banquet tickets added to racer packets. Extras may be purchased from YRMPA at registration.



## COMMISSIONERS TEA



Palma Berger & Susan Andreef  
Photo courtesy Susan Andreef (In Parksville)

Hi Sherron,

Tell Susan they were great photos she took of the Commissioners Tea in Dawson.

That is indeed me sitting beside Susan at a table in the grounds. She had an Australian group in her tour group. She pointed them out and there were even 2 couples from my home town of Brisbane, Australia.

I went over and they had many questions for a fellow Brisbaneite about living in Dawson City. (I have lived here for 44 years.) But I had an enjoyable visit with them.

You do great work with the Moccasin Telegraph, by the way.

Cheerio

Palma Berger [fpbrgr\\*northwestel.net](mailto:fpbrgr*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## **OKANAGAN YUKONERS PICNIC 2008**

A few pics from the OK picnic. Some have already been shown, but if you can use any just go ahead. Arrived back home Thursday night after enjoyable trip. Hope you enjoy the weekend in QB.

Cheers to you both,

Gus and Blanche Barrett [sourdoughs2\\*shaw.ca](mailto:sourdoughs2*shaw.ca) (In Qualicum Beach)



Blanche Barrett & Martha Kerr  
Photo courtesy Gus Barrett



Ethel Colbourn (Kelowna) & Blanche Barrett (Qualicum Beach)  
Photo courtesy Gus Barrett



Don Morrison, Sheila & Norm Becker (Penticton), Bill Jones (Vernon)  
Photo courtesy Gus Barrett



Jules Morgan (Whitehorse), Sophie Armitage (Kelowna), Martha Kerr (Kelowna)  
Photo courtesy Gus Barrett



I did not get their names of the couple talking to Pat Campbell.  
Photo courtesy Gus Barrett

## **THIS EXPERIMENT IS QUITE SHOCKING –**

How much energy is required to pop corn? – with a cell phone ! Quite shocking!

<http://www.koreus.com/video/telephone-portable-mais-popcorn.html>

U-tube has both types of video some suggesting it does work and others suggesting it does not.

- Sherron

This is a warning to all the travelers of the 'Moccasin Telegraph'!!!  
One needs a little laugh once in a while, but mind you anything is possible.

Cheers, Fred Berger [fbrgr\\*northwestel.net](mailto:fbrgr*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## **NEW AIRLINE RULES**

Attendant: Welcome aboard Ala Carte Air, sir. May I see your ticket?

Passenger: Sure.

Attendant: You're in seat 12B. That will be \$5, please!

Passenger: What for?

Attendant: For telling you where to sit.

Passenger: But I already knew where to sit.

Attendant: Nevertheless, we are now charging a seat locator fee of \$5. It's the airline's new policy.

Passenger: That's the craziest thing I ever heard. I won't pay it.

Attendant: Sir, do you want a seat on this flight, or not?

Passenger: Yes, yes. All right, I'll pay. But the airline is going to hear about this.

Attendant: Thank you. My goodness, your carry-on bag looks heavy. Would you like me to stow it in the overhead compartment for you?

Passenger: That would be swell, thanks.

Attendant: No problem. Up we go, and done! That will be \$10, please.

Passenger: What?

Attendant: The airline now charges a \$10 carry-on assistance fee.

Passenger: This is extortion. I won't stand for it.

Attendant: Actually, you're right, you can't stand. You need to sit, and fasten your seat belt. We're about to push back from the gate. But, first I need that \$10.

Passenger: No way!

Attendant: Sir, if you don't comply, I will be forced to call the air marshal. And you really don't want me to do that.

Passenger: Why not? Is he going to shoot me?

Attendant: No, but there's a \$50 air-marshal hailing fee.

Passenger: Oh, all right, here, take the \$10. I can't believe this.

Attendant: Thank you for your cooperation, sir. Is there anything else I can do for you?

Passenger: Yes. It's stuffy in here, and my overhead fan doesn't seem to work. Can you fix it?

Attendant: Your overhead fan is not broken, sir. Just insert two quarters into the overhead coin slot for the first five minutes.

Passenger: The airline is charging me for cabin air?

Attendant: Of course not, sir. Stagnant cabin air is provided free of charge. It's the circulating air that costs 50 cents.

Passenger: I don't have any quarters. Can you make change for a dollar?

Attendant: Certainly, sir! Here you go!

Passenger: But you've given me only three quarters for my dollar.

Attendant: Yes, there's a change making fee of 25 cents.

Passenger: For cryin' out loud. All I have left is a lousy quarter? What the heck can I do with this?

Attendant: Hang onto it. You'll need it later for the lavatory.

## ARTISTIC TALENT



Lake Superior

Heinrich Lohmann [heinrich\\*lohmann.ca](mailto:heinrich*lohmann.ca) (In Airdrie AB)

## OBIT

**Cynthia DRESSLER**-On Wednesday, June 18, 2008, Cynthia Evelyn (Cindy) Dressler, (nee Graham), late of Winnipeg, Manitoba, peacefully rose to the loving arms of her Father at the age of 53 years. Predeceased by her father, Tom Graham in 2002 and her brother Trevor in 1983, Cindy is survived by her mother, Pearl Graham of Fort St. James, BC; **husband Max** of Winnipeg, MB; sons Rob of Kamloops, BC and Eric of Calgary, AB; brothers Tom (Wilma) Graham of Prince George, BC and Tyler (Katie) Graham of Fort St. James, BC; sisters, Gloria (Richard) Oullette of Fort St. James, BC, Charlene (Jay) Bobrowich of Salmon Arm, BC, Kelly (Wayne) Akister of Cheadle, AB, Corinne (Bob) Sinclair of Prince George, BC; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Cindy was born in Vanderhoof, BC on March 13, 1955. An outgoing and devoted student, she excelled at athletics and garnered a reputation as an accomplished athlete. She and her husband Max were married on September 14, 1974 and until the 1990's resided throughout western Canada as part of the **RCMP** family. **Their sons, Rob and Eric were born in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory in 1977 and 1979 respectively.** Cindy and Max have resided in Winnipeg since January, 2007. Cindy's loves in life were her God,

family and friends. Her spirit, selflessness, kindness, wonderful sense of humour and love for others were without equal. These wonderful gifts served her well as she fought and ultimately reigned over the devastating affliction of Schizo-affective Disorder. Cindy was the most beautiful human being and the world has shone much brighter for it. A Celebration of Cindy's life will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Westhill Park Baptist Church, 8025 Sherwood Drive, Regina with Rev. Henry Friesen officiating. Flowers gratefully declined. Friends so wishing may make donations, in memoriam, to the Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan, 2123 Broad Street, Regina S4P 1Y6. An online book of condolences may be signed at [www.speersfuneralchapel.com](http://www.speersfuneralchapel.com) Published in the Regina Leader-Post on 6/21/2008.

Just returned from the funeral in Armstrong for the late **Fr. Boyd**. – Sheila Becker (Penticton)

**Rev. Leo Alexander Boyd**, O.M.I., passed away peacefully on June 22, 2008 at Jubilee Hospital in Vernon, BC. He was born October 14, 1925 in Blaine Lake, SK and was ordained to the priesthood in the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, June 11, 1953 in Battleford, SK.

Fr. Leo is survived by two brothers, Rev. Ian Boyd, csb of Seton Hall, So Orange, NJ, and Dr. Mark Boyd of Montreal (wife Lise), two sisters, Betty Boyd of Edmonton, AB and Mary Dantzer of Vernon, BC and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by two brothers, Dr. Angus Boyd and Dr. Donald Boyd.

Services will be held as follows:

St. Joseph's Church, 3335 Patterson St., Armstrong, BC. Prayers: Tuesday, June 24th at 7:00 pm; Funeral Mass - Wednesday, June 25th at 11:00 am. Reception follows.

St. Augustine's Church, 2028 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. Prayers: Sunday, June 29th at 7:30 pm; Mass of Christian Burial - Monday, June 30th at 11:00 am. Reception follows. Interment at the Oblate Cemetery in Mission, BC.

**Fr. Leo Boyd's Obediences included: Missionary in Telegraph Creek, Teslin, Fort Nelson and Cassiar. He was Assistant Pastor at Whitehorse, Mayo, Penticton and Prince Rupert.** He served as Pastor at Onoway, AB, Saltspring Island and went to Armstrong, BC as Pastor in 1995. He served on St. Paul's Provincial Council from 1987 to 1993.

Fr. Leo will be fondly remembered as a dedicated priest, a fine gentleman with a good sense of humour, a great gift of hospitality and an excellent cook. He also enjoyed carpentry and was part of the team that carried out an extensive renovation project of historic St. Mary's Church on the Splat'sin Indian Reserve in Enderby, BC in 2007. He was also involved with earlier renovation projects at St. Joseph's and St. Ann's and some of the carpentry was actually done in his woodworking shop behind the rectory at St. Joseph's in Armstrong. Fr. Leo will be missed; may he rest in peace.

## **NEW ADDITIONS**

Just received a copy from my sister in law Jessie Mennie in Nanaimo. I have been aware of your work for some time through old Yukon friends like Pat King and George Bliss and feel it's time I subscribed as well.

I transferred to Whitehorse from Sydney Nova Scotia with the RCMP in May of 1959. I met my wife to be, Nellie Sideroff, a Nurse at the Whitehorse General Hospital, that same year. I was then transferred to Dawson for the next three years and during that time, returned to Whitehorse where Nellie and I were married in 1961. Our son Jeff was born at the Whse Gen. Hosp. while I was stationed in Carmacks. Our daughter was born while I was stationed in Inuvik and we returned to Whitehorse in 1969. We were posted 'Outside' in June of 1971 to Yorkton and finally retired in Regina SK in 1978. The Yukon will always be our real home. We still love to visit there and will be coming back for an RCMP reunion in 2009. Thanks for all your great efforts.

John and Nadia (Nellie) Hodgson [jhodgson\\*accesscomm.ca](mailto:jhodgson*accesscomm.ca) (In Regina)

*The following two additions phoned after the Summerland Picnic and asked to be added. I am hoping they will send us a bit of a bio of their years in Whitehorse. - Sherron*

PILLOUD, Ray & Diane (HARBOTTLE) [raydi\\*telus.net](mailto:raydi*telus.net) (In Whitehorse) Kelowna

SIMPSON, Keith & Pat [patkeith6\\*gmail.com](mailto:patkeith6*gmail.com) (In Whitehorse 1965-77) Surrey

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HORNER, Roger [Roger.Horner\\*gov.yk.ca](mailto:Roger.Horner*gov.yk.ca) (In Whitehorse since 1986)

## **REQUESTS FOR REMOVAL AFTER MESSAGE SENT OUT**

*This message was sent out to those who joined in 2006 or prior. I am hoping that you are enjoying the 'MocTel' and would care to contribute to the effort by purchasing a subscription. I do not expect back payment but would appreciate a contribution of \$20.00 for 2008. - Sherron*

Can take me off the subscriber list for now? Thanks.

Barbara

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Would you please remove me from your mailing list.

Terry Greenslade  
GREENSLADE, Terry [tbgreenslade@telus.net](mailto:tbgreenslade@telus.net) (In Whitehorse)

Actually Sherron, the MocTel is worth more than \$20 for those who are interested in all the 'historical stories', but for myself, I feel it is not something which I get alot out of. Truthfully, I enjoy more of the present moment and being with people personally, sitting down and having a visit face to face. It's just my procrastination on acting on this feeling for awhile and thanks for making me either 'poop or get off the pot'. Please remove me from your email listing. I know you are doing great work for those who appreciate 'the past'. Sincerely, Mary Carr

CARR, Mary (Stueck) [dermarcarr@sasktel.net](mailto:dermarcarr@sasktel.net) (In Whitehorse and Dawson 1974-82, - 98)  
Rosthern, SK

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*In the hopes of reaching the moon men fail to see the flowers that blossom at their feet.*  
*Albert Schweitzer*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I made these muffins and found them not only healthy but quite tasty.  
Donna Clayson [yukonlady@albertacom.com](mailto:yukonlady@albertacom.com) (In Ardrossan AB)

### CRANBERRY CINNAMON BRAN MUFFINS

From the G.I. Diet Clinic book, author Rick Gallop

These muffins are very nutritious with a high fibre content and have a great cinnamon flavour.

1 cup wheat bran  
½ cup All-Bran of 100% Bran cereal  
¼ tsp salt  
½ cup boiling water  
1 cup skim milk  
1 cup dried cranberries  
1/3 cup Splenda (I use powdered Stevia)  
1 omega-3 egg  
¼ cup canola oil  
1 ¼ cups whole wheat flour  
1 ¼ tsp baking soda  
1 tsp ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375F degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper or foil liners. (I just sprayed my tin with Pam)

In a bowl, combine bran, cereal and salt. Pour boiling water over and stir to combine. Stir in milk and cranberries and set aside.

In another bowl, stir together flour, baking soda and cinnamon. Pour bran mixture over flour mixture and stir until just combined.

Divide batter among cups. Bake for about 20 minutes or until tester inserted in centre of muffin comes out clean.

Makes 12 muffins

Note: These muffins can be kept at room temperature for about 2 days or frozen for up to 1 month. (Wrap each muffin individually before freezing to help prevent freezer burn then place them in a resealable plastic bag or air tight container).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Vancouver Island Picnic at St Mary's Hall, Nanoose BC, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Time is 11am-4pm

Held rain or shine. There is indoor accommodation.

Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

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

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