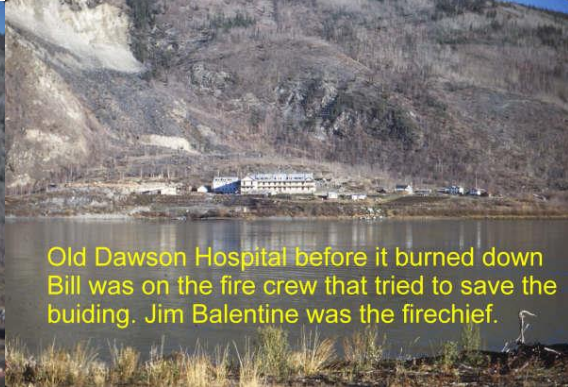


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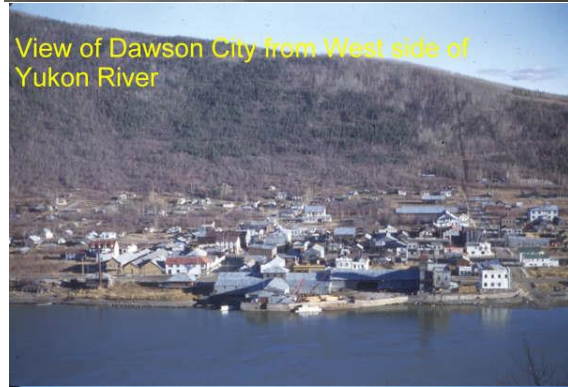
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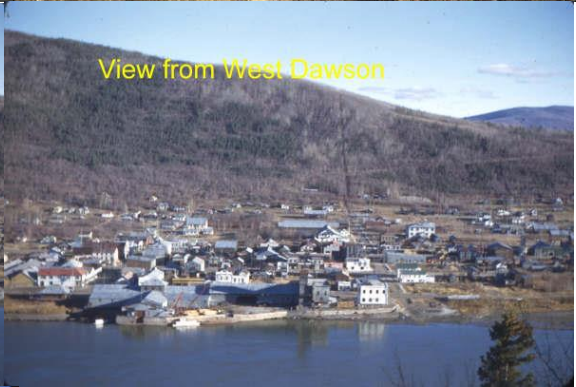
Late 1930's photos courtesy Bill Braga bill.braga@shaw.ca (In Calgary)



Old Dawson Hospital before it burned down
Bill was on the fire crew that tried to save the building. Jim Balentine was the firechief.



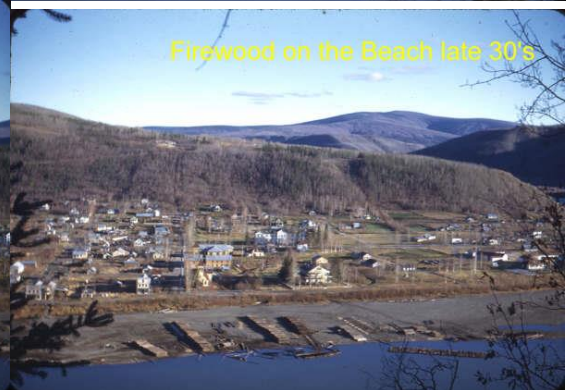
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View from West Dawson



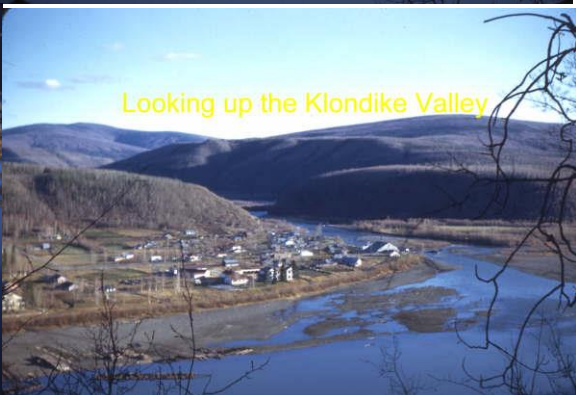
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Looking up the Klondike Valley

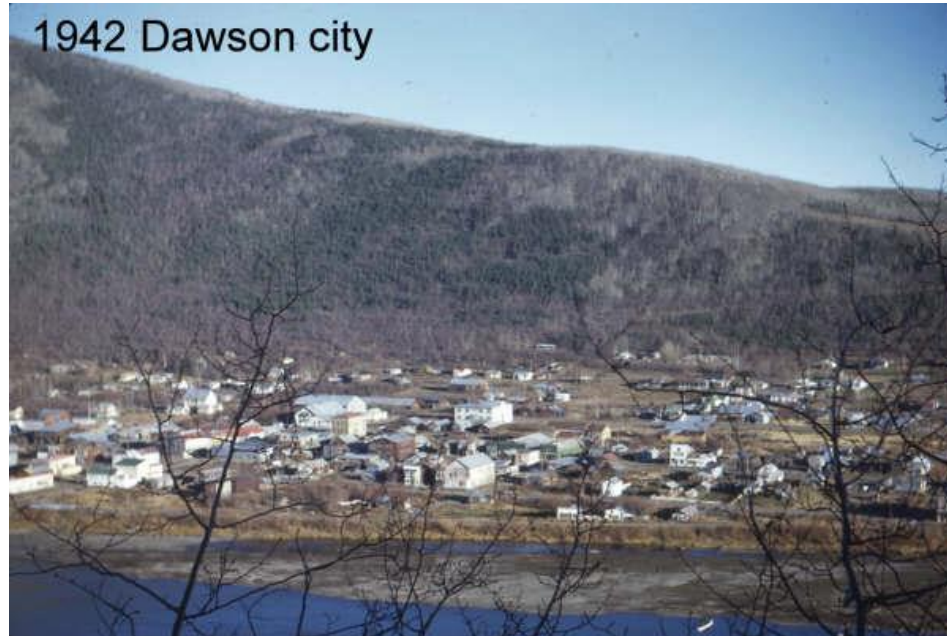


Photo courtesy Bill Braga bill.braga*shaw.ca (In Calgary)

22nd Gold Show Declared a Hit

by Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)
May 21, 2008

The area around the Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre was abuzz with activity on May 16 and 17 as the 22nd Annual Gold Show drew townsfolk and visitors from afar to sample the industry related exhibits and others as well. Organizers are very pleased with the outcome.

“This year we had new exhibitors from Langley, Prince George and Whitehorse,” said Chamber of Commerce president Dina Grenon. “We also had more exhibitors than ever before - there is an interest in what is happening in the North and more specifically in the Klondike region due to the high price of gold.”

There were sixty-eight booths rented out for the show this year, and the demand was enough that some of the locals combined their efforts to free up space for visitors.

Aside from the usual government booths (Economic Development, Mineral Resources, Communications, EMR) there were industry related exhibitors (heavy equipment, electronics, hardware suppliers, gas and oil suppliers), local organizations (Dawson City Museum, Klondike Visitors Assoc. the Royal Canadian Legion) and a number of local stores (Trading Post, Klondike Nugget and Ivory, Circle Cycle). There were three aisles of displays inside, while the heavy equipment and the plant sales filled up 4th Avenue and the parking lot outside. At the back of the arena the craft sales area provided relief for those who needed a break from the industry related booths for a bit.

"The Gold show represents the beginning of our Summer season, and marks the opening of several seasonal operations in our town," said Bill Holmes, marketing director for the KVA.

"This years show was the most well attended in recent memory and I expect that translates to an excellent economic boost for our town. Kudos to our Chamber and it's members for a well planned, successful event."



Crafts, jewelry, photographs and other artwork filled the popular craft fair.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Dina Grenon said that the concept continues to evolve from year to year. This year, for instance, after several years of poor turnouts for the technical talks, the organizers took them out of the program. "There are mixed reviews about the technical talks being removed. The Gold Show Committee listened to what exhibitors and participants have had to say in the past years and that was one area that interest was waning."

That doesn't mean they might not make a comeback if the interest is high enough. That's what happened with the Klondike Placer Miners' Association breakfast.

"The KPMA breakfast was revived and seemed to be a hit. Overall the responses that we received to the survey was positive and the committee will look at the suggestions carefully when planning next year's show."

Grenon gave a great deal of credit to Cheryl Thompson the chamber's part time office manager and chief coordinator for the weekend.

‘Cheryl did a great job on this year's show and the Chamber appreciates all the hard work and dedication that she puts into everything she does. I believe that she is the strongest reason the show went well.’



The Fry Arena was busy for two days.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Drill - Geotech work anyone?
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Mini shovel. Is this just the thing for smaller operations?
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



This machine is probably not what people mean when they speak of a **tree hugger**.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Local **plant** sellers vied with Yukon Gardens for customers.?
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Hi Ken

Isn't there a connection to your family here too?

Sherron

Yes, there is a connection with our family. Mom would know more accurately and more detail than I. She has shared with me that during WW II my grandparents (Jack and Adele McMurphy) ran the hotel and my grandmother apparently was a hit with the soldiers because of her baking. As a young lad I remember going to the cafe to have a coke and listen to the juke box. Of course we all remember Polly the parrot. One of the stories from the cafe was that you could have a beer on Sunday provided you had something to eat. Apparently one day someone actually ate the cheese sandwich so they had to make another one.

I have CC'd this to Mom [Millie (McMurphy) Jones] so that she can give you more information about the Hotel.

Bye for now

Ken Jones k29j32@shaw.ca (In Chilliwack)

Hotel being restored to its original charm

Submitted by Donna Clayson yukonlady@albertacom.com (In Ardrossan)

It was dragged by scow across a frozen Bennett Lake to Carcross at the turn of the century.

By Jason Unrau on June 20, 2008



Left, Matthew Watson General Store – Right, The Caribou Hotel
Photo by Whitehorse Star

REFURBISHING HISTORY

- The Caribou Hotel (right) in Carcross is expected to reopen in 2010 - a century after it was rebuilt.

It was dragged by scow across a frozen Bennett Lake to Carcross at the turn of the century.

On Christmas Eve 1909, it burned to the ground but rose from the ashes a year later. After the sinking of the Princess Sophia in 1918, it became the permanent home to a cantankerous parrot named Polly.

Always a lively gathering place during the Yukon's heyday, the Caribou Hotel in Carcross - one of the oldest buildings in the Southern Lakes region - is getting another shot at glory thanks to Anne Morgan and Jamie Toole.

After acquiring the boarded-up building in 2006, the Yukon couple have been busy fixing the historic wooden structure.

"It was pretty rough, I must say," Morgan said Wednesday of the hotel, which needed a new foundation, new roof and water cistern constructed.

Toole, who operates a contracting business, has used his know-how to revive the building's infrastructure.

"He's done an amazing job," said Morgan.

"He lifted (the hotel) 30 inches in the air, poured a new foundation and dropped the hotel back on to it and before that he had to reframe and restabilize everything; it's quite remarkable, really."

And that's just for starters, as Morgan aims to return the hotel back to its original charm.

"It is going to be fabulous and it will open and operate like a turn of the century hotel, except it will have modern plumbing," she said with a laugh.

"Jamie and I have loved the hotel for a long time, he brings the construction expertise and I'm a history fanatic ... history and antiques are where it's at for me."

So while Toole toils away, Morgan is on the lookout for original furniture and fixtures to go with the original piano, poker table and bird cage (that once housed Polly), which came with the hotel.

"The story we've been told is the piano came over the Chilkoot Pass. It's difficult to prove, I know, but a lot of pianos went over the pass so it's quite possible," said Morgan. It's one of the many curious stories associated with the newest designated historical site in Yukon.

On June 6, the Caribou Hotel joined four similarly designated buildings - two in Mayo and another pair in Dawson City - to hold the unique status under the Yukon Historic Resources Act.

The designation allows for heritage funding from the government's Historic Properties Program and Heritage Resources fund. To date, Morgan and Toole have received more than \$65,000 to assist with bringing the building up to code and back to life.

While both have been grateful for the funding, Morgan estimates the entire project will cost between \$1 million to \$1.5 million to complete before 2010 - the planned opening - 100 years after it was rebuilt.

The original hotel - a clapboard two-storey structure - was hauled in from Bennett and opened in Carcross as the Anderson Hotel in 1901.

Two years later, Dawson Charlie, one of the first to discover gold in the Klondike, purchased it for \$9,000 and renamed it the Caribou Hotel.

Following Dawson Charlie's death in 1908, Edwin and Bessie Gideon rented it from his estate, then rebuilt it after the disastrous fire, in which only the poker table, a few dressers and the piano were saved.

Morgan admits it's going to be difficult to track down any remaining original furniture but the stories are safely stored in her mind's repository.

So what about Polly the parrot?

"Polly came to live in the hotel when Captain (James) Alexander and his wife were going south for the winter so they brought the bird and asked the hotel to look after it," Morgan said of Polly's guardians - Alexander owned Engineer Mine and was B.C. Minister of Mines

"But after they drowned when the Princess Sophia sank, Polly remained at the hotel. He had quite a foul mouth, apparently."

The ghost of Bessie Gideon - who died in 1933 - has been reported by many guests to be haunting the hotel.

According to eyewitnesses, Bessie is a shy spirit who is neither friendly nor spiteful. In addition to Polly and Bessie, the hotel has provided accommodations to visiting dignitaries, scores of tourists, big game hunters, gold-seekers and long-term stays for stationed RCMP.

The hotel also housed and fed members of the United States Army during the construction of the Alaska Highway in 1942, which saw as many as 25 trains rolling through town each day, making Carcross a major transportation centre in the Yukon. While Morgan and Toole do not anticipate another Klondike invasion or engineering spectacle to pack their hotel (they've pared the rooms down to 11, making space for ensuite baths), the couple do hope their efforts will inspire more heritage work in Carcross.

"What I'd like to see is the train station, Matthew Watson General Store, all those original buildings on Main Street that have been there since 1909, I'd like to see that maintained for future generations," said Morgan.

RUSTY REID

Tomorrow is Friday June 20th I will take my fiddle & keyboard and head for Pete & Sharon Jensen's Ranch just ten miles this side of Carmacks. Pete & Sharon take care of people's horses when they go south for the winter. They built this huge barn to store hay in. Joe Loutchan and the gang (including me) played for the first barn dance and have been playing for it every year since. It's a real family type of a gathering.

There is a pot-luck supper and there is sure lots of food. There is lots of different kinds of wild meat. A lot of the people have brought their motorhomes and campers and stay over night. Pete & Sharon bought the 29 foot trailer with the pullout from me a couple of years ago and I get to stay in it whenever I go up there.

I will have to ask her when they built it. I will take some pictures of the event and send them to you after I get back on Sunday.

Rusty Reid rustyreid@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

FRANK B

I really enjoyed reading about the big Takhini Fire in the latest Moc Tel.

Sherron, in the winter of 1973-74 I lived in Burwash and befriended an old french fellow by the name of Frank B. If memory serves correct he would have been in his later '70s at that time. I don't know how he spelled his name but that is how it was pronounced - as in Bee.

He lived at the Burwash Lodge in a rented cabin by himself. The lodge was owned by Betty and Leland Allenger at the time.

I used to go and visit with Frank all the time and enjoyed his many stories about mining and digging mine shafts and how to lay the cribbing etc.. and then I lost track of him.

I am curious if any of your readers knew or know of this man. He was a real gentleman, and a friend to an inquisitive young fellow. I've always wondered where he came from and where he went.

Thanks Sherron for all your hard work!

Rick Mortimer trapperyt@gmail.com (In Saskatchewan)

TAKHINI FOREST FIRE

I remember all the smoke, ashes, red sun, etc.... and a much excited talk around town as how to evacuate the area if the wind should change directions. It was in July, 1958.

Tom Law tlaw*navigonet.com (Whitehorse)

OKANAGAN PICNIC PHOTOS

What a delight to see the pictures, Sherron.

I wonder if Bobbie (Parkin) Morgan was someone I went to school with in Whitehorse...I thought her name was Bobbie Parkins and the girl I knew had the middle name of Olive. Same one?

Regards,

Roberta {Close} Johansen hrjohan*telus.net (In Prince George)

Hi Jack and Vern.

Can one of you answer if Roberta (Bobbie's) middle name is Olive?

Sherron

Hi Sherron

Yes, Bobbie's middle name is Olive, and yes she did go to school with Roberta Close..

I did enjoy the Picnic, saw some "old" faces. Will have to try for next year again

Jack Parkin jparkincfp@shaw.ca (In Creston BC)

BEAVER CREEK CONNECTION

What a pleasant surprise I had today.

I went to to one of the liquor stores to get rid of some beer cans and wine bottles, and when I came out, there was a gentleman standing near the back of my Tracker. He asked me what part of the Yukon I was from (having seen my license plate so I told him that I was born in Mayo, and raised in Beaver Creek, Teslin and Whitehorse.

When I mentioned Beaver Creek, he said, "Beaver Creek??? 1202?"

To which I replied, "Yes".

"You know Beaver Creek?", I asked.

To which he replied, " Yes, I was stationed there in 1973."

"What is your name?", I asked, as now my interest was really piqued.

"Trev Davidson."

"Oh, my goodness, Customs", I replied. "Gee whiz, I have not seen you since I was this high," and after doing some quick math, the last time I saw Trev, I was 14, so that works out to be 34 years ago.....Wow!!! how time flies.

I stuck my hand out, and said," You will not likely remember me, but you will remember my dad, Glen Campbell."

So we exchanged stories and then, before they left, I mentioned about the Yukoner's Picnic in the Okanagan, and he said that a friend of his went. I asked who that might be, to which he said, "Don Murray."

It turns out he and Linda were in Summerland last weekend, but had not heard about the picnic. I let him know that there is one coming up in August and it is on the Island in Nanoose Bay. So I hope that he and Linda will be able to make it there.

I do not know how long he was there in Beaver Creek, but he was still there in 1974 when I went to Whitehorse to go to school.

I have forwarded him a copy of the Special edition as well as a copy of the regular edition, so they may like to join.

I thought I would pass this on to you, and give you a heads up.

Hope this finds you both well

Sandy and Sadie Lynn
Sandy Campbell northernlyght*shaw.ca (In Langley)

BUD SKINNER

Are the recent issues of MocTel ever interesting. When you get to the next decade I should be able to contribute. I meant to ask Brent Tipple if the fellow with whiskers in the pix with Trudeau was Bud Skinner, but maybe you could ask him. Bud was removed from the list after just a few weeks because he couldn't keep up to reading them. How do you find time to compose them?

Bill Maylor billmaylor@gmail.com (In Neilburg SK)

Hi Brent

*Here is a question Bill Maylor has for you about a photo of Trudeau in the last MocTel --
- 256.*

Sherron

Hi Sherron:

It certainly looks like Bud, the guy he's talking to looks familiar as well.

I just got back from Whitehorse in the wee hours.

The Yukon is as beautiful as it ever was.

Even gave Water Survey a hand up on the Ashihik.

Cheers,
Brent Tipple Beasley*shaw.ca (In

HIGHWAY PATROL

This is not so much a story but a thank you to all the drivers, that I got to meet in my five years on highway patrol, who drove for White Pass and Cassiar Asbestos.

I was told on several occasions that if I ever needed assistance on the highway, I only had to flag down one of the trucks and I'd have the back-up that might otherwise be hours away. Knowing that assistance was close at hand was always reassuring especially considering the size of my patrol area which ran from Liard Hot Springs to the Alaska border above Beaver Creek, down to Atlin, the Campbell Highway, the Canol road, the Dempster, all the Klondike Highway and past Dawson to Little Gold, the Haines Highway down to the BC/Alaska border near Haines and up to Mayo and Keno and over to Tungsten. There were four members on highway patrol and we would take turns and be on the road for a week at a time, usually once every three or four weeks.

Well I suppose I could tell a tale involving Don Evans, CB handle "Fat Albert" who drove for White Pass but I wouldn't want to mention any names. Oops too late. I knew Don had a night run out of the Faro mine and I had to go to Ross River early that same morning. I had planned to meet him in Carmacks for breakfast but I guess he was running a little ahead of schedule or maybe I was running a little late. I had a CB radio in my patrol car most of the time and Don knew it was out for repairs on this particular trip. I was headed north along Fox Lake and met a White Pass truck who, as I found out later, radioed back that I was coming that direction. There were two more trucks following the first and Don was driving the last truck. Those who recall the highway by Fox Lake will remember it was quite up and down. Well Don thought it would be a big joke just to pull onto the left side of the road so that when I came over the hill all I saw was what appeared to be two trucks side-by-side, and he then pulled back to the right side of the road. Well his plan worked to a "T". He told me later that he thought my front bumper almost touched the road I was on the brakes so hard. I'm not sure if I ever got even with him for that or not. Some might remember Don was going across the bridge at Teslin with a truck and trailer when snow and ice came down off the bridge and through his windshield breaking both his arms. He was lucky to have survived that one.

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

WEATHER REPORT

You may be interested in a webpage I put up for another group I'm with.
You can find it at www.jrsports.ca/weathernorth.htm

I'm sure many of your readers would find it of interest as it gives the current weather as well as the short term and long term forecasts for most if not all northern communities.

George Bliss [jrsports*sasktel.net](mailto:jrsports@sasktel.net) (In Regina)

Yukon economy helps drive growing population: stats bureau

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

(Donna and her husband Bryan are soon to be part of this statistic themselves. They have bought a place in rural Whitehorse and will relocate this summer.)

[CBC News](#)

Recent statistics show the Yukon's population has steadily grown during the first three months of this year, something that the territory's statisticians attribute in part to a strong economy.

A total of 283 people moved to the Yukon between January and the beginning of April, meaning its population rose by 0.90 per cent to about 31,500, according to figures released Wednesday by Statistics Canada.

The agency says the Yukon's latest growth is considered to be the fastest growth rate in the country during that period, and the territory's fastest population growth since 1995.

By comparison, Canada's population rose by 0.24 per cent.

"It's indicating that we have a fairly strong economy in the Yukon," Greg Finnegan, director of the Yukon Bureau of Statistics, said Thursday. "People are attracted to places that have jobs and are nice to live in."

Statistics Canada also found that during the first three months of this year, the Yukon had its largest flow since 1988 of people migrating to the territory from other provinces. The territory also had its highest net increase ever of non-permanent residents, the agency said.

Finnegan said while it's always hard to determine why people come to the Yukon, its active mining and exploration sectors have attracted people north, whether it's as tourists or as new residents.

"We seem to have a very active mining and oil and gas exploration sector. And in the past year, we've actually seen exploration actually transfer into actual mining, with the opening of the Sherwood Copper Mine at Minto," he said.

"Secondly, our tourism economy is still quite solid," he added. "There have been concerns across the rest of Canada that we'd see a downturn in tourism in Canada, but Yukon seems to be bucking the trend."

By contrast, the Northwest Territories was the only province or territory with a shrinking population — Statistics Canada found that its population declined by 0.19 per cent between January and April this year.

Nunavut's population went up by only 0.03 per cent in the first three months of this year, which the agency says is one of the smallest population gains in Nunavut's nine-year history.

DAWSON CITY - Michael Gates was so eager to get started on his lecture at the Dawson City Museum last month that he could hardly wait to be introduced.

By Dan Davidson on June 27, 2008



REMNANTS OF A PAST ERA - This slide shows some of the variety of items still on the Claim #24 site in the Klondike gold fields in the early 1980s.

Photo by Dan Davidson

Michael Gates was so eager to get started on his lecture at the Dawson City Museum last month that he could hardly wait to be introduced.

But then, Gates lived in Dawson for so many years before moving to Whitehorse that only those who weren't locals needed to be told who he was.

Gold Run Creek, Gates told his audience, has historically been one of the richest and longest-lasting of the gold-bearing creeks in the Klondike, but little is known about it compared to Bonanza, Hunker, Dominion and Eldorado creeks.

Gates hopes to correct that by writing a book on the subject now that he has retired from his job with Parks Canada.

He has a lot of information already gathered, and the story, as his audience heard, ties in nicely with his own education as a historian and archeologist or, as he prefers to be called, a “history hunter.”

Gates’ fascination with Claim #24 began in 1982 when his wife, Kathy, pointed out something in the bush just off the poorly-maintained mining road they were driving along.

The “something” turned out to be a run-down cabin and various outbuildings, bits of machinery and signs of habitation. A miner had lived and had been at work here. The place drew him back again and again, something like the lyrics of Lana Rae’s song, Tattered Curtains, with its line “Tattered curtains on the windows of the past,” which Gates used to open his talk.

We study the past from what is left behind, be it stories or artifacts, and what Gates learned from his years of thinking about what he found at Claim #24, and from pouring over the photographic record that he assembled with the help of a small grant and the perceptive lenses of his photographer friend, Richard Hartmier, was that artifacts can only tell part of the tale.

The presentation at the museum included a very useful selection of slides and maps. They were useful because they enabled Gates to show the audience the artifacts upon which he had based his conclusions, and they were useful because none of them exist any longer. The area has been thoroughly mined over the last 110 years: first by hand, then by larger man-powered sluicing operations, then by dredges, then by Cat-driven placer operations. Parts of it are still being mined, and items left over from all those decades can be found, though not to the extent that Gates was able to find them in the 1980s.

Gates shared with the audience a partial list of the conclusions he had drawn from leftover liquor bottles, newspapers, tin containers recycled into a variety of useful items, and other things.

Some years later, he met a man who had lived on the site with the owner of the claim, James Lanoff. That man, Earl Bennett, was able to tell Gates that some of his conclusions had been correct and some had not.

The confusion came from the fact that Lanoff had had quite a few different partners or helpers stay with him over the 30 years or more he worked that claim in his off-seasons, when he wasn’t working for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corp. on a dredge. So more than one person had left traces on the site, and some of them contradicted each other.

Talking about the claim also provided the opportunity for Gates to discuss some of the finer points of placer mining, especially the type where shafts were sunk into the frozen ground to get to the bedrock.

Visitors from Outside were fascinated by this part of the talk and had a number of questions, including why it wasn't possible for tourists to simply come north with metal detectors and wander out on the tailings piles, as they do in some defunct mining areas in the lower 48 states.

The answer, of course, is that mining is far from dead here, and most of the places you might want to wander to are staked, with their claim holders taking a dim view of unauthorized gold seekers.

One of the ironies of Gates' discussions with Bennett was his discovery that the paydirt from the shaft Bennett and Lanoff had been working in 1952, the shaft that was still evident in 1982 before the Teck Corp. plowed through the area, had never been sluiced. Gates and Hartmier had probably stood right on top of it while they were looking things over and taking pictures.

Teck bulldozed it away without ever knowing it was there, not that it would have been a significant addition to their level of operation.

Of course, like a number of other writers and history hunters who have spent time in the Klondike, Gates came away from that adventure with gold of a different kind, and this was what he shared with his audience that night at the museum.

FISH LADDER IN WHITEHORSE

Here is the web address for the fish camera at the dam in Whitehorse.

<http://www.yukonenergy.ca/community/multimedia/fishcam>

Bill Jones ve7yi*shaw.ca (In Vernon BC)

1978 HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Sherron:

The graduating class of 1978 from FH Collins in Whitehorse is holding their 30th reunion on August 1 and 2 in Whitehorse.

At the moment there is currently an informal meet and greet slated for the Roadhouse on Friday night. On Saturday night a dinner and dance is being held At Mount McIntyre.

The organizing committee has been working diligently at trying to make sure everyone is aware of the event.

However, they still have a very long list of missing graduates.

Hopefully someone reading the Moc may know where some of these people ended up. Heck I bet some of them are even in Whitehorse!!

If so if they could contact Pam Bolton at pabolton*shaw.ca with their information, a registration form and more information could be sent out to them. There is also a group formed on Facebook, www.facebook.com, called "FH Collins Grad Class of 1978", where the entire grad section of the yearbook has been uploaded, as well as other graduation pictures. There are even a few photos of the 10 year reunion held back in the summer of 1988.

We are hoping to make this an every decade event, so it would be great to add more graduates to our data base.

I have also sent along a copy of the original graduation program, as well as a photo taken by Bill Lebarge, of the graduating class of 1978. This is the photo still hanging in FH Collins today!

Currently there are many graduates returning for the reunion, some from Calgary, Red Deer, Toronto, Victoria and Parksville. The event was planned for the first weekend in August as it is a long weekend in every other part of Canada.

It should be a great nostalgic weekend!

Missing Graduates: (Please note the last name in brackets is there known married name)

Jeanette Armstrong (Hoy)	Norman Campbell
Richard (Buddy) Arnold	James Chaisson
Charles Austin	Trenna Chute
Christine Axelson	Stuart Clark
Kevin Baltimore	David Critchfield
Bob Bell	Pam Critchfield
Dan Bellefleur	Patti Dahl
Brian Bidiuk	Bev Demchuk
Charles Blake	Richard Deacon
Kevin Blanchard	Kelly Dickson
Stewart Bond	Blaine Gattie
Paul Brais	Steve Gibbons
Jordy Bradley	Doug Gibson
Kathy Brown	Frank Gill
Debbie Butler	Judy Girling
Sarah Callow	Peter Grauwiler

Tom Grauwiler
Jody Gysler
Dale Hebert
Steve Henkel
Kerry Horoscoe
Steve Horton
Rick Hull
Darling Irving (Norquay)
Karyn-Lynn Jennings
Cory Joe
Tracey Joe
Arthur Johns
Laurel Lynn Johnson
Patti Johnston
Bev Jurovich
Mark Jutronic
Colleen Kelly
Harvey Kohler
Barbara Laing
Bill Lind
Jim Laniuk
Bill Lightle
Ed Lucier
Brian Lueck
Cameron Lyle
Vernon Marshall
Gary Martin
George Mease
Jim McMurphy
David McRae
Peter Murphy
Steve Murphy
Duncan Olsen
Dale Opel

Roxanne O'Neill
Todd Peever
Ken Peterson
Carole Pitcher
Karen Reams
Eric Redditt
Lynn Redford
Lynn Repstock
Brenda Sam
Marlene Scheelar (Bujdos)
Barry Schneider
Eddie Scurvy
Raymond Sidney
Geraldine Silverfox
Rachel Shorty
Heather Simmons
Clifford Smith
Paul Smith
Steven Smith
Danny Steele
Ron Sumanik
Wes Terrian
Bill Venton
Lori Walker
Colin Watson
Brenda Walter (Goddard)
Colin Watson
Lori Whymark
Colleen Williams
Kelly Wison
Roger Woolf
Dave Wreggitt
Rosemary Wreggitt

If anyone knows where we can get a hold of any of these graduates please contact Pam Bolton. If you are reading this article and we have completely missed you please contact as well. The data base was drawn up using the original grad program which has several typos, and doesn't necessarily mean accurate!!

Look forward to seeing you all in Whitehorse!!

- Complete List -

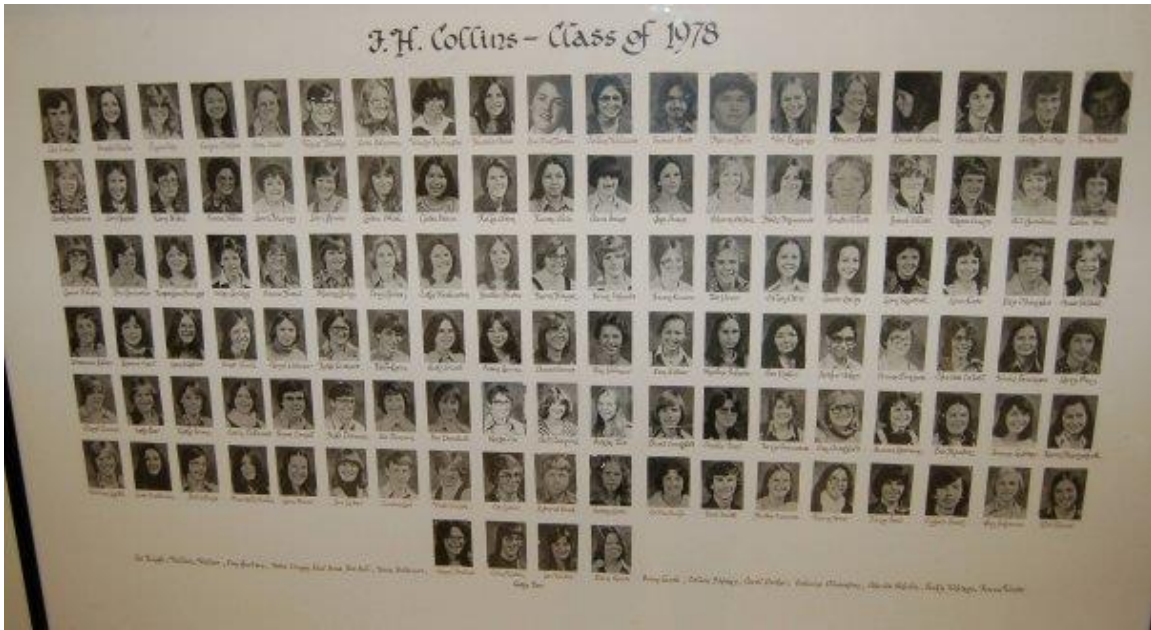
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ARMSTRONG, James
ARMSTRONG, Jenette
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JOHNSON, William
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KELLY, Colleen
KERR, Heather
KNAUF, Rod
KNIGHT, Patricia
KOHLER, Harvey
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LISTER, Lindsay
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NETRO, Linda
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NIKON, Sue
OBLAK, Lydia

OGILVY, Laurie
OLITO, Karen
OLSON, Kelly
O'NEILL, Roxanne
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PALMER, Pam
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PEEVER, Todd
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SCHOLZ, Karl
SCURVY, Eddie
SHANTZ, Robin
SIDNEY, Raymond
SILVERFOX, Geraldine
SIMMONS, Heather
SMITH, Clifford
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SMITH, Paul
SMITH, Steven
STEELE, Danny
STORER, Sharon
STUART, Charles
STUBBINS, Cheryl
SUMANIK, Ron
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TANNER, Trix
TREMBLAY, Wyatt
USHER, Len
VAILLANT, Pam
VAN TASSELL, Pam
VENTON, Bill
WALKER, Lori
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WATSON, Colin
WHITNEY, Kelly
WILLIAMS, Colleen
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WISON, Kelly
WOOD, Karen

STAR PRINTING WHITEHORSE



I have sent this on to Cameron Lyle, who was in this grad class. Hope he can help.
 Elwood Lyle elyle@shaw.ca (In Westbank BC)

The Tennis Courts on 4th Ave, Whitehorse

As a boy, walking to and from school, I might have passed by the tennis courts 300 times before they disappeared. The courts were on the east side of 4th, between Lambert and Elliott streets. They must have been built by the US Army during construction of the Alaska Highway. In this 1952 aerial photo, the tennis courts can be seen where I placed a T.



In this 1964 photo, there is a liquor store and another small building where the courts had been, as shown by the red rectangle.



I can recall only a few times that I saw somebody playing tennis there, despite the excellent quality of the courts. I'm sure some of the other Whitehorse lads my age can remember these fine tennis courts.

Ralph Lortie rlortie001@sympatico.ca (In Mississauga ON)

GILLIAN CAMPBELL

Hi Sherron: Gillian Campbell will be performing Aug 2 1-3pm in front of the Legislative Buildings, Victoria as part of the 150 anniversary of the province. You might like to post this on the Moctel for those living in the vicinity.

Cheers, Stephen & Barbro Baker sbbaker@shaw.ca (In Victoria)

This morning, July 9/2008, Taken at MacTung mine, MacMillan Pass
Photos submitted by George Millen george_millen@hotmail.com (In Watson Lake)



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ARTISTIC TALENT



Ontario

Heinrich Lohmann [heinrich*lohmann.ca](http://heinrich.lohmann.ca) (In Airdrie AB)

UNIDENTIFIED LADY IS HEDY MUELLER



Dear Emily.....I was looking at some of my pics...I save them in case I think I know them from years ago? Was this lady "Hedy Mueller?".....please let me know, also was it on the bridge crossing the river just out of Dawson, as you head to Bear Creek? Hope all is well...

Regards, Tina Parsons artinap*shaw.ca (In Victoria BC)
p.s. I enjoy your pictures SO much!!

Hi Tina,

Yes, the photo is one I sent to the MocTel. I think you are probably right and her name is Hedy Mueller. Don't want to get her mixed up with the one who was my piano teacher. I have such a time remembering names from back then and now. We had walked to the Oglivie Bridge and turned around, there, to walk back.

Would you like to send the name to Sherron. She isn't putting out a MocTel, this week. But, she'd have it for next week.

Did you notice that I tracked down Betty Mackie in Kelowna? She was in the Rehab at the Kelowna General. If she isn't going back to where she was staying before, I think I can still find her, again. I had a note from her at the end of February, while she was still in Rehab. It was too bad that I only found out where she was late on the day before I was leaving Kelowna or I'd have gone to see her. Maybe I'll get out that way, again, sometime.

Emily Stillwell eistillwell*hotmail.com (In Moose Jaw)

Tina Parsons has come up with the name of the lady whose picture I took on the Oglivie Bridge. It is Hedy Mueller.

I suggested that Tina email you herself but I've sent this just in case she doesn't. Myrna

Butterworth says Hedy's husband, Bill, worked as janitor at the school.

Emily Stillwell eistillwell@hotmail.com (In Moose Jaw)

OBIT

Daniel Robert Jurovich

Oct. 23, 1939 - June 28, 2008

The Jurovich family sadly announces the passing of Danny on June 28, 2008. Danny passed away peacefully, with his family by his side at the Laurel Place Hospice, in Surrey.

Danny was **born in Dawson City, Yukon** to Milo and Annie Jurovich. He was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Marie and her husband Ron; nephews Milo and Kenny; also three brothers-in-law; Cornelius, George, and John.

Danny is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Eva, his eldest son, Vern (Kari) of Vancouver, and his youngest son, Kevin (Dianne) of Lloydminster, Sk. Danny also had three grandchildren, the apples of his eye, Addison, Keayton, and Dawson Daniel.

The **family moved to Mayo when Danny was 11 years old**. After high school, he **worked as operator for Northern Canada Power Commission, then hired as assistant manager of Northern Commercial Company, eventually becoming owner of Danny's Department Store in Mayo**. The family moved to Langley, BC in 1981, finally settling in South Surrey. One of Danny's passions was his work driving truck, which he did for 25 years.

The Celebration of Danny's life will be held at Henderson's Funeral Home, 20786 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC. at 2:00 PM on July 9, 2008.

The family wishes to express a very special thank-you to the staff of Laurel Place Hospice who helped ensure Danny's comfort during his time of illness. Your care and kindness will be forever appreciated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Cancer Society or charity of your choice.

The Sun and Province have a Guest Book to sign at the bottom of each obit.

<http://www.legacy.com/can-vancouver/Obituaries.asp> is the link to their site.

Enter "Jurovich" in the search box and add your entry.

I was the first and only one to sign it until this morning.
Bill Maylor

Sent Danny's obit to some of the readers who I know were from Mayo. - Sherron

Thanks Sherron for keeping us all in the loop. How sad I was last night to hear of us losing another old friend. I went to school with Danny (his sister Marie and brothers, George & Larry) back in the mid-50's. Danny was the kind of friend that you remember

fondly as being a gentle big brother type. He was part of our "gang" growing up in Mayo. The last memory I have of Danny was during our last visit to Mayo back in 1972 when Bob and I and the kids visited Mayo. I had a wonderful few hours catching up on Mayo people who came in and out of his store. It was one of those reunions that was so uplifting. I came away from that visit feeling like I had come home again. Our paths never crossed again, although I did see his name many times in MocTel, and had hoped to reconnect at some of the Yukoners gatherings. But, this never came about, and now as I look back, I kick myself for not attending some of these functions. Life sometimes just doesn't let you do all the things you plan on doing, and then it's too late! We must all take advantage of the great opportunity MocTel is offering us....a chance to go back in time and touch an old friend. Thanks never seems a big enough word Sherron...but I really mean it. We are all so lucky to have you keeping us all connected.

Warmest regards,

Karren (North) Crowley kbcrowley@telus.net (In Sidney BC)

DAN'S FUNERAL

I haven't written you for a while. Just thought I'd tell you that I was lucky enough to get a ride to Danny Jurovich's Remembrance Service today. Surprised that Harvey Burian recognized me, cause that's only the second time that I have met him and a long time in between. It was a very nice gathering and a wonderful slide show of Dan's life, very professionally done. Several of our Vancouver Yukoners' members there which was nice to see also. A wonderful message from the Reverend Alexander, and a nice gathering afterwards. Beautiful sunny weather for the next several days. I'm counting the days before daughter, Lynne and I join Debbie and family in Dawson City. It's always my favourite time of the year. I'm a little late as I gave up my log cabin to the 4 Swedes that came for several weeks. They have had a wonderful holiday in Dawson and around the Yukon and needless to say, Hans has been in his glory having his brother, Christer and his family there. They will leave for home the day after we arrive. I know his brother; it will be good to see him again.

Enjoy your holidays; the summer is going so quickly, my flowers are growing beautifully on the deck.

Brownie Foth lfoth@shaw.ca (In White Rock BC)

Laura Agnes Hunt nee: Smith, of Red Deer November 12, 1908 - June 21, 2008
On Saturday, June 21, 2008, Laura Hunt passed away quietly in the late morning. She was greatly cherished and loved. Laura leaves behind a large group of family in mourning. Born in Brooksby, Saskatchewan, **worked in Carcross, YK, where she met and married Nathaniel Buxton Hunt**, operated a store in Greenstreet, spent time in Lloydminster before settling in Red Deer, AB where she read many afternoons to the local children as a Public Library Clerk. Laura was predeceased by her husband

Nathaniel, her son Charles. She is survived by her daughter Margaret (Ed Hunter), grandchildren: Patricia (Nicol), Robert, Roderick, Curtis, Kenneth, Richard (Hunter), Greg, John, Bradley, David, Phillip, Stuart (Hunt); great grandchildren: Shaun, Brett, Christina, Michael (Hunter), Cassandra, Josh (Nicol), and great great-granddaughter: Savannah Hunter, and several others on Charles Hunt side. A Celebration of Life (Memorial) will be held at St. Albert Funeral Home (Foster McGarvey) July 9, 2:00 pm (9 Muir Drive just off St. Albert Trail, St. Albert, AB). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your choice of charity or society. May she find comfort in the arms of the angels. To send condolences, email: bob*bjhconsulting.com or call 780-458-2680.

FOXCROFT, Tyson - It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Tyson Lawrence William Foxcroft born June 21, 1983. Tyson was taken by the fury of the Yukon River on May 17, 2008. Tyson's zest for life, exploration and travel took him north 5 years ago. Tyson was about to fulfill his dream of becoming a helicopter pilot. He will be missed by his partner in love, life and adventure Tyla Haygarth, and his beloved "Zooter" rescued from the animal shelter, parents Bill and Gail Foxcroft, sister Heather Woodrow (Brad), brothers Ryan (Sara), Andrew (Mara), his sister Victoria at home and grandfather Bill Quinlan. Tyson leaves behind nephews Morgan, Lake and Lucan. His presence will be missed by godparents Rick and Leslie Milhausen of Kitchener ON., many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends. Predeceased by grandmother Joan Quinlan and grandparents Lawrence and Arlene Foxcroft, Aunt Virginia and Aunt Diane. There will be a celebration of Tyson's life at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sarnia on Friday May 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at any CIBC bank, to branch #00480 account #6245234. An account that has been set up to assist with helicopter costs in Tyson's rescue attempts. A trust will be left in Tyson's name to aid with search and rescue in the future, in Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

MacKENZIE, Earl Louis - May 8, 1942 - June 22, 2008. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Earl Louis MacKenzie on June 22, 2008, in Calgary, Alta. Earl passed away peacefully, with his loved ones by his side, after a brief illness. Born May 8, 1942, Earl was the eldest son of Alvin and Stella MacKenzie of Wolfville. He was an exceptionally hard worker and dedicated volunteer to many organizations. Earl is survived by his granddaughters, Sara Baker and Charlotte Mackenzie; daughters, Shea (Erin), Tarie (Mark), Leanne (Pete); son, Duane (Jill); partner, Jennifer; brothers, Laurie (Sabina), David (Sylvia), Neil, Barry (Anne); sisters, Shona (Wayne), Janet (Murray), Patsy (George), and many nieces and nephews. Earl was predeceased by his son, Scott, in 1968; his father, Alvin, in 2005, and his granddaughter, Jorja, in 2007. Earl loved his family dearly and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them. He also enjoyed traveling, hiking, curling, golfing, and riding his bike. He spent 40 years in the Yukon before retiring to his childhood home in Nova Scotia. Earl was a big guy with a big heart. He will be dearly missed by all of us. **A celebration of his life will be held on August 24, 2008, in Dawson City, Yukon.** Earl was a strong supporter of the community, in lieu

of flowers, please make donations to one of the following organizations: YOOP Lodge No. 1, Stars Ambulance (www.stars.ca), and/or Dawson Curling Club.

Obits courtesy Bill Maylor [b.maylor*sasktel.net](mailto:b.maylor@sasktel.net) (In Neilburg, SK)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We finally got high speed internet here in the wilderness. New e-mail address for the Crosby's is fore65@shaw.ca.

Karl Crosby (St Andrews by the Lake near Kaleden BC)

REQUESTS FOR REMOVAL AFTER MESSAGE SENT OUT

This message was sent out to those who joined in 2007 and in prior years. 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

Joined Aug - Sept 2007

Please remove me from the mailing list

Thx Keith Retallack

RETALLACK, Keith justkr2002@yahoo.com (Born in Klondike, Whse 1968-76) Vancouver

Joined 2006

Could you take me off your mailing list as I have not being able to read all the Moccasin Telegraph. Thank you again for sending them. Have a grand summer. Kathryn GOULET, Kathryn (GRIFFIN) jgoul@telus.net (In Whitehorse in 1950's father Harry Griffin) Quesnel

Joined 2005

Can you please take my name off the list for now?

Thank you

Debbie Pyde

PYDE, Rob & Debbie (MOULTON) rdpyde@telusplanet.net (Debbie born Whse 1961-88) Airdrie AB

Joined 2006

My sister, Martha Sheppard, is in between address at the moment and would like to be removed from the MocTel subscriber list for now. Her address is martha@ladybug.harbor.com. I hope this isn't too much trouble! Thank you and please keep me on!

Have a wonderful summer.
(doran-mississauga@rogers.com)
Dianne Doran
DORAN, Dianne (KITCHEN) doran-mississauga@rogers.com (In Teslin) Mississauga

MOCTEL SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE

*At this time there are 271 who **have never donated money or paid a subscription** to the MocTel. 175 of those joined in 2003, 2004 or 2005, 26 in 2006, 29 in 2007 and 41 in 2008.*

*While another 200 have previously paid but have not paid this year - 117 **last paid** in 2007, 39 **last paid** in 2006, and 44 **last paid** in 2005 or prior.*

Only 146 have paid for 2008 (less than 25% of the total 617).

I am hoping more will send in \$20.00 for 2008. To make it fair to those who do subscribe the next move may be to discontinue sending the MocTel to those who do not. Another alternative is to complete the contract with those who have paid for 2008 and then discontinue the MocTel. That thought only arises at a point like this when I am discouraged with the response.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Some people drink at the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

These are great **Scones** - with many variations

3 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar (or less)
5 tsp. baking powder
3/4 cup marg/butter/shortening
1/2 tsp salt
1 large egg slightly beaten
1 cup milk or less.

Cut margarine into dry ingredients, add egg & milk* turn on to floured surface knead a couple of times - cut & bake 450 degrees for 12-15 min.

* at this point you can add dried cranberries (try some orange zest too), raisins, currents, fresh or frozen berries, the list goes on. Always good with a coffee or tea.

Hint; to clean up the board or counter after it's all messed up with flour, put a piece of paper towel over your damp dishcloth, no mess...

All the best, Dorothy Graham dorothyg*dccnet.com (In Delta BC)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Time is 11am-4pm

Held rain or shine. There is indoor accommodation.

Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

For further info contact:

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If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**.

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– Sherron Jones sherronjones*shaw.

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