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Mr. & Mrs. Yukon, Bucky & Shirley Keobke with little dog Sacha  
in the Winterval Parade - Whitehorse - Decemeber 6, 2008.

Photo courtesy Shirley Keobke [mistyonmarsh@northwestel.net](mailto:mistyonmarsh@northwestel.net) (At Marsh Lake, Yukon)

Hi Sherron, we celebrated our last official duty on Saturday, December 6 at the Winterval Parade. We even took our little dog, Sacha with us and he certainly caught the attention of all the little ones.

We have had an awesome year being Mr. & Mrs Yukon 2008 and the memories will last a life time, It has been a great honour. We look forward to meeting the 2009 Mr & Mrs Yukon and know they will enjoy every moment as we have.

Our weather stays wonderful and not even a lot of snow at Marsh Lake which the skiers and snowmobilers are not happy with but the forecast is snow for the next 3 days.

Hope you are enjoying your warm holiday and we wish you and Bill a wonderful Christmas and all the best in the new year.

Take care and again Merry Christmas.

Shirley Keobke [mistyonmarsh@northwestel.net](mailto:mistyonmarsh@northwestel.net) (At Marsh Lake, Yukon)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS 2008

By Gus Barrett [sourdoughs2\\*shaw.ca](http://sourdoughs2*shaw.ca) (In Qualicum Beach BC)

Two weeks before Christmas, the lights are all up,  
The house has been scoured from bottom to top.  
The tree, though it's plastic, is bright and aglow,  
It's the midst of December, but where is the snow?  
Then I shed a small tear in my jigger of screech,  
There'll be no snow at Christmas in Qualicum Beach.  
If Santa arrives as his schedule said,  
You can bet your last buck he won't be on a sled.

For the weatherman tells us that, in the long range,  
He is forecasting "mild", not a hint of a change.  
On the night that 'old fat man' distributes his love,  
They're forecasting temperatures, fifteen above.  
So all you old sourdoughs praying for snow  
You better believe me, just pack up and go,  
Though the thought of a green Christmas fills you with gloom,  
We can't allow snow here in "God's waiting room."

As we sit here, waiting for Santa to come,  
We've done all our chores and we're sipping a rum.  
The cards have been mailed and the presents all wrapped.  
A wee drink for Santa's been bottled and capped.  
Ma has been baking and cooking a storm,  
Now she's snuggled beside me all comfy and warm.  
As we gaze o'er the ocean through the warm sunset glow,  
We think of our friends way up there in the snow.

Then she said "while we're sitting, enjoying our home,  
Why don't you get busy and write up a poem,  
To wish Happy Christmas and New Year as well,  
To all our old friends at the Moccasin Tel."  
We hope that your Christmas is joyful, indeed,  
And that Santa brings everyone just what they need.  
We'll toast our old buddies, Good Fortune to each,  
From two sourdoughs here in Qualicum Beach.



**Mr. & Mrs. Yukon, Bucky & Shirley Keobke**

At last official duty Dec. 6, 2008 – Winterval Parade – Whitehorse.

Photo courtesy Shirley Keobke [mistyonmarsh\\*northwestel.net](http://mistyonmarsh*northwestel.net) (At Marsh Lake, Yukon)

## **EVIDENCE AT AN ACCIDENT SCENE – cont'd**

Another time I had just returned from Dawson City and one of the Whitehorse Detachment members was investigating an accident in Riverdale. A car was travelling from the downtown area on Lewes Blvd and failed to make the left-hand corner at Teslin Road. I was asked to attend as speed was felt to be a factor and there were tire marks on the roadway. The marks I found were yaw marks. Yaw marks are caused, for example, when a vehicle attempts to take a curve at too fast a speed and the tires, although still rolling, start to slide sideways. I did my measurements and returned to the office. The constable who was doing the investigation came into my office later and asked if I had a calculation of speed. I told him, from the evidence I found, the vehicle was travelling between 48 and 54 miles per hour. The constable then showed me the driver's statement wherein he stated he "was going about 50 miles per hour".

Skid marks and yaw marks, like all evidence, does not always work against a driver. I investigated a serious accident on the road going from the dam into Riverdale where it favoured the driver. This accident involved a Kenworth truck. The truck was travelling alone with no trailer. The driver locked up his brakes and the skid marks seemed to go on for a very long time. With not having the weight of a trailer on his driving wheels, which were dual wheels and a tandem axle, there was very little friction between the tires and the road surface. This was a posted 30 mile per hour zone and at first guess you would say the truck was going much faster. By using a radar set to get an exact speed of the truck while performing several test stops, which laid down measurable skid marks, the speed of the truck at the time of the accident was determined to be 29.5 miles per hour. No charges were laid.

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

## **ALBERT FRIESEN BIOGRAPHY**

Hello Sherron - here is something I wrote up about my Dad.  
Carol A. Friesen

Albert Peter Friesen, C.A.  
March 3, 1915 - October 25, 2008

Employee of White Pass & Yukon Corp. Ltd. - 1953-1974

1953- 1960 - Secretary and Treasurer

1960- 1965 - Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

1965- 1969 - Vice-President and Managing Director

1969-1974 - President

Bert Friesen was the epitome of what they call a self-made man. He was born in Gretna, Manitoba, the son of a Miller and the eldest of six boys. As such, he was expected to excel and assist his family, which he did for his entire life. He received his early education in Gretna and Shamrock, Saskatchewan. He moved with his family to Lethbridge, where he completed his education and articulated to an accountancy firm. Later, he moved to Toronto and again articulated before receiving his degree in Chartered Accountancy.

During World War II, he was in the employ of the Treasury Division, Department of Munitions and Supply. Here in Ottawa, he met and married Constance O'Leary, his wife and companion until her death in 2000.

After the war, he spent eight years in the Corporate Assessment Branch of the Department of National Revenue.

It was during his time at the Department of Munition and Supply that he met Frank H. Brown, who was acting as a financial advisor in the department. It was at this time that Mr. Brown asked Bert to join him at the White Pass as Secretary.

During his years at the White Pass, Bert Friesen travelled extensively throughout the Yukon and surrounding areas.

He was instrumental in the success of the company over the next twenty years. Some of the highlights were the creation of the world's first container ship; the Clifford J. Rogers in 1955, followed by the larger Frank H. Brown and its sister ship the Klondike in 1965. There was also a lucrative contract with the Anvil Mining Corp., calling for the transport of 370,000 tons of lead and zinc a year to Skagway via the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway.

There were also more creative endeavours, such as the four White Pass films (Take Four Giant Steps - 1959, There's the Land - Have you Seen It? - 1967, Frontier Busters - 1967, and Brave New North - 1970. These films were primarily the work of his good friend and White Pass fellow employee Roy Minter. Mr. Minter told me the story one day that, having presented his idea for the first film to Bert, he listened and then said "How much?" - Roy answered and then Bert gave him access to half that amount! When Roy re-told the story there was no bitterness, only respect and admiration - the tight budget only fired his creativity and that first film won an international prize. Roy became a life-long friend, along with other White Pass colleagues such as Fred Smith and Dick Sladden.

The year before Bert Friesen left the White Pass, the company enjoyed the highest ever net earnings it had ever had, and it was the last of several all-time highs - he was proud of that legacy.

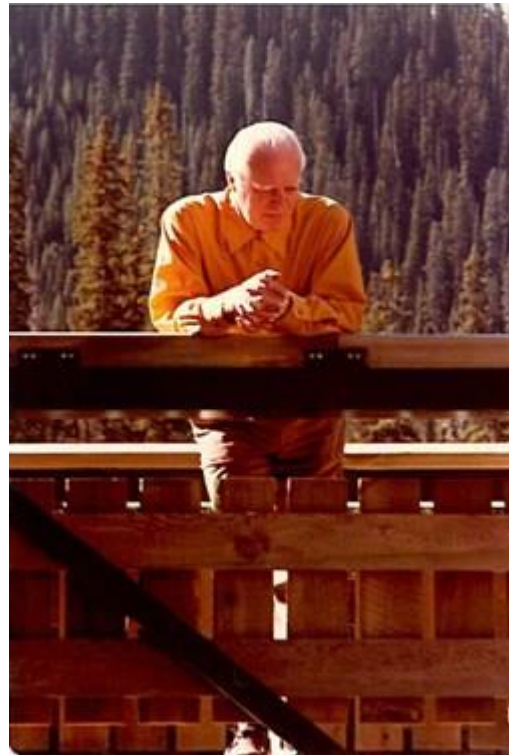
After he left the White Pass, Bert followed the company's fortunes closely in the papers and through old friends still with the company.

He was pleased when, in 1994, the White Pass & Yukon Route was designated an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the Canadian and American Society of Civil Engineering. This put the historic route on the same footing as other historic structures such as the Statue of Liberty, the Panama Canal and the Eiffel Tower.

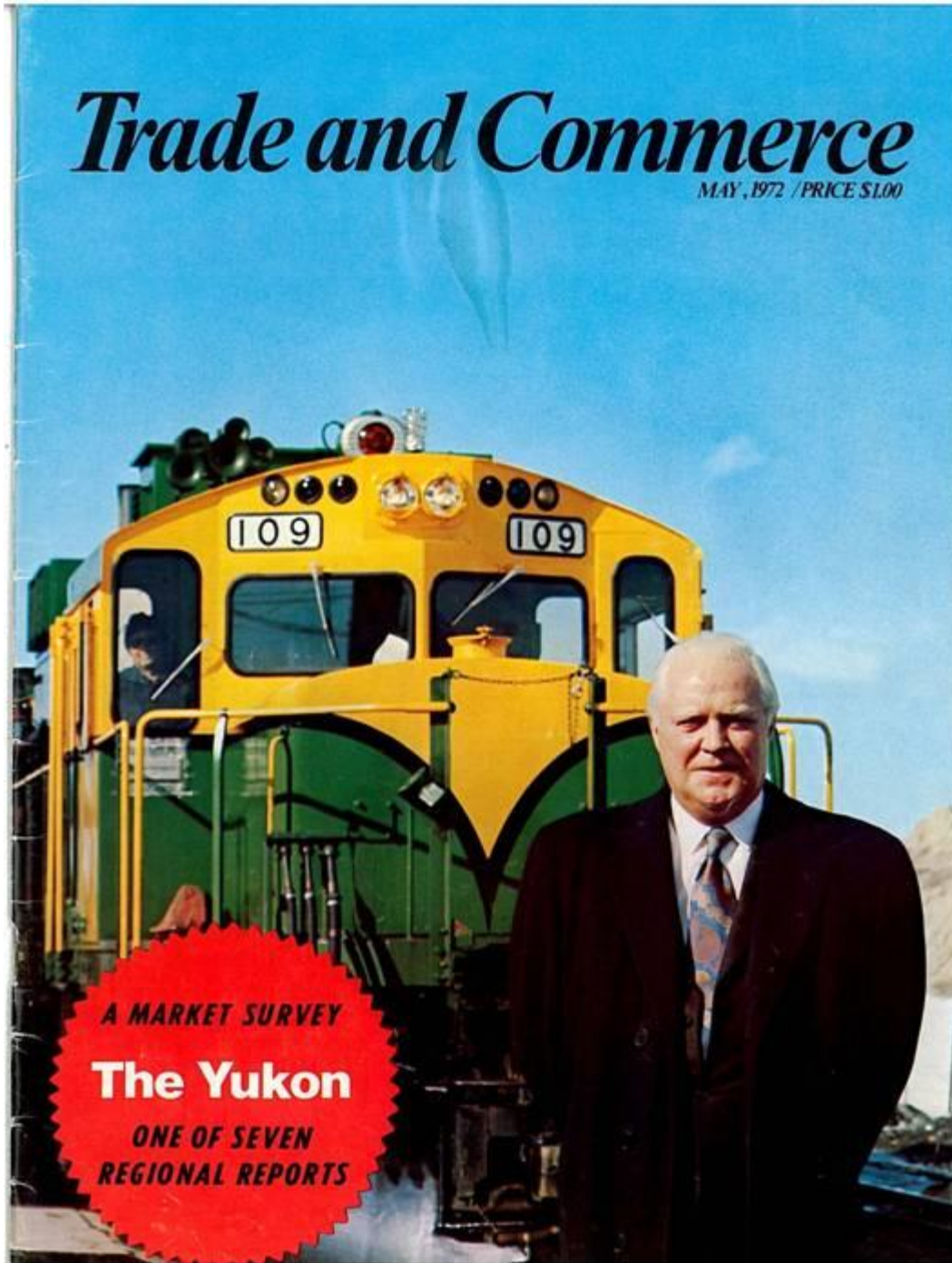
He was saddened when he read in 1993 that the Frank H. Brown was sold to a Russian company. It would be the last time that a Canadian flag flew from the stern of a merchant marine vessel operating on the west coast.

In 1967 my dad took me on the trip of a lifetime- on the Frank H. Brown from Vancouver to Skagway, and the White Pass & Yukon Route from Skagway to Whitehorse. I remember that trip with so much wonder, not only of the awe-inspiring beauty of the constantly-changing surroundings, but that my dad had a part to play in the success of such a remarkable story.

Carol Friesen [caf7\\*telus.net](mailto:caf7@telus.net) (In Victoria)



Albert 'Bert' Friesen 1915 – 2008  
Employee of White Pass 1953 – 1974



**Dick North – 1965**

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin [leslorn@rogers.com](mailto:leslorn@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)

Dick North has always quietly gone about his business of research and writing. And now, quietly, he has joined elite company, including Wayne Gretzky's dad and a former Supreme Court judge, as the newest members of the Order of Canada.

Dick made the exclusive list "for his ongoing commitment to the preservation and promotion of the history of the Yukon Territory as an author, journalist and historian," reads the citation.

Through the years, the 78-year-old Dawson resident has written four books on important historical subjects. They are "Arctic Exodus", "The Mad Trapper of Rat River", "Trackdown" and "The Lost Patrol".

During his work, Dick became an expert on Jack London, the author who spent a winter in the Yukon during the Gold Rush, and who gathered enough information to become one of North America 's most treasured writers.

In the early sixties, Dick re-discovered the cabin where London spent the winter. London had arrived in the Yukon in September of 1897 as a 21-year-old prospector. The discovery of the cabin is quite a saga. It was built just before the Gold Rush, on the North Fork of Henderson Creek, in the Stewart River area.

The cabin was abandoned after the Gold Rush and discovered by trappers in 1936 who noted Jack London's signature on the back wall. That was conclusive proof that London had lived in the cabin, but little attention was paid back then.

In 1965, North organized a new search for the cabin. Since the dwelling was of historical interest to both Canada and the United States, two identical cabins were reconstructed. One is now in Dawson City, while the other was assembled at Jack London Square in Oakland, California, London's hometown.

Each cabin has half the original logs. Dick also worked hard to establish the Jack London interpretive centre in Dawson. The site contains photos, documents, newspaper articles and other artifacts.

Today, life is a little less adventurous for North, who is cataloguing his life's work which, Dick says, is enough to keep him very busy.

Dick North is the 27th Yukoner to be awarded the Order of Canada.

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)

## **MOCTEL 272 CORRECTION**

Just taking a peak at the Tel here and I noticed that Kathy Gates is referring to the Bohemian Waxwings as "Bavarian" ... there are two types of Waxwings... Cedar which we don't get up here (rare sightings only) but the Bohemian is common.

(From an observant reader in Whitehorse)

Reply:

AAAARGH...call that a "Seniors Moment"...I know the birds are Bohemian Waxwings....DUH. Sorry about that...I was really pleased to see that you had included them....Oh well....

I apologize and you can include that in the next issue.

Kathy Gates [kmgates\\*northwestel.net](mailto:kmgates*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

### **MOCTEL 271**

The RCMP members flanking Senator Kennedy are Cst. T.R.A. (Ron) Paull & Cst. R.M. (Bob) Combs.

Regards - George Loeppky [galoepky\\*telus.net](mailto:galoepky*telus.net) (In Richmond BC)



## SANTA PARADE – WHITEHORSE – 2008 (Formally known as Winterval)

Sherron, we attended Santa's Parade downtown Whitehorse this morning, Dec 6. It was quite warm at -5C and a very light snow was falling. Perfect for this years parade. The parade started on 1st & Main Street at the White Pass Depot and worked its way up Main Street to the Elijah Smith building. There was entertainment, marshmallow roasting. Santa photos were until 1:30pm. I can remember decades ago when Santa arrived via helicopter on 1st. Avenue.

Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Christmas Tree at the end of Main Street in Whitehorse  
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Santa

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



This was so cute. Drummers using plastic pails. One was a kitty litter pail. Neat.  
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Fire Dept Mascot.

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



RCMP Mascot & Members.

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Keystone Cop, Handing out Candy.

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

## MOCTEL 272

**Re: "But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred."**

As a one time rallye car driver and long time professional truck driver, the above statement is inaccurate. Yes, if one's cruise control is on when the vehicle hits a bump and momentarily gets a cushion of water between the rubber and the road, the engine rpm's will definitely increase, causing the tires to spin. Will the vehicle increase in speed? Insignificantly very little. What usually happens is that first one drive wheel and tire will grab on a piece of dry pavement, then the alternate one. Guess what? Many drivers will panic and a skid will develop. And, as many drivers will tell you, the situation is worse in a front wheel drive vehicle.

I just checked the Snopes "Urban Legends" writeup on the subject at <  
<http://www.snopes.com/autos/techno/wetroad.asp>> for verification.

BTW, at a recent ATCO Electric retirement dinner for an old friend I ended up seated beside another old friend, Dave Perks, who many of you know from his YECL Whitehorse days. Dave and I both worked for Alberta Power Ltd, now ATCO Electric, for many years.

Earle Smith - VE6NM [t16ru672\\*telusplanet.net](mailto:t16ru672@telusplanet.net) (In Grand Prairie BC)



**Boreal Owl**

Photo courtesy Betty Sutton [elizabethsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethsutton@yahoo.com) (In Whitehorse)

Last Sunday, end of November, we had a beautiful little Boreal Owl at our place...Spruce Hill... it was very close to the house. Boreals are only ten inches long, but with a much longer wingspan, so it sat there for about ten minutes while everyone got out binoculars, cameras and spotting scope... we had a crowd of people here so it was very exciting. I don't think anyone, including me, had ever seen a Boreal before. My four year old grandson went out on the deck talking to it and it didn't fly away.... then he was quite happy to sit on the kitchen counter and view it through the scope... I have a budding birder in the making.



**Boreal Owl**

Photo courtesy Betty Sutton [elizabethsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethsutton@yahoo.com) (In Whitehorse)



**Christmas Tree Shopping, Yukon Style**

Photo courtesy Betty Sutton [elizabethsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethsutton@yahoo.com) (In Whitehorse)

Yesterday, Sunday Dec 7th we went looking for a Christmas tree .... we still go out in the bush to get one... last year's came from our back yard but this year was a little bit of a drive.... nice to get out of town on a Sunday afternoon... it wasn't sunny but still a nice day to be outside... only minus 10. Merry Christmas everyone... the season is upon us!

Betty Sutton & Paul Warner [elizabethsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethsutton@yahoo.com) (In Whitehorse)  
One Retired/One Wannabee

### **CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY THE PEOPLE IN THIS PHOTO ?**

This picture below was given recently to me by my cousin Vimy Cooper (Boyde, Yeulet). The picture was given to her by Dorothy Graham (Wilson). It belonged to her grandfather, George Wilson who is the man in back row 3rd from left. According to Babe Richards & Goody Sparling the picture was taken at the old Pueblo Mine. My grandfather Frances Harbottle is the 7th person standing from the right. In the front row from the left is my uncle Bud (Frances) Harbottle in the arms of my mother Ardie Harbottle (Fraser). Next to her is my Aunt Virginia Harbottle (Yeulet), Vimy's mother. Next is my Aunt Glad Harbottle (Wilson, Georganson) & she is holding my aunt Doris Harbottle (Greenslade). The lady standing next is my Grandmother Lillian (Bigger) Harbottle & next to her is Babe's mother Bernadine Piper - T.C. Richard's wife. I do not have any other info & would love it if someone knows who the rest of these people are & what they are doing there. The year would be around 1916-1918.



Photo courtesy Joy (Fraser) Denton [joydenton@hotmail.com](mailto:joydenton@hotmail.com) (In Whitehorse)

### **TNTA STAFF LIST**

Trudy Stuart here!! What a nice surprise to have Lyle Coleman forward the staff list to me!! Sure brings back memories. I am now retired - as probably a lot of us. I now live in Airdrie Alberta. My love of aviation finally took me to PWA - later Canadian. I was a

flight dispatcher, then on to aircraft routing and finally customer service. All within the System Operations Control Centre. I was married and later divorced.  
Have a Good Christmas Holiday Season

Sincerely Trudy Stuart-Eyre [truly\\*telus.net](mailto:truly*telus.net) (In Airdrie AB)

### **Museum Open House is a Seasonal Delight**

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

December 5, 2008

Fellowship, food, music and fun were the staple fare at the recent Christmas Open House at the Dawson City Museum on November 28.

There were seasonal movies for the kids, lots of food in the gift shop, computer displays of historic photos in the north gallery, and crafts in the upstairs courtroom. The event would not be complete without the annual carol sing led by the Robert Service School Choir.

The kids were in fine form this year and their audience was just as enthusiastic. Following the singing, most folks got on with their visiting, but the choir made its way across the street to the MacDonald Lodge where they sang for the seniors.



The staircase makes a handy choir loft.

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



Getting into the Advent Spirit.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



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

## **Klondike Vodka Hit Liquor Stores last week**

by Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson) December 6, 2008

Klondike Vodka went on sale in Yukon's liquor stores on Tuesday, December 9.

In May 2007 the Yukon government changed the rules to allow distilling in the territory.

Dorion and Bridget Amos, residents of West Dawson, immediately embarked on the course which has led to the release of their home grown product. "The water has been hauled and the power has been generated on our property," Bridget said in a weekend interview. "We've used Yukon snow to assist in the chilling process. Each bottle is sealed and labeled by hand and is unique."

The Amoses didn't know much about distilling when they began, but knew they wanted to give this a try. "It's been a steep learning curve for us, but we felt this was an opportunity to create a small business that would fit in with our lifestyle here in West Dawson."

The result was the creation of the Klondike River Distillery, which operates out of the Amos's home. Bridget describes Klondike Vodka as a "low quantity - high quality product." At 24 bottles per seven day production cycle, there won't be a lot of it around, but they're happy with the product.

"It's a beautifully smooth Vodka which I believe Yukoners will be proud of," Bridget said. "We're not storing any here and we're not mass producing at all. We can't physically anyway and we don't want to. We're making the vodka to order in small batches."



Bridget Amos gets ready to deliver the first ten cases of Klondike Vodka to the Liquor Store in Dawson City on the morning of December 5.

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



The Amos home in West Dawson is also headquarters for their vodka making operation.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

### **McConkey Fills the Hall in Dawson**

by Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson) December 6, 2008

It was standing room only in the ballroom at the Oddfellows' Hall on December 5 when Harmonica George McConkey took the stage for the hometown launch of Tin and Bone, his first solo music CD.

As Emcee Pete Menzies told the audience, George is has been part of the Yukon musicians' establishment now for some 30 years, and has been a session man on more music projects than he can probably remember (two others besides his own just since October).

In addition to that George has been holding forth weekends and some weeknights in the local bars for years, so there would be few people in town who haven't heard his chops. Maybe that was why the hall was so crowded.

Joining George on stage for most of the two set concert were bass player Gord Polichek, another regular at the Pit, and guitarist Nathan Tinkham, who lives on Gabriola Island, but has spent a few seasons here.

The trio romped through the contents of *Tin and Bone*, including a reading by Tinkham of the Robert Service poem which inspired the title. But there are only 12 songs on the CD, and they gave the audience far more than that. McConkey reached back to his roots for a rendition of Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited", as well as providing a sample of how to play the harmonica with your nose ("It's a novelty act.")

George is known best for his harmonica work and really showed it off that night, sometimes switching through four instruments in a single song to get just the right sound for a particular verse. Notes were bent until they could go no further and extended until the audience gasped with relief when George would take a breath.

Tinkham, in whose home studio *Tin and Bone* was recorded, provided a couple of tunes, and McConkey's partner, Brenda Baxter, joined him on stage for an amusing number about domestic life that she had written.

*Tin and Bone* is a fine album that will bear repeated listening, but, like many performers, McConkey is at his best when he has an audience and the Saturday night show was one to remember.



Gord Polichek, George McConkey and Nathan Tinkham.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



George McConkey, wailin' on a tune.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

### **Plaque returned to Forty Mile by Yukon Order of Pioneers**

by Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson) November 26, 2008

The abandoned settlement at Forty Mile is noted for a number of firsts, among them that it was the first substantial town in the Yukon territory a full ten years before the Klondike Gold Rush.

It was established in 1886 by the trader triumvirate of Jack McQuesten, Alfred Mayo and Arthur Harper, who were working for the Alaska Commercial Company at that time. Over its lifetime it grew to have a detachment of the North-West Mounted Police, two major stores, a lending library, billiard room, 10 saloons, two restaurants, a theatre, an opera house, a watchmaker, and numerous distilleries, all serving a town of about 600 people.

Forty Mile emptied quickly with the news of the gold strike on Bonanza Creek, some 77 kilometres upstream, and is today a collection of decaying buildings, some of which are being maintained and preserved. In 2006 a joint management plan was signed by the Tr'ond?k Hw?ch?in and Yukon Historic Sites Unit.

One Forty Mile institution that has endured is the Yukon Order of Pioneers, founded in 1894 by members of the prospecting community living there at the time.

In 1973, long after the last permanent resident had left town, the YOOP decided to erect a plaque on the site to commemorate that date. An enormous boulder was brought in from the Clinton Creek mine and a plaque affixed to it with the YOOP logo at the top and these words:

Yukon Order of  
Pioneers Lodge  
organized on this site  
Forty Mile on the  
Yukon River  
December 1, 1894  
First President  
LeRoy Jack McQuesten

Those present at the ceremony included John Gould, Father Bob Bobilier, Laurent Cyr, Jim Smith and Bill Drury, among others. The last four men are shown in photo taken at the time of the original installation.



Father Bob Bobilier, Laurent Cyr, Bill Drury, Jim Smith  
Photo supplied by the YOOP and  
submitted by Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

The plaque was removed in the late 1980s and taken to Whitehorse for storage and display when it was feared that some river travellers had tried to pry it off the boulder and it could be seen to be loose.

Jim Leary, of the Dawson Lodge (Lodge #1), now feels that this was probably not the case, but that the plaque was just never solidly attached in the first place. One of the two bolts used then had actually split the upper corner of the boulder when it was installed, possibly because the crew at the time tried to take advantage of a crack in the rock.

A few years ago the lodges in Whitehorse and Dawson felt that it was time to put the plaque back at Forty Mile. That finally occurred during two trips down river in late September and early October. This time the plaque is better secured to the boulder. Four heavy duty bolts anchor the plaque. The heads have been welded and rounded off so there's nothing to grip and then the whole thing is surrounded by a concrete frame.

If anyone decides they want it at that stage, there's nothing more we could do. That would be a committed thief.

Workers on the project included Mark Castellarin (using a portable welder borrowed from Irwin Gaw), Gerry Langevin, Don Flynn, John Semple and Raymond Brisbois.



Gerry Langevin, Don Flynn, John Semple and Raymond Brisbois  
Photo supplied by the YOOP and  
submitted by Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Project leader Jim Leary positions the plaque on the boulder.  
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submitted by Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Mark Castellarin welding the bolts on the plaque.  
Photo supplied by the YOOP and  
submitted by Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



The 1973 plaque celebrating the  
founding of the Yukon Order of  
Pioneers  
Photo supplied by the YOOP and  
submitted by Dan Davidson  
[uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## **AN UPDATE FROM RON HILTZ IN BERWICK NOVA SCOTIA**

Hello Sherron I read your comment in the last Moccasin Telegraph where you commented that you were not receiving much mail from the readers lately. Well I wanted to say hello and how are you? I do envy you in the mild climate, although we here in the east should not grumble with regard to our weather. It has been fairly mild so far although we do have snow, this is our second snow fall so far this winter, the last snow fall was taken out with mild temp and rain.

This past summer I busied my self building a gazebo! It was a recycle project; I recycled a bunch of scraped waste lumber and built a 14" X 14" OCTAGON unit. I insulated and finished the inside and just about completed the inside furnishings. Installed is a miniature kitchenette, with a propane range and oven, room for a propane barbecue and as an alternate a open wood burning barbecue. The key to making it work is a large over head fume collector like a range hood. I designed the layout so all the appliances are grouped as an arc around the outside wall leaving the centre space for relaxing. When I get a chance I will send you some photos later if you like. I hope to have the Internet in place after Christmas.

Outside of that we have been fine; work has been progressing along fine although we are getting a new supervisor after the New Year, so it should be a nail brighter after January.

This summer past I have picked up bicycling and now I have another diversion along with my computers. For example, this evening I am using Ubuntu operating system, evolution e-mail on a computer put together from something like parts from at least four that have been cast off. I have this one linked to my XP Home with a K.V.M switch. I am still hacking away with Linux, learning it is not like Windows even though it looks like Windows.

Cheers for this evening Sherron.

Ron Hiltz [ronmarg\\*ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ronmarg*ns.sympatico.ca) (In Berwick NS)

### **TRIBUTE – In remembrance of Lawrence Leith Tremblay**

Yukon Legislative Assembly

Whitehorse, Yukon

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Mr. McRobb: It is indeed an honour to rise in remembrance of Lawrence Leith Tremblay, formerly of Haines Junction. I wish to recognize the efforts of his family in preparing this tribute today.

Larry was born July 5, 1929, in Athabasca, Alberta — one of five children. After his mother passed away when he was 12 years old, a local school teacher came to the assistance of the family and took him in. At age 15, he performed as a bareback bronco and bull-riding cowboy with Knight Brothers of Alberta.

In 1952, Larry met and married his future life-partner, Lois Durnal, in Nebraska. In the following year, he became a back country warden for Parks Canada, stationed at Waterton Lakes Park, Alberta. Larry and Lois called it their “Honeymoon Park.” In the summer of 1955, Larry transferred to the Blue Creek District of Jasper National Park where he was solely responsible for patrolling hundreds of square miles of wilderness.

He and Lois were blessed with five children during those 11 years at Jasper. They returned to Waterton in 1966 where Larry happily continued his duties and was promoted to chief warden. In 1972, Parks Canada chose Larry as its first chief warden to help open what is arguably its most precious asset today — the magnificent mosaic of pristine mountains, glaciers, lakes and rivers proclaimed as Kluane National Park and Reserve.

The Village of Haines Junction became his family’s new home for the next 15 years. There, his duties included promoting the new park, cooperating with First Nation co-management partners and recruiting and training his team of new park wardens. His duties also called upon him to act as ambassador for Kluane to the federal government. This task was rife with paperwork and frequent trips to Ottawa which he greeted with diligence and occasional resistance. Larry’s passionate work on behalf of Kluane National Park has brought considerable international recognition and benefit to the Yukon Territory.

During his time in Haines Junction, Larry contributed tirelessly to the community. He was a member of the St. Elias Lions Club, badminton and curling clubs, volunteered as a hockey coach for young women’s teams, hockey refereeing, and was instrumental in promoting the Youth Conservation Corps. His family also helped several young First Nation women from other communities in the Kluane region attend high school in Haines Junction by taking them into their home.

After some 33 years with the Parks Service, Larry retired in 1986. Although he and Lois later moved to Nanaimo, B.C., his love for the Yukon never waned. Each spring, he would faithfully drive the 3,000 kilometres to his gold claim near Burwash Landing, a trek that would be reversed each fall for 22 years.

When not working industriously at his small placer mine, he spent much of his time in local coffee shops, continuing as ambassador for Kluane and the Yukon by regaling locals and tourists with helpful advice and, often, colourful stories.

To continue his legacy, Larry has left us with his darling wife, Lois; children Scot, Wyatt, Kristy, Terry and Kelli; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. On October 18 of

this year, they scattered his ashes in the Alsek Valley, one of his favourite places. Later that day, the family hosted a celebration of life for Larry at the convention centre in Haines Junction, where scores of friends and former colleagues heard several wonderful recollections about this very special person.

For nearly 35 years, Larry Tremblay was an integral part of the fabric of the Yukon. We owe him a debt of gratitude for making it an even better place than he found it. I can confirm that Larry was a great communicator. I always looked forward to meeting up with him while he exercised his talents in the many coffee shops along the highway. He would always have the latest news and was indeed a great storyteller. Not only would he give tourists a warm welcome, he'd invite them to his table, where they would learn interesting facts about beautiful Kluane. Sometimes this was sprinkled with a harrowing tale from his warden years, often involving grizzly bears.

Larry also had a keen interest in politics. Never one to swallow things at face value, he often sought the more revealing story behind the story. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to share a bit of a family secret — the story behind the story, if you will. It has to do with “Larry the Miner”. In fact, he's likely the Yukon's most celebrated miner, referenced by his first name only. Readers of the editorial cartoon in the *Yukon News* have for years seen a mysterious variety of depictions to “Larry's Mining,” often appearing on equipment, jackets and ball caps. This was his son Wyatt's way of saying, “Hi, Dad. We love you.”

With your indulgence, Mr. Speaker, I invite all members of the Assembly to join me in welcoming to the gallery today several family members, former co-workers and friends: his daughter, Kristy Tremblay; her sons Rick and Daniel Staley; her husband, Ken Roberts; Larry's son, Wyatt, the infamous cartoonist, and his son Adam; from Haines Junction, former coworkers with Kluane National Park, Kevin McLaughlin, Rick Staley, Scott Stewart, Kim Henkel, and Lloyd Freese. They are accompanied by Tom Elliot from Whitehorse.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Submitted by Lois Tremblay [granny9t@shaw.ca](mailto:granny9t@shaw.ca) (In Cedar BC)

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Here is wishing all the MOCTELers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year wherever you may be.

From Myrna Butterworth [myrnab@northwestel.net](mailto:myrnab@northwestel.net) (In Dawson City)

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Merry Christmas from the Bastiens' – Haines Junction – December 14, 2008  
Photo courtesy Jean Bastien [hondahog\\*northwestel.net](mailto:hondahog*northwestel.net) (In Haines Junction)

So....now it's about -32C and not expected to warm up for a few days, but supposed to warm up by the 22nd, just in time for Christmas. But that's OK. I've got all the firewood cut and stacked and easy access to get it into the house. I guess we're about as ready for Christmas as we'll ever be, for once. hahaha

Now I have to go and take an outdoor photo of the lights for you.

Enjoy and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.

Jean, Norm (jr) & Norm (sr.)

ps. I hope you appreciate the outdoor photo. I just ran out to the street in my slippers and t-shirt for it. I know it's not the best shot, but I had to do it 4 times to get this one.

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!!

Feels like -50C.

Norm & Jean Bastien [hondahog\\*northwestel.net](mailto:hondahog*northwestel.net) (In Haines Junction)

### **Merry Christmas to All**

Winter arrived in Steveston yesterday and the temperature at Vancouver airport was - 8 this morning. Our snow picture looking across the South Arm of the Fraser is no match

for Joy Denton's beautiful photo looking towards Grey Mountain... But we really do have snow...at least for a few days!  
Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bill & Jeri Weigand [bweigand@shaw.ca](mailto:bweigand@shaw.ca) (In Steveston BC)



Merry Christmas from the Weigand's - Steveston BC – Dec 15, 2008  
Photo courtesy Bill & Jeri Weigand [bweigand@shaw.ca](mailto:bweigand@shaw.ca) (In Steveston BC)

### **Vancouver Island Yukoners' 2008 Christmas Lunch**

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

In spite of the snowy conditions 33 ex-Yukoners from Vancouver Island and beyond braved the elements and gathered at noon on Friday, December 12, 2008 for a joyous time of friendship, chatting and delicious food at the ABC Country Restaurant in North Nanaimo. On the menu was a choice of 1) a turkey dinner with trimmings, 2) a pot roast dinner with tender Angus beef, and 3) a chicken Schnitzel with a breaded chicken breast. The meal was followed by choice of banana cream, coconut cream or pumpkin pie for dessert.

It was good to see everyone again and to “catch up” on happenings since our Island picnic in August. Unfortunately due to the weather conditions, those who were planning to attend from the Mainland, wisely, though regrettably, remained at home.

One notable attendee was Bob DeWolfe who currently resides in Saskatchewan and was out this way visiting Percy DeWolfe and Ted and Trudy (DeWolfe) North. Some of the Dawson folk had not seen Bob for about 50 years so it was a great opportunity for getting re-acquainted. (Trudy (DeWolfe) North and Bobby DeWolfe are brother and sister and niece and nephew to Percy DeWolfe.)

A big THANK YOU to Harriett Butterworth, Fay Ash, Sharon Redmond and Art Nakano (and anyone else involved) for making the arrangements for the luncheon and to everyone for coming!

I wish each reader a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

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



Left Side, Front to Back: Warren & Jean Rongve, Trudy (DeWolfe) & Ted North,  
Right Side, Front to Back: Mary Ann & Daniel Gerwing, Carolyn (Wheeler) Moore, Bob  
DeWolfe

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Left Side, Front to Back: Gerard St. Jean, Isabelle Townsend, Neil MacLeod, Betty St. Jean

Right Side, Front to Back: Frances MacLeod, Sharon Redmond, Carol (MacLeod) Avon.  
(Carol is the daughter of Neil and Frances MacLeod.)

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Left Side, Front to Back: Percy DeWolfe, Gus Barrett, Lois Tremblay, Joyce (Yardley) & Fred Horn

Right Side, Front to Back: Jack Marsh, Dolan Chaddock, Blanche Barrett, Carol Clarke

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Old Friends Formerly From Dawson City  
 From Left: Art Nakano, Harriett (Osborn) Butterworth, Fay (Callison) Ash, Bob  
 DeWolfe

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Left Side, Front to Back: Sheila Firth, Bev Mason-Wood, Art Nakano, Fay (Callison)  
 Ash

Right Side, Front to Back: Ron & Evelyn Smith, Harvey Burian (missing-taking the  
 photo!) Aileen (Miller) Dobrovitz.

Photo Courtesy of Harvey Burian [hburian\\*telus.net](http://hburian*telus.net) (In Parksville)

(I also neglected to mention to you that Aileen (Miller) Dobrovitz, who was at the lunch, is Henry Breaden's niece. Her mother is Vera (Breaden) (Miller) Watkins, Henry's older sister. I talked with Doris (Fisher) Miller (no relation to Vera) a few days ago on the phone and she advised me that Vera has now moved into her son Carl's home and is doing well. Aileen confirmed this as well. Harry Miller is Aileen's older brother.)

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



Photo courtesy Gus Barrett

### **THE BRAGGART**

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

A braggart lived beside the beach,  
And to his friends would often preach,  
About how snow would never come  
To the hallowed town of Qualicum.  
He offered sympathy to those  
Who had to wade through yards of snow,  
And invited one and all to come  
Down here to God's own waiting room.

And God, upon his throne most high,  
Heard the man and heaved a sigh,  
Exasperated with this bloke  
Who little knew of which he spoke.  
"I'll teach that heathen not to crow,  
About things of which he doesn't know."  
"I'll hit him where it hurts the most,

## UNLEASH A STORM UPON THE COAST”.

And so, indeed it came to pass,  
That just one week before Christmas.  
A storm such as we rarely see.  
Came roaring o’er the placid sea,  
Seagulls soared way out of reach,  
As waves came crashing to the beach.  
And late that night, Behold and Lo,  
There came a blizzard, raging snow.

And in the morning, when he woke,  
The braggart rued those words he spoke,  
When realizing, through the night,  
Had come this glorious field of white.  
Through frosted windows came the glow,  
Of sunrise on new fallen snow.  
And everything from trees to sand,  
Had all been changed by nature’s hand.

And so the man who bragged so much,  
Now vowed to stick to poems and such.  
And leave such things as snow predicting,  
To those with knowledge less restricting.  
He’ll write of things like booze and bawd,  
And leave the weather up to God.

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### **USAF PLANE DOWN – 1950 – Can you help?**

Hello Sherron

I’m researching a crashed airplane in the YT area, it was USAF #2469 January, 26 1950 and was hoping that you had some information via the Moccasin Telegraph or any other means. I’m not sure that the telegraph was. I was referred to you by an older communications person that worked in the Whitehorse area. I will take any information that you have or leads.

Thank you

Jason Cooke [Brainstorm\\*alaska.net](http://Brainstorm*alaska.net) (In Soldotna Alaska)

I’ll give you a fast story with links.

January 26 1950 USAF #2469 left Elmendorf air force base at about 11:09 Alaska time enroute to Great Falls Montana, the last report given by the plane was Whitehorse radio station and was never heard or seen from again. The search efforts were centered in the Whitehorse to Fort Nelson area and out to a reasonable area.

[http://www.check-six.com/lib/Famous\\_Missing/C-54D\\_42-72469.htm](http://www.check-six.com/lib/Famous_Missing/C-54D_42-72469.htm)

1 official report says the plane radioed their last location 300 miles SE of Snag. That measured out to the Whitehorse area following the airway path of that time. I have alot more research material and there are others involved but I think its best to keep it simple.

Jason Cooke

From link Jason provided –

## **USAF #2469**

**Who:** An Air Force C-54D Skymaster - one of the largest groups of military personnel to go missing

**Total Persons on Board:**

44 - Eight crewmen, and 36 passengers, including 3 civilians.

**When:** January 26, 1950

**Weather:** Low clouds, fog, drizzle. Low temperatures.

**Flight Route:** Enroute from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, to Great Falls, Montana. The plane's final destination was Biggs AFB near El Paso, Texas.

**Area Believed Crashed:** The missing plane was last heard from over Snag, 10 miles into Yukon territory from the Alaskan border.

**Reason for flight:** Transportation of personnel

**Type Plane:** A Douglas C-54D "Skymaster", serial number 42-72469, powered by four Pratt & Whitney R-2000-11 engines

**Search efforts:** The search was dubbed "Operation Mike", a name taken from the missing plane's commander, 1st Lt. Kyle E. McMichael. On January 30th, a C-47, attached to the 57th Fighter Wing at Elmendorf Field, and piloted by 1st Lt. Charles H. Harden, crashed near Mt. McClintoc, injuring four aboard.

**Controversy:** Despite one of the largest searches to that time, no trace of the plane, or its personnel, have been found.

**Flight Crew:**

Major Gerald F. Brittain, pilot, 36  
First Lt. Mike Tisik, co-pilot, 25  
First Lt. Joseph W. Metzler, navigator, 31  
First Lt. Kyle L. McMichael, aircraft commander, 28 M.  
Sgt. Clyde A. Streltmann, engineer, 29  
Tech. Sgt. Harry W. McConegly, engineer, 30  
S. Sgt. Raymond H. Snow, engineer, 24  
S. Sgt. Clarence A. Gibson, radio operator, 35

**Passengers:**

Eldon V. Dolansky, Sunny side, WA  
Mrs. Joyce M. Espe, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. wife of  
M Sgt Robert E. Espe, of the 57th Air Installation Squadron  
Victor E. Espe (Infant), Elmendorf AFB  
Capt. Frank E. Gregory, Eielson AFB, Alaska  
T-Sgt. Jack P. Faris, Houston, Texas.  
S-Sgt. Robert E. Ahearn, Charlton City, Mass.  
S-Sgt. Jack E. Dickerson, Dunsmuir, Calif.  
S-Sgt. Burnis T. Lively, Long Branch, W. Va.  
S-Sgt. Raymond G. Mangold, Rodney, Ark.  
S-Sgt. John J. McDonald, Lowell, Mass.  
S-Sgt. Clinton D. Tompkins, Langley, Wash.  
Sgt. Ray L. Asel, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Sgt. Donald W. Dagle, Hawarden, IA  
Sgt. Noel B. Jones, Harlingen, Texas.  
Sgt. Roy F. Jones, Marietta, Ga.  
Sgt. Junior Lee Moore, Montgomery, Pa.  
Sgt. Harold R. Hoell, Nebraska City, Neb.  
Sgt. Tommy E. Rhoad, Flint, Mich..  
Sgt. Julian C. Thomas, Lake City, SC  
Cpl. Albie P. Baughman, Tioga, TX  
Cpl. Henry S. Kerchner, Thomasville, Pa.  
Cpl. Jeff D. Johnson, Allentown, N. J.  
Cpl. Raymond H. Matheny, McKenzie, Tenn.  
Cpl. Bernard Portrey, Preston, Neb.  
Cpl. Richard L. Suggs, Crossville, Tenn.  
Cpl. Thomas J. Young, Sulphur Rock, Ark.  
Pfc. John A. Chalopka, Richmond, Mo.  
Pfc. Charles W. Cook, Van Dyke, Mich.  
Pfc. Billie C. Cummins, Corbin, Ky.  
Pfc. Francis D. Hofer, Seattle, Wash.  
Pfc. Herman L. Lawson, Pauline, SC  
Pfc. Loyd E. Lowry, Mustoe, VA  
Pfc. William W. Cranor, Dallas, Texas  
Pvt. Robert M. Hiatt, Toppenish, Wash.  
Pvt. Blake F. Maxwell, Lynn, Mass.  
Pvt. Robert T. Reitmeyer, St. Louis, Mo.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GILLIAN CAMPBELL



Merry Christmas from Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves.  
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)



Santa & Mrs. Claus wishing you a Very Merry Christmas  
Photo courtesy Jim Jorgeson [jorgphoto@shaw.ca](mailto:jorgphoto@shaw.ca) (In Vancouver)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM YUMA**



Christmas at the Jones' in Yuma - Dec 15, 2008.  
Photo courtesy Sherron Jones [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) (In Yuma)

Merry Christmas to All, from Bill and Sherron Jones.

**ARTISTIC TALENT**



Window Shopping from the inside out.  
Photo courtesy Doug Bell [pogo41@northwestel.net](mailto:pogo41@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

## **OBIT**

Hi Sherron, just wanted to let you know that Bud Skinner died about a week and a half ago. He and Bill Maylor and I worked together for Water Survey in Whitehorse back in the 60's & 70's

I met Bud when I was transferred to Water Survey in Whitehorse in August of 1967. It was never boring when Skinner was around. He had his own unique outlook on life and work, he pursued both with reckless abandon.

He was a man not afraid to chase a dream, even if he new he would never catch it. I think the joy was in the chase, for him. So, it led him in many diverse paths. Such things as winemaking, CW on ham radio and cycling across Canada. Ya can't get much more diverse than that, eh?

Cheers,  
Brent Tipple [beasley\\*shaw.ca](mailto:beasley*shaw.ca) (In Nelson)

Bud was one of the first guys I met when working with Water Survey in Whitehorse. He and I went downriver from Johnson's Crossing with Monty Alford in May 1969. The following week we went upriver from Dawson City to Burians at Stewart learning to work together all the way.

Bill Maylor [bill\\_maylor\\*excite.com](mailto:bill_maylor*excite.com) (In Lloydminster)

Here is the copy of Bud's Eulogy. I received a note from Bill Maylor, asking to send a copy to him for the Moccasin Telegraph. So I did. Thank you for contacting me. I wish I had known Bud in the 70's... but am grateful for the 5 and 1/2 years I did have. So, as I plan on doing, in Bud's memory, enjoy life now.... before time runs out.

Sherry



Bud SKINNER and dog Kolby

**Bud (Gerald) Skinner** Born July 31 1942 lived on earth until November 27 2008

At home, with his wife Sherry and son Sam by his side, he passed from this world, peacefully, comfortably, as he had wished. His family; Sam & partner, Polly; daughter Sue & husband Chad; step sons Rob, his fiancée, Pearl & children; Larry his wife Linda & Children, sisters Joan & Pat, brother in law Jim, nieces, nephews, cousins and many loyal, loving friends are left behind with an empty place in their hearts. We'll miss him.

If ever you walk your dog through a nature park or by a beach, go camping, contact

others by morse code on your portable ham radio, kayaking, cycling, skiing, hiking, cooking new and revised recipes, gardening, volunteering for environmental enhancement or woodworking. Pick raspberries from your own patch; make, then eat the Jam with a spoon. Experiment with your own version of marmalade, curry, extreme ginger cookies, oysters/sea food...Watch movies (Master and Commander & the Bourne trilogies were his favourite) read insatiably; do so with Bud's memory. There was so much more to Bud than what he did in his life... he was an excellent father, husband, friend, environmentalist, volunteer, often putting others first before his own dreams or desires.

In lieu of flowers, or public memorial, his family would like to carry out Bud's wishes, for an informal drop in, open House and ask that you make a difference by preserving this natural world we live in. Volunteer or donate to charities that improve conditions for others or restore nature. Carry on, in your own way, to making this earth a better place to live and your life worth living...

**POSTINGS, Norman** Norman was born in Wolverhampton, England on June 18th, 1918. He passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, in Saanich Peninsula Palliative Care on November 25th, 2008. Norm was predeceased by Lois, Muriel and stepson Bruce (Gunner) Shaw. He leaves behind his loving wife Barbara, daughter, Barbara, son Ron (Ann), stepson David Shaw (Bette-Lynne), step-daughters Josie Willock (Archie), Lynne McIntyre (Brian), and daughter-in-law Catherine (Vlad). He also leaves 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, of whom he was very proud. **Norm came to Canada after service with the RAF, he then worked as an electrician, he spent time in Whitehorse,** before settling in Victoria **in the early fifties.** After retirement Norm moved to Sidney. There will be no service by his request. Donations may be made, in his memory, to the Saanich Peninsula Palliative Care, Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation, 2166 Mt. Newton X Roads, Saanichton, BC, V8M 2B2. Special thanks to Dr. Kennedy and all the staff at SPH, especially Wanna, for everything that helped make Norman's last days more comfortable. 516042 Published in the Victoria Times-Colonist from 12/6/2008 - 12/7/2008

## **REMOVED FROM THE LIST**

Could you please remove Robert Dussault from your email list? Robert passed away on April 20th of this year.

Thanks

Gail Dussault

DUSSAULT, Robert & Gail (SEMKE) [rdussault@shaw.ca](mailto:rdussault@shaw.ca) (In Whitehorse – 81) Edmonton

## **NEW ADDITIONS**

Hi Sherron - my cousin, Duane Hankins, has sent me a few of your past issues and I would like to be added to your list of subscribers. Please let me know how much it is for the year and where I should send the cheque. I loved seeing the photos of Whitehorse Elementary - wow looks great!

I was born in Whitehorse in 1955 and lived there until 1978. I am lucky enough to still have contact with many friends from CKS (Elem & High) & FHC (grad 73). About a year ago my husband and I relocated to Vernon from Calgary. My Mom and Dad (Chuck and Madeline Hankins) live here and with Dad having a lot of health problems it was a good time for a move to be closer to them. This is a great place to live and we are very glad we made the move.

I have a lot of Dad's old photos and I will send you anything I come across I think you may be interested in as I go through them.

Over the years have you ever come across anything about the traffic circle that used to be at the top of the Two Mile Hill on the Alaska Hwy? With our Vernon traffic circle controversy (yes it is back in the news), it has really got me wondering why that was ever removed and if you know any history on it. What ever happened to the Welcome to Whitehorse sign that was in the middle I wonder?

Thanks again Sherron and I'll get that cheque off to you as soon as you let me know how much to send.

Heather Fullager (Heather Hankins) [heather\\*okanaganengraving.com](mailto:heather*okanaganengraving.com) (In Vernon)

## **REMOVED FROM THE LIST**

Hi Sherron

It has been a few months now since we signed back on to MocTel. We appreciate all the work that you put into producing the news items but have decided to discontinue receiving the email. Our decision has no reflection on your work which in itself I'm sure takes up a lot of your spare time and demands that you be on time with the next edition. We wish you much success in your future editions and hope that you will receive more interesting items to fill the pages.

Have a Merry Christmas and a great 2009.

Thanks for the privilege of having been a member of MocTel.

Richard & Doreen Cinnamon [rdcinnamon@shaw.ca](mailto:rdcinnamon@shaw.ca) (In Whse 1969-80, Dawson 1980-82) Kelowna

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*A champion is a dreamer that refused to give up !*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### **Peanut Gravy / Sauce**

(A chicken dish from Africa)

Cut a whole chicken into pieces. Coat with flour and brown well.

Add:

1 chopped onion

1 tin tomatoes

1 tin tomato soup & 1 tin water

1 tin mushrooms with juice

2-3 tbsp. peanut butter

Few squirts of Tabasco sauce or red pepper

Let simmer 1 hour. Serve over rice and garnish with chopped lettuce, tomato, green pepper, etc.

Eat with fingers.

Liz Kohle

Yukon Nurses Society Cook Book

## 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 criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**.

The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

There is an annual subscription fee for the Moccasin Telegraph.

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

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