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Sunrise – Whitehorse – Dec 2008

Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

EVIDENCE

One night doing routine checks of traffic on the South Access I stopped a car headed into the city whose driver smelled of beer. His eyes were glassy and bloodshot and he appeared to be impaired. I returned him to the office where a breathalyzer test was performed. At that time you were considered impaired if your blood alcohol reading was over point 08. His reading was point 01. His explanation was that he had just driven in from Ft. Nelson, a distance of 600 miles. He was at his journey's end and decided before he went home to bed he would stop at McRae for one beer. His eyes were bloodshot from the drive and he smelled of beer because he had a beer just a few miles before he was stopped. While he showed many of the physical signs of impairment, the evidence of the breathalyzer proved otherwise and he was released.

Sometimes the evidence is self-evident. I had stopped a single axle van type truck about 20 miles south of Beaver Creek one night about 11 o'clock. I don't now recall why I was stopping him but he stopped just near the top of a hill. As I stepped from the police car the truck started to roll backwards toward my car. I jumped back in, pulled the gear shift into Reverse and hit the gas. The roads then were all gravel and with my driver's door

still open I had about 20 pounds of gravel come up off the spinning tire and deflected off the door onto my floor boards. Thinking this was perhaps an isolated incident I again started to exit my vehicle and again the truck rolled backwards. Once again I got out of the way. Now you begin to think is this someone who's trying to crash into you or just what's going on? I had little choice but to pull in front of the truck so it didn't happen again and that put me in a vulnerable position where I am now in this guy's headlights and I cannot easily see what he's doing. Once I moved in front of the truck I cautiously exited my vehicle only to see the truck roll away from me. I stand there in disbelief as the truck rolls about 60 feet down the road, enters the ditch and lays over on its right side. I go down to the truck, climb up on the driver's side which is now the uppermost part of the truck and help the driver out. Although the driver is trying to work with me in getting out, he is so drunk this process takes about 20 minutes. Farwest Texaco in Beaver Creek had a big wrecker so I called them to recover the truck. I don't recall what eventually happened but the driver would have been charged with impaired driving.

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



CHRISTMAS DAY 2008

Golden Horn was gorgeous and I kept glancing at her all day
from the living room window.

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

Babe Southwick Trophy - 1965

The Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous celebrations of the Sixties had a magical feel about them. The Yukon hadn't seen winter carnival celebrations since the late forties, so it was like a breath of fresh spring air when Rendezvous rolled around.

In a time before the Yukon Quest and other world-famous dog races that are now held in the Yukon, the Sourdough Rendezvous dog races were home spun affairs that saw the arrival in Whitehorse of old friends from the communities that we had not seen for a year.

In 1965, 40-year-old Babe Southwick of Destruction Bay brought her team to the Sourdough Rendezvous dog races. Babe was a member of the pioneer Dickson family from Kluane Lake. She added spark and color to an already lively event. Her father, Tom, came to the Yukon as a Mountie during the Klondike Gold Rush, married her mother Louise, then left the force to go trapping and raise a family. He was one of the Yukon's first big-game outfitters. At the first musher's meeting in 1965, Babe drew the #8 starting position. Then on Friday morning, the first of three days of racing, her well trained team disappeared down the Yukon River in a cloud of whirling snow, and made good time around the fifteen-mile trail.

After finishing the first day's race in the top five, she took care of her dogs and then retired to her hotel for a night of rest before day two of racing. Two hours later she was rushed to the Whitehorse General Hospital where she was pronounced dead of a heart attack. It was Friday, February 26, 1965. The news spread rapidly through Whitehorse and a pall hung over the Rendezvous festivities. The mushers met and decided to carry on with the races.

On day two, ten mushers lined up at the starting gate, each wearing a black arm band. Babe's racing number, eight, was withdrawn. Then her brother-in-law, Alex Van Bibber, took her Destruction Bay team around the course for the final two days of racing.

It would make a Hollywood ending to say that Alex led Babe's team to victory that year, but that honor went to a then-unknown musher from Carmacks, Wilfred Charlie. In the crowd watching the races that year was Andrew Snaddon, the editor of The Edmonton Journal.

Profoundly moved by Babe's death, Snaddon convinced the Journal to donate the BABE SOUTHWICK MEMORIAL TROPHY which is awarded to the team with the fastest lap of the three heats. And the number "8" remains retired from Sourdough Rendezvous dog sled races.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin
Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

REGINA HOTEL ? Mr. ?

I am very curious about this picture taken in Dawson City sometime in the 1930's. In the first picture the lady is my mother - Ardie Harbottle (Fraser) but I don't know who the man is or who the lady in the second picture is - I also never knew there was a REGINA HOTEL in Dawson City - If any one can help me identify these pictures (John Gould maybe?) I would really appreciate it.

Joy (Fraser) Denton joydenton@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)



Mr. ? and Ardie (Harbottle) Fraser

Photo courtesy Joy (Fraser) Denton joydenton@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)



? & ?

Photo courtesy Joy (Fraser) Denton joydenton@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron, Yes there was a Regina Hotel in Dawson. When my Mom, Marion Hadley first came to Dawson in 1939 she worked at the Regina. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Knutson, who also owned what is now known as Bombay Peggy's. Seems to me if memory serves me The Regina was on 2nd Avenue, a block north of the Northern Commercial Store, it was torn down in the 1950's.

Myrna Butterworth myrnab@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

I don't recognize these people. The Gould family left Dawson in 1933. I came back for the summers to work with Dad I wasn't in Dawson very much during the summer months it was back to Burnaby in the fall. I joined the R.C.A.F. when the war came and I did not get back to Dawson until the spring of 1946, have been here ever since.

The Regina Hotel was on 2nd avenue behind where the Y.O.O.P. Hall is. It was the only building in town that had an elevator.

Merry Christmas to you John Gould jgould*northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Gladys - Atlin

Photo courtesy Doug Bell pogo41*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Can anyone tell us more about the Gladys. – Sherron

A Busy Day at the Oddfellows Hall

by Dan Davidson December 5, 2008

The last Saturday in November was a particularly bust day at the Oddfellows Hall, with events running on both floors. In the second floor ballroom the Dawson City Arts Society was staging its annual Christmas craft bazaar, with tables full of fluffy pillows, jewelry, sewing, paintings, knitted goods, photography, preserves, woodwork, pottery and all the many things the arts community here creates. In the music rehearsal room next door there was a silent auction for DCAS's program arm, the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture. Items being auctioned were donations from many of the artists who have been in residence at the McCauley House program. Downstairs in the ODD Gallery, the members of the weekly senior's art class was holding a special display of the paintings and drawings they have been working on over the last couple of months.



The DCAS Christmas Bazaar was a busy event.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Bonnie and Chuck Barber pose with some of their art work.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Audrey Vigneau was the most prolific of the senior painters, with more than a dozen works on display.

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



Jack Fraser painted this Klondike cabin.
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FYI ... this is an important decision for the North.

Submitted by Sue Thomas s.thomas@shaw.ca (On Vancouver Island)



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Caught in the Act!

by Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

These youngsters pretend to be shocked after being caught in the act of preparing for Christmas at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

They'd just spent most of the afternoon making the traditional Advent Wreaths that can be seen on the altar behind them.



Caught in the Act !

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

Lighting up the Res

by Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Dec. 18, 2008

Parks Canada's annual contribution to Dawson's festival of Christmas lights always includes the decoration of the Commissioner's Residence which, in this season of declining daylight, can be viewed either in the evening or in the early morning.



Commissioner's Residence

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

Lighting up the streets

by Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

December 20, 2008

Outdoor trees seem to be a common institutional theme in Dawson this year. Yukon Energy, on Fifth Avenue, has made a tradition of turning this pole into a light festooned tree each year. Dawson's Town Hall/Fire Hall on Front Street goes for the lighted outline effect, but this year staff have decided to plant a large tree atop a mound of snow at the entrance to the parking lot for a different look.



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



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MISSING AIRCRAFT - C-54D Skymaster

What a surprise to see this item in your Moc tel this week! The item by Jason Cooke in Soldotna, Alaska researching the missing C-54D Skymaster lost enroute from Elmendorf Airbase to Great Falls Montana in January, 1950.

At that time I was a firefighter with the Army Fire Service, #17 Wks Coy RCE in the Dowel Area, in Whitehorse. Although it is over 50 years ago I do remember being one of the volunteer spotters on RCAF search planes which must have been looking for this particular aircraft. A request came from Headquarters asking for volunteer spotters and several of us firefighters responded each day. I still remember several of those flights on the DC3s. I truly appreciated the skills of the RCAF pilots as they flew below the mountain tops up and down the valleys literally on their wing tips around Mayo and further north. I believe we were covering a large area over several ranges, Big Salmon, Glenlyon, Saint Cyr Range and the Pelly Mountains. It always stayed in my mind how barren, treeless and brown and desolate the mountain tops were north of Mayo. Unfortunately the aircraft was never found. There might be some other spotters from Whitehorse who recall the search. I also seem to recall seeing an article written some time ago (perhaps in Moc Tel) or the Whitehorse Star about some aircraft engines surfacing in one of the receding glaciers in the St Elias Mountains. I wonder if there is any connection?

My best regards to Mr. Jason Cooke in his research and I hope he can find out more about the lost aircraft.

Sincerely,
Bill Weigand bweigand@shaw.ca (In Steveston BC)

RE: GUS' POEM IN MOCTEL 273- The Braggart

Gus that snow in Qualicum is your best yet, and I think I have read them all.

Donna (McLean) Needham keebird@shaw.ca (In Victoria)

Maxing the Seasonal Window Dressing

by Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Maximilian's Goldrush Emporium, Dawson's combination bookstore, CD store and tourist store, is noteworthy for its window displays in all seasons of the year. The contents of its two front windows constantly shift to mark the changing seasons or special events in the community, sometimes highlighting two different events at once. For

Christmas, however, both windows are pressed into service as two of Santa's helpers get into the gift giving spirit.



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

RSS Wishes the Community a Merry Christmas

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

The gymnasium at the Robert Service School was packed on the evening of December 18 as Grades Kindergarten to 6, with some help from members of the high school presented an adaptation of Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

The school's Grade 4-6 Choir, led by Mrs. Davidson, led off the evening with "Celebrate the Season" and "Skate Boarding Santa".

The well known story of the meanie who tried to stop Christmas from coming was directed by Mr. Taylor with the assistance of all the K-6 staff members and narrated by Grade 5's Avery Bramadat, except for those parts spoken by the Grinch himself, played with a Grinchy sneer by Grade 4's Nylan Zalitas. He was ably assisted by an eager and expressive Max the Dog, played by Grade 5's Cody Stephenson.

The only other speaking part was that of Cindy Loo Who, played by Grade 4's Kalilah Olson, who looked appropriately shocked when she found the Grinch stealing the family's Christmas Tree and was naively reassured when he told her he was just going to fix a broken light.

Aside from the fun and comedy of the classic poem, the evening was enlivened by five original songs composed by Steve Slade with the assistance of the Grades 1 ("Max the

Dog”), 2 (“Where are you, Christmas?”), 3 (“Mount Crumpit”), 5 (“Heart Grows”) and 6 (“Family Time”) classes. Grade 4 picked “You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch” from the 1966 Chuck Jones’ animated film.

Live accompaniment was provided by Mr. Betts (on guitar and drums), Mr. Holland (on guitar) and Luke Hunter (on keyboards).

There were 116 performers on stage for the finale, which featured “Jingle Bells”, and ‘We Wish you a Merry Christmas” in Hän, French and English.



The Grade 4 to 6 RSS Choir led off the concert.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Avery Bramadat was the voice of the narrator.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Kindergarten's Whos in Whoville.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



After his change of heart the Grinch carves the roast beast.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Concert Finale - The entire group presents a multilingual finale of carols.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Marsh Lake Christmas Bird Count

Today was the Marsh Lake Christmas Bird Count. I have been participating in this event for approximately ten years now... today had to be the coldest for me... anyway, there were six or seven of us that braved the conditions and trudged through the extremes to count winter birds... here are a few pictures of today's outing.... it was a beautiful day.... birds in the pictures are mostly Pine Grosbeaks except for the one Betty Bird. In all, I think we saw seven different species... which would have included the KiKi Bird.

Cheers for the holidays... keep warm.

Betty Sutton elizabethsutton@yahoo.com (In Whitehorse)



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GREETING FROM RON HILTZ

Good evening Sherron here are a few photos of the Gazebo and this years Christmas Lights.

Merry Christmas to you and all the Moc Tell readers, and A Happy New Year. Please note I can not come to terms with the "Happy Holiday" expression?

I hope you folks are well and ready for Christmas; we are almost ready all though I work days on the 23rd & 24th. We did the mad dash around to exchange a few gifts and we came away with a small block of homemade fudge from my sister Carla and our little dog has been hounding since. We are also being bombarded with some winter weather this week and the forecast is for more Christmas day.

Any how I have to say cheers and get on with other tasks.

Ron Hiltz ronmarg*ns.sympatico.ca (In Berwick NS)



Utilizing scrap lumber.

Photo courtesy Ron Hiltz ronmarg*ns.sympatico.ca (In Berwick NS)



After a lot of lumber and a coat of paint voila – a gazebo.
Photo courtesy Ron Hiltz ronmarg*ns.sympatico.ca (In Berwick NS)



Christmas 2008
Photo courtesy Ron Hiltz ronmarg*ns.sympatico.ca (In Berwick NS)

VOTE TO PICK CANADA'S BEST 49 SONGS

Hi Sherron. The CBC is having a contest - sorta - to pick the 49 best Canadian songs. Details of the event are contained later in this email. Well, how about **the Cremation of Sam McGee**. Well, we need your help and that of all your MocTel readers and their email contacts.

Let's vote for inclusion in the 49 songs, **THE CREMATION OF SAM MCGEE** written by Robert William Service, bard of the Yukon and put to music and sung by Les McLaughlin with backup by Tracey Brown of the Hall of Fame country music group, the Family Brown and contained in the CD The Songs of Robert Service.

It's a project worthy of getting ole Sam McGee into Canada's top 49 songs.

Regards

Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

Here are details from the CBC website and voting begins on January 5th.

Its official: Canadians in general - and CBC listeners in particular - are passionate about sharing Canadian music with the world. The suggestions for our 49 Songs from North of the 49th Parallel contest are already beginning to pour in to the Radio 2 blog. To see what Canadian celebrities and listeners alike have to say about the songs they'd like President-Elect Barack Obama to hear, visit the official website.

The email address and phone line for your entries will go live on January 5th, but you can join the lively conversation that's taking place on this blog at any time.

Here are the addresses you'll need to nominate your favourite song starting on January 5th: To enter via our website, visit <http://www.cbc.ca/obamasplaylist>
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Late publisher praised for his humanity

By Justine Davidson on December 24, 2008
Courtesy Whitehorse Star

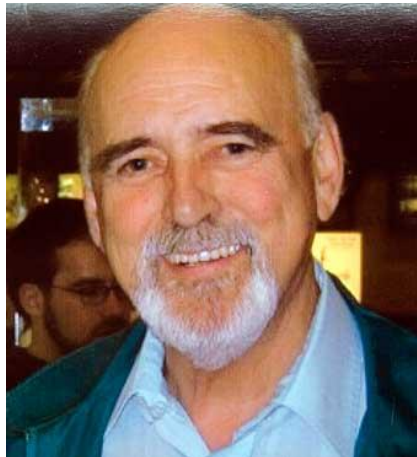


Photo by Whitehorse Star Dave Robertson

Ask people around Whitehorse about Dave Robertson, and chances are you will rarely hear a story about the former newspaper publisher and Hansard editor which came from the man himself.

“He never told me too much,” recalls Barbara Robertson, his wife of 44 years. “But every now and again I would hear from someone that he had helped them buy a house or start a business.”

Dave Robertson died of cancer last Thursday evening. He was 72.

It’s not so much that he was a secretive man, Barbara says, but rather he didn’t need or want any praise for the help he gave.

“He didn’t make a spectacle of what he did,” she remembers. “He was a very, very generous man. Very honourable.”

Dave was born in Edmonton in January 1936 to David Macfarlane and Janet (nee Hughes) Robertson. His father was a military man, so the family moved from posting to posting around the country, eventually coming to Whitehorse after the Second World War.

Dave Jr. was still a teenager and loved the wild northern country. It was then he became friends with the Ryder family, a friendship which would last until his winter years.

The family eventually left the Yukon and returned south.

Dave wanted an education so he applied to Le College Militaire de St. Jean, military college being one of the only places a young man of limited means could get a degree.

It was there he met his first wife, also named Barbara.

“My mother used to go to the cadet dances,” their eldest son Stephen says, “although they first met in church. My father chose to go to the anglophone service because it was the shorter one. He was not a particularly religious man.”

The couple married in 1959 and had two children, Beverly (B’Lee) and then, after returning to Whitehorse where Dave was posted as a staff officer, Stephen.

When they separated in 1962, Barbara returned to Quebec with her children and Dave stayed on in the Yukon.

He loved the place but was unsatisfied with his work.

“He was really impatient with the army,” Stephen says. “After the war, it was harder to be promoted and he saw so much opportunity in other things here.”

So he left Camp Takhini and set out, like so many men before him, to make his fortune.

One of his first jobs out of uniform was as manager of the Sourdough Rendezvous. He had a little office in a local motel, and became friendly with the young British girl named Barbara Williams who worked the front desk.

“I had come to the Yukon for three months,” Barbara says. “I wanted to see a bit more of Canada before heading off to New Zealand.”

But once she determined Dave had set eyes on her, he wasn't about to let her fly away.

“ ‘Stay and marry me and we'll go to New Zealand together,’ ” Barbara remembers him saying. So she stayed, although it wasn't until 1993 that the two actually managed to get away on their Kiwi vacation.

It was during that time as Rendezvous manager that Barbara remembers first realizing the extent of her husband's good will.

“He co-signed on a business loan for a young couple he knew,” she says. “And then they skipped out, leaving a trail of debts all around town. “

“Dave never even suggested putting the business into bankruptcy, although we had very little ourselves then. He paid the last bill they had left behind 13 years later. He took lots of blows but he would never do it to somebody else.”

Dave and Barbara had three children together, Cathy, Lisa (Dayle) and Douglas, and both worked in the early years to get the families fortunes rolling.

Dave tried his hand at several businesses; he started Malamute Construction with Mel Olson and David Hardie, ran a lunch wagon and also a restaurant on Fourth Avenue.

He and his brother Rick even launched a company where they would build a house in under a week for \$5,000.

But the place where he really made his mark was in publishing. Dave bought into the News Advertiser in the late 1960s with his friend Ken Shortt.

By 1971, he was the sole owner. Five years later, he successfully bid for the contract to produce Hansard, the daily transcript from the territorial legislature.

At a time when Canadian women were still fighting in the courts for their right to breast feed in public, Dave was inviting his team of young female employees to bring their babies to work with them.

“We had a very good team of people,” recalls Lois Cameron, a long-time friend and colleague of Dave's.

“They were all young women in their productive years, so naturally there were babies.

“They would work when the babies were sleeping, and feed them when they needed to be fed - right there in the office, if they chose.”

And when the young ones grew too big to be at the office, Dave recruited Barbara to babysit, Cameron says.

“He was way ahead of his time. We would go to Hansard conferences, and we were on the leading edge all the time ... technically and culturally. Dave was a tremendous team leader.”

Dave renewed his contract to produce Hansard every three years until 1998, “when he decided he didn’t want to be there every day.”

“He encouraged me to take over the contract,” remembers Cameron, who is still the editor of Hansard, more than 30 years after coming to the territory from Vancouver with the firm hired to transcribe the legislative debate.”

“I think he had more faith in me than I had in myself. He was a fine man.”

He had a philosophy of equality which many remember him for today.

“I heard an old friend say once that Dave was more of a socialist than a Liberal,” says Ted Staffen, the Speaker of the legislature, recalling the enthusiastic debates he would have with Dave around election time.

“He had a kind heart for the underdog, but he was also an astute businessman.”

“He was a capitalist with a socialist bent,” Cameron says. “He had a powerful social conscience. I remember him saying that if someone couldn’t work or didn’t want to, that was their right. He loved to work and he was happy to do it for others who couldn’t or wouldn’t.”

He even went so far as to take over the payment of transcribers’ wages when the government refused to give them a raise from \$10 an hour.

“The government just saw them as typists,” Cameron says. “Dave knew how much they were worth and so he gave it to them.”

Dave revolutionized the way Hansard was printed in 1977 by introducing his staff to a new technology most of them had never before laid eyes on: computers.

“This was a giant step forward,” according to Cameron, “because it precluded typesetting. You could do things with those computers that you can’t do today, things I miss, like being able to send a paragraph from one file to another with one command.”

And he always stayed on top of the newest technologies, looking for ways to streamline the process.

It is thanks to him, Staffen told the legislature Dec. 15, that the Yukon has the fastest turnaround time in Canada, “if not the Commonwealth” for its Hansards.

Always the workhorse, Dave worked until the last days of his life, says Barbara, insisting that a desk and computer be set up in his home when he became too weak to go into the office.

He will be remembered as a man who strove to make things better for others through his own labour and generosity.

“Loyalty to Dave was never a question,” Cameron says. “You didn’t work for Dave, you worked with him.”

WWW.KLONDIKEART.CA

My new website is now up as of January 2 but still under construction. I’d like to let all MocTel readers know that I’m looking for stories or Yukon content of any kind to place on the site and wondering if I could ask everyone if they would mind passing along their stories or any information. Below is my introduction letter outlining some of the exciting things that I have in store. The website has been a long time in the making and after struggling for seven months trying to find a web designer, Murray Lundberg appeared. Thank you Murray for taking over the design, your help is very much appreciated. The contributors to the Moccasin Telegraph have been a huge inspiration to me and I’d like to thank everyone who has encouraged me to go ahead with this project. Particularly you Sherron. If you see something on the website that you think would fit in with the MocTel please use it.

Donna Clayson

PRESERVING YUKON HISTORY TODAY FOR TOMORROW

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Come join me in a new interactive web site that involves all Yukoners. This site will constantly be updated. Here are some ideas:

- *history stories of the Yukon*
- *monthly feature of a Yukoner with photos / memories*
- *those that left their moccasins behind (memories of those that have passed away)*
- *obits (those that have recently passed away)*
- *contests to win Yukon treasures*

- occasional newsletters sent directly to your inbox
- links to products by artists
- promoting our youths' talents, ambitions, etc.
- sites to see and activities to participate in
- discussions on current affairs
- collection of stories sent in by Yukoners, their accomplishments, tributes with links to their websites
- recognizing Yukon business, telling their history
- inspirational sayings
- what are your memories of early-day Yukon?
- recipes
- featuring Mae Bachur Animal Shelter. A veterinarian will be writing a weekly column on animal health
- photos of your favorite pets and cute anecdotes
- photos of your favorite pictures
- a list of monthly events and happenings throughout the territory
- the list goes on, send in your thoughts and ideas

This is just a sampling of what you'll see. This website is for Yukoners by Yukoners. A little bit of everything. Have a look, tell me what you think. Make suggestions; participate. Featured will not only be those that have spent their lives here but also the up and coming artists and Cheechakos that have decided to move here permanently.

I arrived here in 1961 as a pre-teen. I graduated from F.H. Collins, worked for the YTG. My children were born here. I operated a kennel and ran sprint dogs. In 1978 I had to leave for Alberta because my daughter was ill. I stayed and worked 26 years for Edmonton Transit. I met my future husband, Bryan who was originally from Saskatchewan and we were married on the MV Schwatka in Whitehorse 1986. I would return to my beloved Yukon every other year for a visit. Now that both my husband and I are retired it was time to 'come home' permanently. My Cheechako husband is looking forward to his initiation into becoming a Sourdough. I love Yukon History and helping the youth of today by recognizing their achievements and struggles into adulthood. A huge interest to me is First Nations peoples. Go to the website. Send in your stories and memories. I am volunteering for the Yukon Quest and the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association along with the Sourdough Rendezvous. I will be posting stories about all the volunteers in these organizations. If anyone is restoring anything such as equipment used in early-day Yukon I will be posting the entire process along with before photos and after photos. The Yukon is our home and we are proud. Thank you to those that have welcomed us back with open arms. It feels wonderful.

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ARTISTIC TALENT



Fox – Sept 2008

Photo courtesy Doug Bell cheechako46*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

AWAITING AN OBIT

I received an email from Lynn Lambert advising of the passing of **Anne Domes** at the Whitehorse Hospital on December 26th. No other details were given.

She was my landlady back in the early 60's in Whitehorse. Tina and I visited her last summer. She seemed frail at the time but her mind was sharp.

Perhaps you can find out more details for the MT readers.

Dave Perks birdsivu*telusplanet.net (In Grande Prairie AB)

I had a call from Carol, Anne's daughter. Carol will be e-mailing you the obit she is currently working on. There won't be a service until late Feb or early March as there are some people who would like to attend and need time to make travel arrangements. Anne passed away Dec 26 in hospital from pneumonia and possible kidney failure. Carol will

be coming to my place next week and we'll put something together on Anne and Konrad's life that I will put on the website. I'll make sure you get a copy for the MocTel also.

Donna Clayson bdclayson*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Still awaiting an obit for Anne Domes. – Sherron

OBIT

Joseph Eugène Vigneau Sr.

March 19, 1932 – December 16, 2008

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Joseph Eugène Vigneau Sr. Joseph is no longer struggling to breathe. His great love, music, and woodworking will be remembered and passed on through his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survived by his wife Audrey, eight children, sons Joseph Jr., Donald, Charles and Mark, daughters Barbara, Shirley, Glenda and Tina, 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. His faithful companion Zeus misses him terribly. Internment and private service to be held in Sydney, Nova Scotia at a later date, as requested by the deceased.



Sherron – I would like to submit the following obituary for my brother-in-law who passed away December 05, 2008.

He will be remembered by many present and former Yukoners. He worked as a Corrections Officer at Whitehorse Corrections in the 70s and then transferred to Yukon Ambulance Services retiring in the early 1990s. Bryant was very involved in sports in the Yukon including Softball Yukon, Old Timer's Hockey, and curling.

Bryant and Colleen moved back to Alberta in early 2000 settling in Sangudo, Alberta where they resided at the time of Bry's passing.

Many thanks, Cathy (Netzel) Lyons lousana*xplor.net (In Lousana AB)



Bryant Edgar McKenzie
Born: 25 September 1950
Died: 05 December 2008

Bryant Edgar McKenzie of Sangudo AB passed away peacefully at the University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton on the 5th December 2008 at the age of 58, with his loving family at his side.

Bryant is survived by his wife and best friend Colleen, daughter Shaunna McKenzie (Donnie Williams) of Whitehorse Yukon; son Shane McKenzie of Sangudo, AB, one brother, William (May) McKenzie of Logan Lake, BC., and several grandchildren he was so very proud of: Dustin, Reanna, Mia, Bryant, Alana, Hayden and several nieces and nephews.

Byrant was predeceased by his parents, Grant & Lena McKenzie, his brother Ernie and nephew Lou; Father & mother-in Law; Harry & Margaret Lyons, all of Red Deer, AB.

At Bryant's request there will be no service held in his honour. His ashes will be taken home to Tagish Lake, Yukon where he spent his happiest moments at his cabin with his family, pets, best buddy Fred and many friends. Bryant's love of the Yukon included the history, vast wilderness, wildlife, camping and great hunting and fishing.

A memorial tree will be planted at Parkland Memorial Park on McKenzie Road, Red Deer, AB

(McKenzie family's farm land where he was raised with his brothers.)

In lieu of flowers, Bryant's family request that donations be made in his memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, Diabetes Association or a charity of your choice

BACK ON THE LIST

I just got the info that I needed from a friend of mine regarding Moc Tel. Sometime in the past year, the issues stopped coming to my in-box. Seems I just got too busy or something else would come up and I neglected to inquire why.....It is my understanding that there is a subscription price available now in order to continue receiving it, would you please advise me as to what this amount would be?
Have a Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year.

Thanks, Carol Buzzell buzzy.cj*northwestel.net (In Haines Junction)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

To get what you want, STOP doing what isn't working.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Florence Roberts yapper*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

Cheese Cookies

Oven temp. 350 degrees. Baking time 10-15 minutes. Approx. yield two dozen

¼ lb. MacLaren's Imperial cheese

¼ lb. butter (room temp.)

1 cup flour

Red or black currant jelly

(More flour may be added if necessary)

Cream cheese and butter together (both at room temp.). Add flour and mix until dough is not sticky. Roll very thin, cutting equal portions of tops and bottoms (tops having a hole in centre). When cooked and cooled, spread jelly between each cookies.

Joann Haire

Montreal, Quebec

Whitehorse RCAF Women's Auxiliary

DATES TO REMEMBER

VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION
81st ANNUAL BANQUET
April 4, 2009

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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**. 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.

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