

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 308th Edition – April 25th, 2010

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Sell Out crowd at Vancouver Yukoners Banquet – (266) – April 17, 2010
Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford BC)

THE NIGHT THE SPORTING LADIES HELD A SALE

By Gus Barrett sourdoughs2@shaw.ca (In Qualicum Beach BC)

*This tale comes from a Mountie,
Who will swear his facts are right,
For he was there on duty,
On that long forgotten night.
When the preachers wound up fighting
And the Mayer went to jail,
On the night the Sporting Houses
Held a sale.*

‘Twas mid-winter time in Dawson,
And all business was down,

The miners had departed,
And no tourists were in town.
They feared that debts would multiply,
And the business would fail,
Unless the Sporting Ladies
Held a sale.

Then the Sporting Ladies Union
Held a meeting in the hall.
All the madams, being patriotic,
Answered to the call.
They swore they'd do their duty
To their city without fail,
Next Friday they would hold
A midnight sale.

And so, the sale was organized
And the advertising flowed,
Billboards soon were sprouting up
By every Yukon road.
It seemed that every trucker
And dog musher hit the trail,
On the way to Dawson City for
The Sporting Ladies sale.

On Friday night of Dawson,
It was just pandemonium,
Whiskey flowed like water,
Right along with O.P. rum,
The line-ups at the sporting houses,
Twined into the trail,
While they waited for an entry
To the sale.

Well, they got a little rowdy,
And the Mounted Police appeared,
The mayor read the riot act,
'cause anarchy was feared.
Necessities were circulated,
By the Sally Anne,
While the ladies just continued
With their plan.

The pastor read a sermon,
About sin and retribution,
While the parson raged about

The curse of prostitution,
But the ladies went on selling,
As if nothing was amiss,
While the Priest dispatched a rabbi
With his fist.

By morning, all was quiet,
In that little gold rush town,
The line ups had now disappeared,
The melee, settled down.
Most males were in the lockup.
But they say each wore a smile,
And they say the sporting ladies,
Made a pile.

*Well, that's the tale as told to me
By a man who swears it's true,
There are many others, who were there,
Down on Second Avenue.
The night they read the Riot Act,
Then overfilled the jail,
While the Dawson Sporting Ladies
Held a sale.*

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The following photos courtesy Jim Perry; most taken the evening before the
Vancouver Yukoners' Banquet at the Hospitality Room at the River Rock Casino.

There were a number of prizes donated for a silent auction. The draw was made after the banquet dinner.

Jim Perry [4perry*telus.net](mailto:4perry@telus.net) (In Abbotsford BC)



Vivian (Lilievre) Stuart, Arleen (Lilievre) Hayes
Hold court at the registration desk.



Pat and Keith Simpson visiting with Cookie Morgan (center) in the lobby/foyer outside the Hospitality room. The River Rock Casino/Hotel/Convention Center is a beautiful facility.



Maureen (MacDonald) Sutton
With a painting by Maxine (Fromme) Horner.



Past President Sue and Doug Morrison



Mr. & Mrs. Yukon – Jack & Myrna Kingscote
Yukon Royalty



Howard Ryder and Goody (Erickson) Sparling
Yukon Oldtimers



Dan Vars and Judy (Rosen) Leahy



Donna Lambert (Cusick), Doris Gates, Lynn Lambert (designed the Yukon Flag)



Glenis & Martin Allen



Jeri & Bill Weigand and Hazel Nixon



David Driscoll, Julie Trueman, Elizabeth (Trueman) Chamberlist and Eric Chamberlist



Ann (Callison) Lounsbury, Ethel "Bubs" Fraser and Lorraine Perry



Stan Wilcox and Don Murray



Bonnie (Romfo) Vars, Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer, Judy (Rosen) Leahy, Dan Vars



??, Valerie (Osborn) Duckworth, Harriett (Osborn) Butterworth, Sharon Redmond, Julie Trueman, Sue (Trueman) Driscoll and son David Driscoll



Lynda (Roach) & Gordon Hudson



Ray and Dianne (Harbottle) Pilloud



Vern & Sheila (Coell) Parkin



Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer, Pat & Lee Rogers, Harriett (Osborn) Butterworth, Joann (Stevenson) Robertson



Vern Parkin, Mike McGeachy, Martin & Glenis Allen, Heather McGeachy, Pat Rogers, Sheila (Coell) Parkin



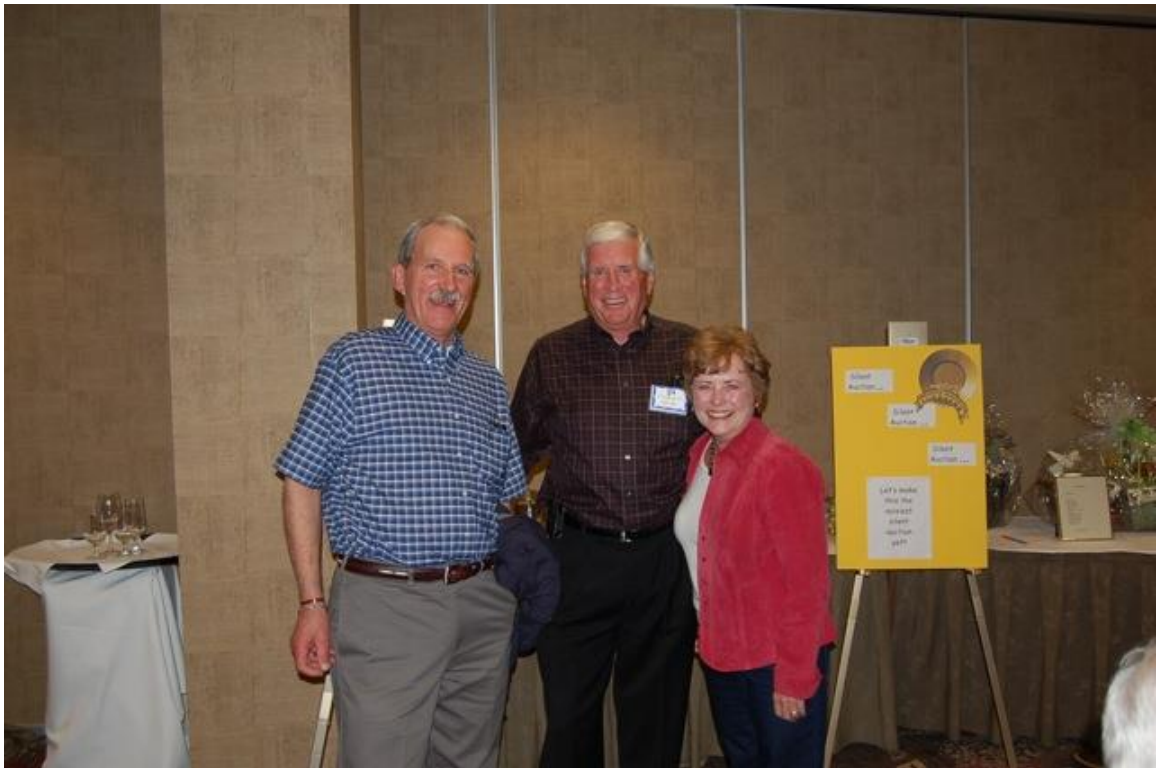
Gordon Mackie, Blanche (Holbrook) Barrett, Lorraine (Craig) Mackie



Millie (McMurphy) Jones, Gordon Ryder, (Commisioner) Geraldine and Pat Van Bibber



Allen McMillan, Helen Munro and May (Suits) Getz



Larry Bidlake, Dan Vars and Judy (Rosen) Leahy



Back row: Commissioner Geraldine VanBibber, Diane (Bidlake) King, Helen (Munro) Fitch, Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer
Front Row: Ann (Callison) Lounsbury, Ethel "Bubs" Fraser, May (Suits) Getz, ??



Terry Cyr, Jim Perry and Raymond Cyr



Joan McManus

PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE BANQUET:



Tippy Mah & wife



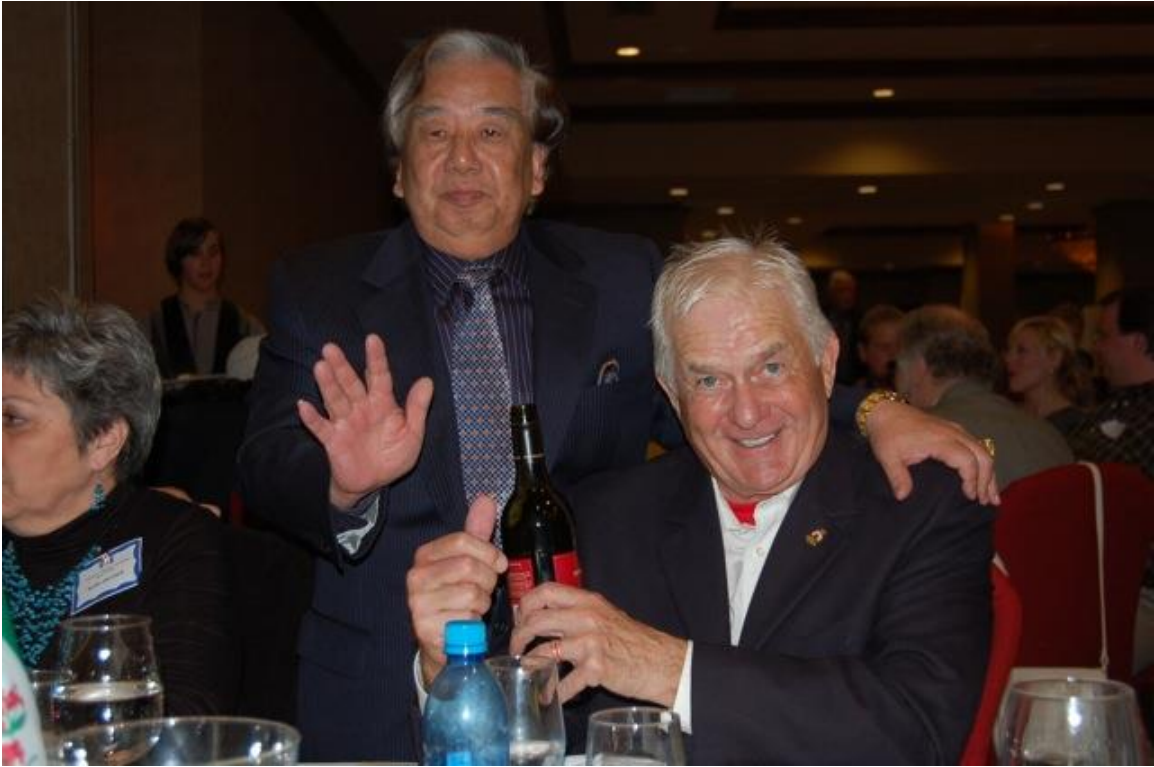
Ann (Callison) Lounsbury, Pat (Romfo) Lucier, Ethel "Bubs" Fraser, Diane (Harbottle),
Pilloud, Sally (Backe) Hogan
Front row Lynda (Roach) Hudson, May (Suits) Getz



May (Suits) Getz and Jim Perry



Mike Rawlinson, Tippy Mah and Bubs Fraser



Tippy Mah & Mike Hogan



Ginny (Burkkhard) Holl, her daughter Annie Granados and grand daughter is Alma Rose.



Pat Van Bibber and Commissioner Geraldine Van Bibber

Geraldine made an interesting speech. Recalling being in grade school in Dawson when a new young teacher came to Dawson. The teacher was Helen (Munro) Fitch, the outgoing Vancouver Yukoners' Ass'n President, they are very good friends today. Geraldine herself is in her last year as Commissioner and we will be very sad to see her go. Geraldine has a wonderful sense of humor and always leaves us wanting to hear more. – Sherron Jones

Above photos courtesy Jim Perry 4perry*telus.net (In Abbotsford BC)

Gillian Campbell sang Oh Canada and later Harvey Burian who sang Oh Canada last year and had commented to Gus Barrett that the Yukon is sadly lacking in the anthem. Gus prepared the following lyrics and Harvey Burian sang them for your enjoyment.

ODE TO THE YUKON

(Sung to the tune of O'Canada)

By Gus Barrett sourdoughs2*shaw.ca (In Qualicum Beach BC)

High mountain range!

With bold majestic peaks!
Wild open space, the solitude we seek.

Swift flowing creeks where graylings rise,
And golden nuggets gleam!

From 'cross the land,
We congregate, and live our Yukon dream.

Long winter nights, northern lights aglow!
Our Yukon is the greatest land we know.

Our Yukon is the greatest land we know.

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MOCTEL 307

Hi Sherron, another great MocTel. Those photos of the dog teams, buildings and people were so vivid they looked like paintings in fact one of them I thought was done by Ted Harrison it was so colorful, fantastic camera work.

Glad to hear you got home safe and sound and in time for our lovely B.C. spring and summer.

Cheerio ...Alice Breaden ambreaden*shaw.ca (In Nanimo BC)

SS KENO - trip to Dawson

Sherron: I was at the launching of the Keno in Whitehorse and supplied pictures to the Parks Dept. in Dawson. They have been assigned control of the pictures, but I presume anyone can access them through their archives. A couple of the pictures are in the evening when she was crossing Lac Labarge - I was flying Lloyd Romfo's (Yukon Flying club) plane CF-ENN when I took the pictures. Another member [RCMP], Bill Craig, who was stationed at Carmacks at the time, filmed the passage under the bridge from the "land based" point of view. Sure brings back a lot of memories ! ! !

Ira Saunders sandisaunders*rogers.com (In Ottawa ON)

ps: I did some scuba diving with Terry and another buddy of his in the Whitehorse area - and I also donated a pint of blood to his wife after the birth of their first child in 1961.

Ira

MOCTEL 307

I really enjoyed the videos in today's Moctel about the riverboats. I left Dawson in June 1954 and the last boat was in 1955.....so sad. I wish they could bring a couple back in the summer time for the tourists.....I am sure they would be a HUGE success....Love, Tina Parsons artinap@shaw.ca (In Victoria)

RUSSIAN WATER BOMBER LANDS IN WHITEHORSE

Murray Biggin and I thought you might be interested in photos of a Russian Water Bomber that visited Whitehorse March 24. Murray was lucky enough to have a tour of this giant aircraft and took these photos. The Russians were flying from Moscow to Chili on a selling tour and stopped here in Whitehorse to refuel. They have 5 hours endurance on their fuel (empty). The Russians have 12 of these water bombers in their fleet and are interested in selling them. They will tour the United States on their way back from Chili and will again, refuel in Whitehorse, date unknown. There was a crew of 18 onboard, which comprised two flight crews. The pilot was the only person that could speak English. The co-pilot took the photos of Murray in front of the aircraft. If you would like more info contact Murray.

Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)
Murray Biggin murrayb1931@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)



Russian Water Bomber in Whitehorse March 24, 2010
Photo courtesy Murray Biggin murrayb1931@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)



English speaking Russian Pilot in the cockpit of the Russian Water Bomber which Stopped in Whitehorse March 24, 2010 to refuel which was on a sales trip to Chili.
Photo courtesy Murray Biggin murrayb1931@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)



Cockpit of Russian Water Bomber
Photo courtesy Murray Biggin murrayb1931@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)



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Murray Biggin in front of Russian Water Bomber
Whitehorse March 24, 2010
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TRANSPORTATION HALL OF FAME WINNERS

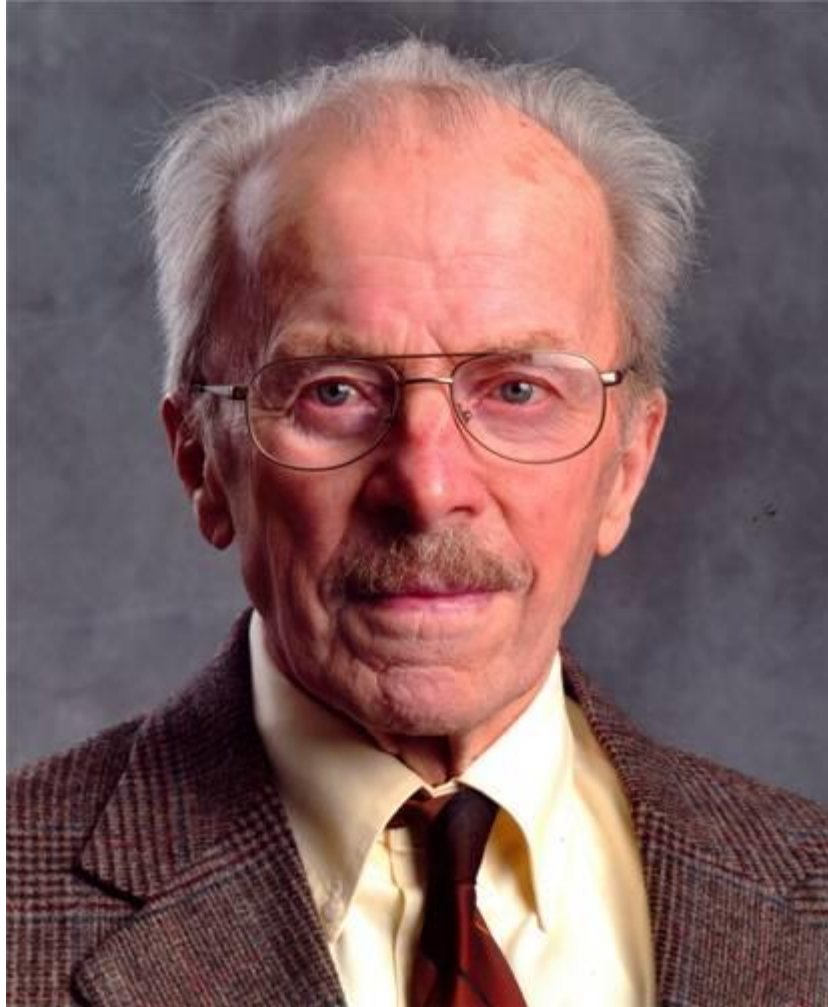
Can you please announce our Hall of Fame Winners...????

This year we are pleased to award the following:

Paul Cyr is this year's Transportation Pioneer of the Year Award recipient

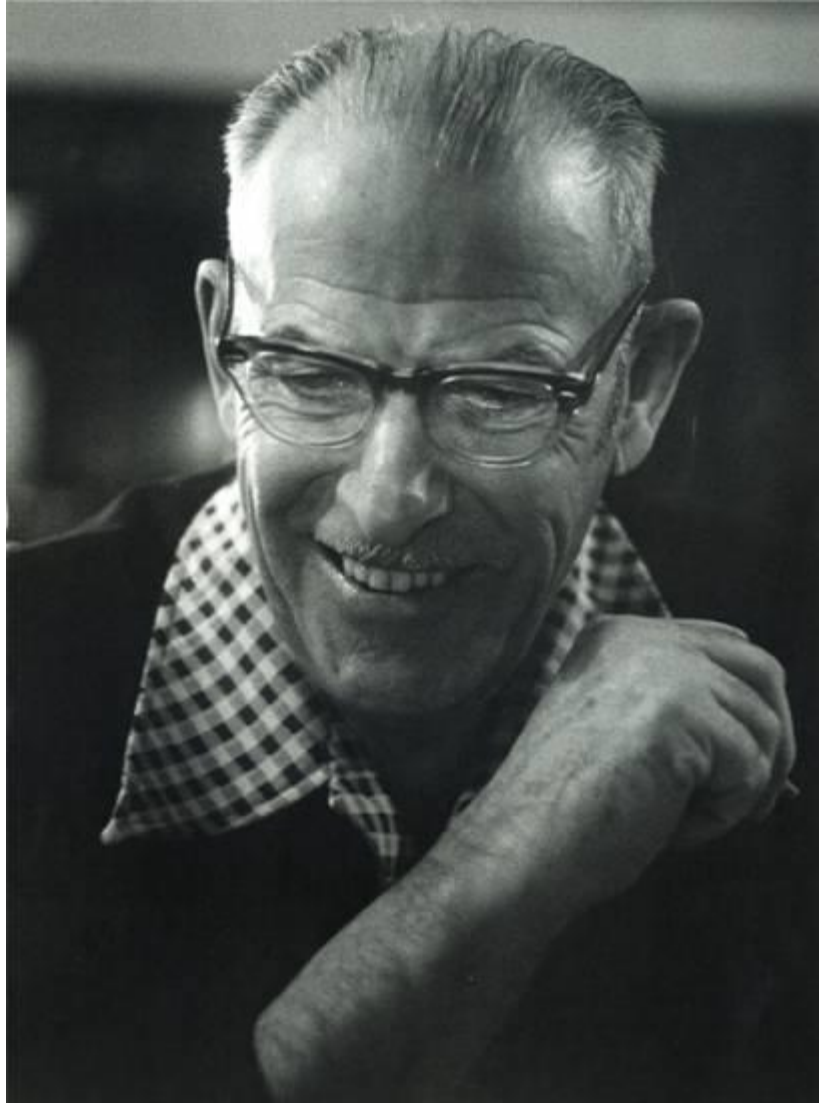
Neil Keobke is this year's Transportation Person of the Year Award recipient

The Transportation Hall of Fame Award Ceremony will take place on June 1st at 7pm in the Yukon Transportation museum and all are welcome.



Paul Cyr

[I did ask Noelle (Cyr) Misko at the Vancouver Yukoners Banquet how Paul Cyr was related to her and she said he was her uncle, her fathers younger brother. – Sherron]



Neil Keobke

Elizabeth Beecroft Elizabeth.Beecroft@gov.yk.ca (In Whitehorse)
Program Officer
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Elizabeth intends to provide bio's of these men when they are completed. – Sherron

House Project in Whitehorse

I had a great response from my ad in the Moccasin Telegraph! Three people responded and I have two stories -- one complete and into the paper and one in the "to do" list! Could I put another ad in an upcoming Telegraph?

From Nellie Dale, Whitehorse

Thank you to the folks who responded to my ad about my House Project in Whitehorse! I received some wonderful information. Does anyone know about the house at 701 Jarvis. I spoke to Gordie Ryder. He told me the house was moved from the Stratford Hotel site around 1955 -- he purchased it then and rented it out. He sold it to Suat Tuzlak last year. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

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YUKON NUGGET – BUILDING THE SKAGWAY ROAD

Hi Sherron, I have put a new short film on Youtube that you readers may like to see.

Your readers can view it at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUiIVeG85Is>

Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

HANK KARR

Hi Sherron, I have also put on my Youtube site, the **White Pass Yukon Rail** song written by Al Oster and sung by Hank Karr from his new DVD called **Long Gone to the Yukon**.

Your readers can view it at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOkbyueLfwI>

Regards

Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

Hi Sherron. My brother Tom and I now have a website for our audio/visual productions. Mocket readers can have a look at:

<http://www.sturgeonsound.ca/>

Thanks

Les McLaughlin

ARTISTIC TALENT



This one reminded me of a horse drawn by grass when I first saw it after snow was gone. But then maybe the snow did it - anyway spring gets heads singing along with the birds.

Doug Bell pogo41*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

OBIT

Dear Family and Friends of Margaret ("Peg") Watson,

We are sorry to announce that Mother died peacefully on Saturday April 17th 2010 at 4:45PM surrounded by her family.

A celebration of Mom's life will be held at 3:00PM Saturday May 1st, at the Chemainus United Church .. A tea will follow at the church.

Should you have any pictures of mom that you would like to share at the celebration please email Mike at mccomb@shaw.ca .

In lieu of flowers it would be appreciated by the family that donations be made to the United Church Youth Camp Programs C/o 9814 Willow St., Chemainus, BC V0R 1K0.

Your friendship to Mother meant a lot to her,

Sincerely,

Phil, Pat, Janet and Mike

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note the change of our email address-- [fredread33*att.net](mailto:fredread33@att.net)

Sorry if we have been tardy in notifying you.

Fred/Bill, & Shirley & Jackie Read (In Santa Rosa, California)

Change of address via snail mail from Arlene Kovacs. (In Whitehorse)

New address is [arlee.k*klondiker.com](mailto:arlee.k@klondiker.com)

Change of address for Jim & Linda Profeit [jprofeit*hotmail.com](mailto:jprofeit@hotmail.com) (In Whitehorse)

New e-mail for Ken and Dorothy Krockner [krey36*shaw.ca](mailto:krey36@shaw.ca) (In Victoria)

New address for Rick & Diana Griffiths [ricanddi*northwestel.net](mailto:ricanddi@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

Same address for so long but has now changed to [jan6*me.com](mailto:jan6@me.com) Jan Koepke (In Whitehorse)

NEW ADDITIONS

Cookie Morgan is back on the list. Not sure yet if she is receiving from me at this address. [cookie2*northwestel.net](mailto:cookie2@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

REMOVED FROM THE LIST

I no longer want to receive the Moccasin Telegraph.

Judy Linton

LINTON, Judy [asl*polarcom.com](mailto:asl@polarcom.com) (In Whitehorse since 1979)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You win some, you lose some, and some get rained out, but you gotta suit up for them all.” - J. Askenberg

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I would welcome some recipes – if you have a favorite, please share it with us. – Sherron Jones sherronjones@shaw.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER

Okanagan Yukoners’ Picnic

Okanagan Yukoners’ Picnic - June 27, 2010 at Summerland Ornamental Gardens, Pacific Agri-Food Centre. 4200 Highway 97 ,from 11:00am till 3:00pm.

Pot - Luck Lunch at Noon.

Bring a friend, Come and enjoy!!

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

Island Yukoners Picnic

Aug 14th, 2010

(Saturday closest to Discovery Day Aug 17th)

11am-3pm

Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea provided.

St Mary’s Church

2600 Powder Pt. Rd., Nanoose, B.C.

Hwy. 19 to Northwest Bay Rd. turn at the Petro Can station to Powder Pt Rd. right turn and just over the tracks is the church on your right.

Contacts: Sharon Redmond 250-729-9773 or Harriett 250-714-2774

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