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Seward Glacier and south-east side of Mt. Logan.

Photo courtesy Erin Schnyder goneflying@live.ca (In Haines Junction)

A YUKON NUGGET

By Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

For CKRW and here courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Herschel Island

Herschel Island was named, in 1826, by the British Arctic explorer, Sir John Franklin, after the famous English astronomer William Herschel, who studied the planets and the stars in the 17th century. He was the first to spot the far-off gas giant Uranus, which had been predicted to exist, but had not been seen until Herschel pointed his telescope in the right direction. The island was the only safe haven for ships operating between Point Barrow, Alaska and the Mackenzie delta. As the riches of the Beaufort Sea became known, whalers arrived in droves from the United States.

The crew of the US navy ship, the Thetis, surveyed the island in 1899 and named many of its features. The same year, the first of many whaling ships over-wintered here. The

island was almost unknown to Canadian authorities, and its population of Inuit was subjected to untold debauchery by the American whalers.

As many as 100 ships were anchored at Herschel Island at one time. In 1896, the Canadian Church Missionary Society found out about the awful conditions faced by the native people. Isaac Stringer, later to become Bishop of the Yukon, was sent to the island to build a mission.

Stringer insisted that Ottawa do something to help, but it wasn't until 1903 that a NWMP detachment was set up. By that time, the whalers had pretty much depleted the stocks and moved out. The island continued to be a trading centre and, in 1925, a post office was established.

As trade decreased, the population dwindled and in 1938, the post office was closed. By 1968, no permanent residents were left, but it remained a favourite summertime visiting and whaling ground for the native people of the Mackenzie delta.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin



Eskimo schooners from Banks Island and Mackenzie Delta at Pauline Cove, Herschel Island, Yukon. One of early whalers' warehouses in distance. 1930.

Yukon Archives. Finnie Family fonds, #390.



Old buildings at Herschel Island, Arctic Coast, Y.T., 1930.
Yukon Archives. Finnie Family fonds, #392.



Mission House - Herschel Island - 1920 - [Rev. Arthur Creighton McCullum's] first mission.

Yukon Archives. Rev. Arthur Creighton McCullum fonds, #3.

1977 Yukon represented at Exhibition Park



Yukon Home of the Klondike, Elsa Purse
Exhibition Park, Vancouver BC 1977

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Gillian Campbell and Watson Lake Johnny - 1977

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Gillian, Watson Lake Johnny, Cal Millers wife, Roy Minter.
Cal Miller was asked to present the Trophy to the Winner – 1977.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

Moctel 317-1 - MS Tutshi Memorial

Dear Ira and Sherron,

Thank you for your photos of Carcross, Ira. I really enjoyed seeing them. My first visit to Carcross was in 1968 and your photos reminded me of that era. There have been many changes in Carcross over the years, but they happened gradually, so that those of us who live here have replaced our older, mental images with their newer versions. It was nice to be reminded of how things were. That's an interesting photo assignment, Sherron. Will try to 'line up' those shots for you this week.

Really enjoyed the many stories and photos of the paddle-wheelers in this last issue of the Moc Tel. It's wonderful to see all the various perspectives and stories come together from different folks. We are all wiser and richer for it.

Thanks again,

Carol Bratvold cbratvold@gmail.com (In Carcross)

MT 317-2 - MS TUTSHI MEMORIAL - CARCROSS

I read with interest the notes and pictures of the memorial being built for the Tutshi. I had heard from the new owners of the Carcross hotel that it had burned but was not aware of the memorial. You may be interested in the attached photos taken in the area in the '58 - '59 era when the Tutshi was still on the ways in Carcross. Enjoy !!!

Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

I asked Carol Bratvold if she could duplicate Ira's photos to give us an 'after' to Ira's 'before' pictures. –Sherron

Hi Sherron,

I was able to duplicate these views, but the WP&YR mail wagon has been restored & moved to the old warehouse, so couldn't get that one.

Carol Bratvold cbratvold@gmail.com (In Carcross)



Army Vehicles and Wagon 1958-59

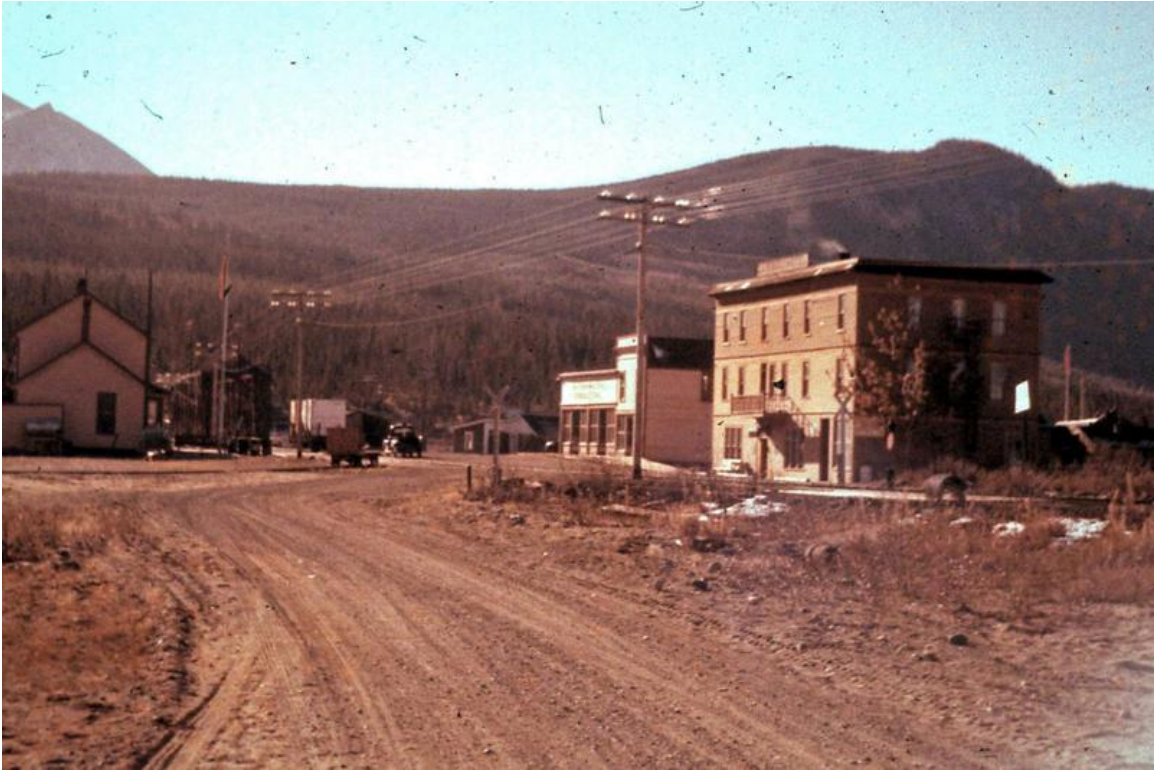
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)



MV TUTSHI in Carcross 1958-59
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders*rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Tutshi memorial in progress 2010.
Photo courtesy Carol Bratvold [cbratvold*gmail.com](mailto:cbratvold@gmail.com) (In Carcross)



Downtown Carcross 1958-59
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders*rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



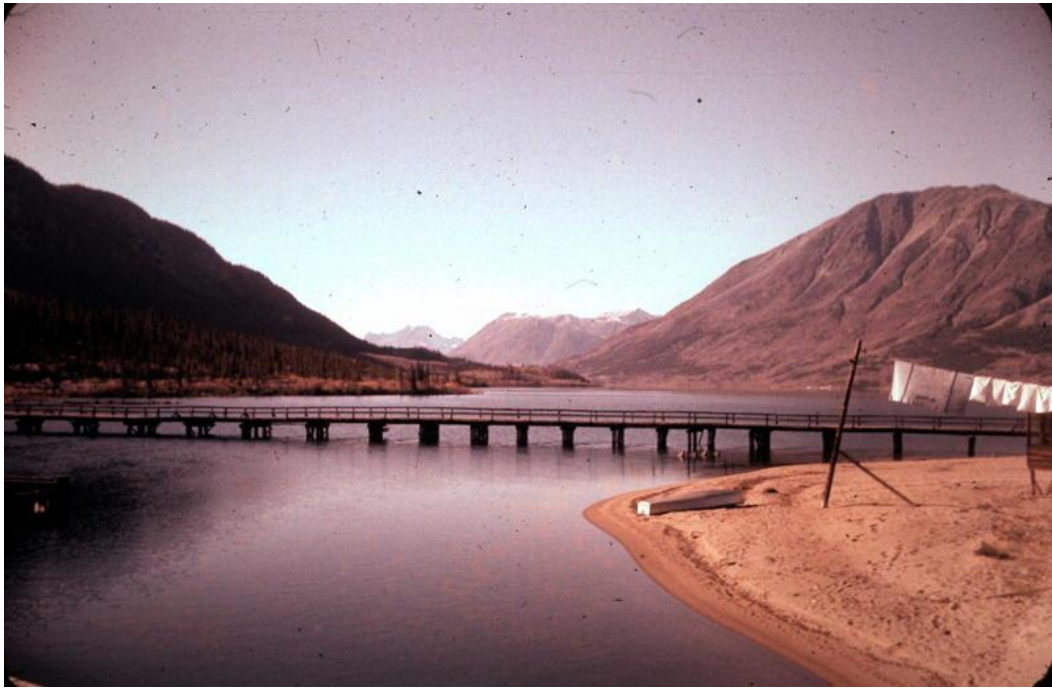
Downtown Carcross 2010
Photo courtesy Jim Perry [4perry*telus.net](mailto:4perry@telus.net) (In Abbotsford)



Caribou Hotel and The Duchess 1958-59
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandsaunders*rogers.com (In Ottawa)



Caribou Hotel & The Duchess 2010
Photo courtesy Carol Bratvold cbratvold@gmail.com (In Carcross)



Walking bridge 1958-1959

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



Walking bridge 2010

Photo courtesy Carol Bratvold [cbratvold*gmail.com](mailto:cbratvold@gmail.com) (In Carcross)

MORE PHOTOS of CARCROSS COURTESY JIM PERRY



White Pass Depot – Carcross - where the Yukon Government's Visitors Centre and White Pass ticket office are housed is 100 years old this year. The celebration, attended by many dignitaries, past and present WP employees, train buffs, visitors and locals, was held this summer on July 29.

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



Matthew Watson - General Store - Carcross

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



Anglican Church in Carcross
Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)



This is St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. It was brought to Carcross from Conrad City in the early 1940's. A pastoral worker continues to conduct services here. - Carol

Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net
(In Abbotsford)



A White Pass famous ‘container’ on a rail car in the WP&YR yard in Carcross. White Pass was the first in the world to use containers for transportation – for them the product was locked up for the trip from the shippers loading dock, taken by truck to North Vancouver, via their own company ship to Skagway, then loaded on the rail for the trip from Skagway to Whitehorse and could be placed on a truck and delivered to their destination.

Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)



‘Casey’ ready for work. The man-car (or casey) is used to transport the work crew from Carcross. Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)



Does anyone know the history of this home or truck - in Carcross ?
Photo #1 (above) located near the Anglican Church at the entrance to town.
Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)

The cabin #2 (below) is presently owned by my sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Doug Oulton. My mother tells me that it was the cabin that I spent my first night home from the hospital as a new-born. My mother's cabin is two doors up the street and is still owned by my mother. The cabin that has the sign "Millie's Manor" is mother's new cabin and is between the cabin in picture #2 (below) and the Jones' Family cabin.

The orange truck in the photo #2 (below) was owned by my Grandfather, Jack McMurphy. It was returned to the family a few years ago and is presently waiting for some vegetation to hide it, I think!

The other cabin in photo #2 (below) has been owned by Frank Stark, possibly the Erlams from the Whitehorse Star and is now owned by Rob (I think) Fendrick.

And yes I know Carol Bratvord as the White Pass and the Information Centre were in the same building. Her husband, Larry is a long time Carcross resident.

Hope this helps

Ken Jones k29j32@shaw.ca (In Chilliwack)



Is known as the "Jones Cabin" (Millie's family). Alf Dickson built it in 1938 with logs from a 1902 era home in Conrad City. Don Jones purchased the cabin in 1952. Some locals say that the red truck used to be owned by Matthew Watson. Perhaps one of your readers will be able to verify that information.

Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)

ART PENNER

Hi Sherron (and Judy)

In the last Moccasin Telegraph you were looking for Art Penner the old Post Master in Whitehorse.

Just wanted to share a short story. I was giving a presentation at the Chilliwack Elder College Travel with Me series about my travelling with the Olympic Torch Relay. During the presentation I had a picture of the Yukon Pavilion along the Trans Canada Trail near Pasadena, Newfoundland so I shared some of my connections with the Yukon. I had also brought along one of my Torch Relay T-shirts as a door prize. When the draw was made this gentleman who won came forward and said that I was not the only one there that night with a connection to the Yukon. His name was Art Penner and he had been the Post Master in Whitehorse! As there are a number of A Penners in the phone book and it is late I will check further and try to get a number. It is a small world after all.

Keep up the good work and we will be on your door step soon.

Ken Jones k29j32@shaw.ca (In Chilliwack)

Hi Ken

This is amazing news; I look forward to hearing more from you. If you wish you can send me the phone numbers of the A Penners in the phone book or make the calls yourself from there.

It truly is a small world, thank you so much for this story. I look forward to contacting the Penner family

Judy McCaffrey jmccaffr*telus.net

Hi Sherron

I was able to make contact with the Penners. Thank you so much for putting the notice in the Telegraph.

I can not believe how quickly there was a positive response.

Thank you again.

Judy McCaffrey jmccaffr*telus.net (In Calgary)

CORRECTION

Sherron - Moctel 317-2 The second picture of the Keno under way is also heading upstream in order to turn around - not downstream. The third one is correct heading downstream. The current of the river at that point - before the dam was in place, was about 6 or 7 MPH so it was a real effort for the Keno to make headway upstream.

Ira Saunders

I corrected the photo caption by 9:40 am Saturday, Aug 28, 2010, so most of you would not have an incorrect caption. - Sherron

DOCTOR DUNCAN BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

Every time I see something in the news about Dr. Allan Duncan, it brings back good memories I have of him. I am not a Duncan baby, but I have a little story to tell you.

In June 1950 I graduated and left Montreal for Vancouver at the age of 20. I nursed at The Grace Hospital in Vancouver, always in the case room where the deliveries took place. My very first doctor to meet was Dr. Allan Duncan. As the time passed, we became good friends and I loved the northern stories that he would tell me where he worked for 12 years.

One day I was exceptionally lonely and he asked why. I told him I missed my mother in Quebec and I was thinking of going home. "Oh! no," he said. "You must see the true north before you leave and I can get you a job immediately in Dawson City as my brother is now working there and I personally know the Head Sister who does the hiring."

I had never heard of this town, and said that I still wanted to go back home. Well the following morning he came with a little piece of paper saying that there would be a nursing job waiting for me at St. Mary's Hospital, Dawson.

Three weeks later April/51 I was on the plane for the Yukon. I was met by a fellow who worked for the Sisters of St. Ann and he took me to the Commissioner's Residence where I had my own tiny room overlooking the Yukon River.

The following morning I met Dr. Barrie Duncan, an excellent doctor, but very different than his brother Dr. Allan. I enjoyed working with everyone at the hospital and finally during the late fall of '51 we three nurses were moved to the George Black House.

The other 2 nurses were from Grace Hospital, Vancouver also, and by that time I had met Pete and was no longer lonely.

After our retirement in 1980 we joined the Vancouver Yukoner's and Dr. Allan was a member also. We would reminisce about our times together at the Vancouver Grace Hospital. He was like a father to me, I loved him.

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

Hi Sherron: of course you can if you think its good enuf! I write lots of little things when I think of them; I just don't want my 'grey matter' to go stale on me. I like writing and you jogged my memory again re: Dr. Allan. Next door to us is another Residence and their Manager was delivered by me in Dawson while the Dawson doctor was out hunting. Again, an elderly fellow lives here and he asked me what year I worked at the Grace in Van. When I said a part of '50 and '51 (10 months) he said his son was born there in '50 and this fellow remembers a Miss Brown showing him the newborn son. So I'm not entirely forgotten. ha! Annette Dines lived next to us in White Rock for many years and has now been taken to Ottawa to live next to her daughter (who was our girls' baby sitter) in Dawson. I was her nurse when her babe was born in St.Mary's Hospital. Another friend's daughter still lives in Whitehorse that I delivered in Dawson while this same doctor was out hunting one Sunday. I think these are times that I remember so vividly and was so happy to have been allowed to deliver the babies while the doctors took off. These days, nurses just don't get the chances like we did in those days. I loved and enjoyed every minute of working in Dawson Hospital. I remember Sister Laurena sending me to the basement for a piece of wood (slivers galore in it) as we needed it to support a patient's broken arm, while flying this lady to Whitehorse.

Did you know that they are digging the basement for a "real" new Hospital in Dawson? After I leave this earthly life I might come back and work in it, if they will give me a job. Ha!

Brownie (Lorna (Brown) Foth)

COMMENTS FROM DOCTOR BARRIE DUNCANS DAUGHTER

Thanks, Sherron.

I will most certainly pass this on to my relatives; thanks for sending it. I got a kick out of her comment that Dad (Barrie) and Allan were “very different”. Now THAT’S a magnificent understatement!

For starters, Dad was 6’5 and Allan was barely 5’9! Dad was so skinny, he always looked positively malnourished. For his entire life, he happily chowed down on thousands of calories a day – much of it beef and potatoes, of course! - yet still looked like he hadn’t had a square meal in years. Allan was slight but definitely not skinny.

Allan was a born story-teller, a natural entertainer who loved to spin tales of life in Dawson and of the characters he knew up there. He once laughingly admitted to me that, as the party went on, and the scotch kept flowing, the stories got better and better! On the other hand, Dad was very shy, quiet, and thoughtful.

I’ve been told many times that both Allan and Dad were excellent doctors. And fortunately for their patients, they were both innovative medical problem-solvers. Time and time again, they were able to adapt what few facilities and services they had available to get the patient through a tough medical situation.

When my daughter, Sandra, graduated from UBC Medical School, Allan and his wife, Jean were in the audience, proudly looking on. (My Dad could not attend as Mom was terminally ill at the time, so Allan went in his place.) When Sandy was named the top graduate of the year, Allan hollered out “Yea, Sandy!”, a cheer that could be heard all over the auditorium!

Just thinking of that day brings tear to my eyes.

Tricia (Duncan) Sirrs triciasirrs@shaw.ca (In Vancouver)

JOYCE YARDLEY’S PHOTO IN MOCTEL 317

Hi, Sherron.

I might suggest you ask Dan Vars about his memories of living above the liquor store in Joyce Yardley's photo. Dan's father managed this store and his family lived on the second floor.

Wow! How well some of us have done from our humble beginnings in Whitehorse.

Excellent MocTels this week, as usual.

Ralph Lortie



OLD LIQUOR STORE PHOTO IN MOCTEL 317

Sherron:

Yes, Joyce Yardley's photograph of the liquor store at the corner of 2nd and Steele did bring back a few "memories" of my youth; however, without Ralph Lortie's prompting, I probably wouldn't have thought they bore comment.

I suppose it was during the 50's we first moved above the liquor store and it was still "home" in 1961 when I left the Yukon to join the RCMP. Subsequent to this photograph being taken, there was a warehouse added to the east side of the existing building. The warehouse had a low pitched corrugated tin roof which was accessible from our apartment. We, at that time, had a cocker spaniel called Sam (Sambo) whose domain was the warehouse roof. Whenever we let him out, he would go running to the roof edge and come to a screeching halt from where he would provide some unsolicited canine advice to anyone loading/unloading at the warehouse. Or, for that matter, anyone passing by. Needless to say, a dog on the roof of a commercial building would draw some rather alarmed looks from those first-time observers. Not once did Sam ever go over the edge, in contrast to some of the customers below.

This location (2nd & Steele) also provided an endless source of entertainment (remember this is pre-TV), usually provided by the over-filled patrons "re-positioning" between the Whitehorse Inn Tavern and the Regina and '98. Frequently, fights would break out below our bedroom window and this usually drew quite a crowd. In the interests of getting back to sleep, a strategically-dumped bucket of water would effectively defuse the situation - and disburse the crowd. It always amazed me that the participants would simply look at their drenched clothes but not once did anyone look up to determine the source of the "cloudburst".

On another occasion, I may have saved a woman's life. I was awakened by a domestic quarrel between husband and wife (names withheld) in the middle of 2nd Avenue. He had her down and was about to put the boots to her when I opened the window and

hollered "his" name. He looked up to see where the voice was coming from, during which time his wife seized the opportunity to escape.

I'm sure there were other incidents that have faded from memory after all these years but this should suffice for now. In retrospect, Whitehorse, regardless of where you lived, was a great place to grow up, even at 2nd & Steele!

And you thought you were going to hear about the building or the lineups at Christmas that wrapped around the store all the way down to the Army Signals building at the other end of the block!

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As an aside - Yesterday, Bonnie, her dad, Lloyd Romfo, and I attended a Celebration of Life for Gordon Cameron which was hosted by Scott and Sandy Cameron at their home just outside Edmonton. Many people (mostly post-Yukon friends) and of course, relatives, turned out for the occasion. It was a very nice tribute to a very deserving man. He certainly will be missed by those who knew him.

Dan Vars dvars@shaw.ca (In Edmonton)

AKSALA



Sherron, attached is a photo I took several years ago. This was in Bob Cameron's yard.
Donna Clayson bdclayson*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

MOCTEL 317 - Part 1 & 2

Sherron, I really enjoyed MocTel 317, Part 1 & 2. I read through Harvey Burian's account of listening to his radio on the final journey of the SS Keno. Through his words I could 'feel' his excitement. And the photos in this edition are so very precious. I started reading and couldn't stop.

The account from Cal Waddington drew laughter. Bob Smith (Cadillac Bob) was mentioned. I got a kick out of reading how these crazy men went out on the frozen lake. Yes, I can picture Bob doing this. I'm still in contact with Bob and he's doing fantastic. Great stories, great memories. Thanks to all for such an enjoyable MocTel. All the photos and stories make me wish I would have been there. I arrived in 1961 and it sounds like the year 1960 was when so much happened.

Donna Clayson bdclayson*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

WHITEHORSE DAM



Fishladder intake on left, hydro generation fish screens extreme right.
Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse) Sept



Fishladder intake on left, hydro fish screens extreme right. Spillway leaving a mist above the Fish Wier (holding back elevated water level) that directs fish towards the ladder (intake left). Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse) Sept



Fish ladder appears as brown wood on far side of Yukon river. Foreground is power canal that moves water from Schwatka Lake towards the intake to hydro units. Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse) Sept



The left portion of the photo looks across the top of the Dam, and how narrow it is to consider driving across as we did back in the 1970's.
 Fishladder in the foreground. Yellow building beyond the spillway is Hydro turbine #4 known as the 'Fourth Wheel'.

Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse) Sept. 2010



Yellow building houses Hydro Turbines # 1, 2, and 3.
 The blue building beyond it, houses seven backup diesel generators.
 Blue building far right houses Yukon Energy's corporate office.
 Between the two blue buildings is the substation where a voltage boost is applied to help it travel along the power lines.

Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse) Sept. 2010

WHITEHORSE DAM

How many of us have visited / photographed and enjoyed the Whitehorse Hydro Dam but truly had no idea how it all works? Well, I am certainly one of them. I had no idea, have wondered over the years but didn't pursue looking for information. Well, here it is. I understood how valuable our dam was as we all use energy but really had no idea where to get the information. Thanks to Sherron for asking questions it certainly peaked my interest. Now I know!

History of Hydro Power in Whitehorse and the Construction of the Whitehorse Rapids Hydro Facility Yukon Energy

Prepared by Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net Whitehorse

Part 1

Early 1900s: The completion of the White Pass and Yukon Railway from tidewater to Whitehorse and the establishment of the facilities needed to support the fleet of the sternwheeler boats on the Yukon River meant that it was now possible to transport the heavy equipment necessary for large scale mining and to build the hydroelectric operations that would power this industry.

1901: Yukon Territorial Council was petitioned to incorporate, under the terms of the Companies Ordinance, the White Horse Electric Power and Water Works Company. It proposed to “operate in and around the town of Whitehorse, supplying the locality with water systems, sewers, telephones, electric lights, tramways, wells, wharves, cisterns, reservoirs and the like, and to deal in timber.” Despite the support of several influential businessmen and politicians, this petition was denied.

1912: Whitehorse entrepreneur E.A. Dixon applied to the Minister of the Interior for a grant to use 20,000 inches of water of Fiftymile River at the head of Miles Canyon, for the purpose of generating power, and for the right to transmit, sell and use that power. The application was eventually cancelled due to lack of follow up by the applicant.

1923: The White Pass and Yukon Route completed a dam on the Yukon River below Marsh Lake. This held extra water to launch the sternwheelers at Whitehorse in the spring, to carry them over the shallow stretches before and after Lake Laberge, and to flush out the lake ice.

1930s: The introduction of household appliances created a greater demand for electricity in the Whitehorse area.

1942-45: The U.S. Army operated an electrical generating plant and distribution system in Whitehorse for military personnel. The diesel plant was located at the bottom of Two Mile Hill. After the war, this system was turned over to the Canadian Army at no cost.

1948: The Northwest Territories Power Commission (NWTPC) was established to oversee the construction and operation of power plants in the northern territories. E.W. (Ted) Humphrys was hired as the first engineer and the first salaried employees of NWTPC. The agency was later renamed the Northern Canada Power Commission.

1955: The federal government decided to open up the Riverdale subdivision of Whitehorse. Along with that came a new hospital, schools and a bridge across the Yukon River. The government realized that more electricity would be needed to serve all this development, so it decided to build a hydro dam. Before settling on the Whitehorse Rapids site, the government considered two other sites: the outlet of Kusawa Lake and the outlet of Aishihik Lake. Some consideration was also given to a steam plant to burn coal from Carmacks. The Whitehorse Rapids site was found best suited to the development of the region. It offered the prospect of meeting electricity demands at a reasonable cost and could be expanded to meet future growth.

1956: Construction of the 15,000 horsepower hydro generating station in Whitehorse was approved in the summer of this year, and on-site work started in November of 1957. Poole Construction was hired to build the facility. The company had about 80 men working on the hydro dam. During this time, the employees were housed at a local hotel. An agreement was made giving the construction company a discount on hotel costs of \$1 a day per person. In exchange, Poole Construction built a new grocery store, located near the current Yukon Inn.

1957/58: A major challenge of the dam construction was diverting the river during the various building phases. Cofferdams were wooden structures built to hold back the water from sections of the river so that the spillway, main dam and barrier dam could be built. The reinforced concrete spillway was built with two openings about 12 meters (40 feet) wide, which can be closed by steel gates approximately 11 meters (36 feet) deep. The gates were shipped in 15 ton sections and assembled on the site. Each opening has the capability of allowing 762 cubic meters (25,000 cubic feet) of water per second to pass through the spillway.

1958: The first unit started generating power at the Whitehorse Rapids facility on November 15 of this year. The first crew at the hydro plant included Jesse Barwise, Art Farly, Al Jamieson, Lorne Vance, Henry Breaden and Harry Parker. It cost \$7.2 million to build the Whitehorse dam. Once it began operating, power rates were reduced by 10 percent. Also that year, a fishladder was constructed of timber and reinforced concrete, to allow migrating salmon to travel past the dam. The ladder is believed to be the longest wooden fishladder in the world, at a length of 366 meters (about 1200 feet).

Building of the Whitehorse Dam

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Whitehorse dam (1958-2008), the following slide show was prepared by Al Lister, one of the men who worked on the dam in the late 1950s. We thank Mr. Lister for taking the time to put together this presentation.

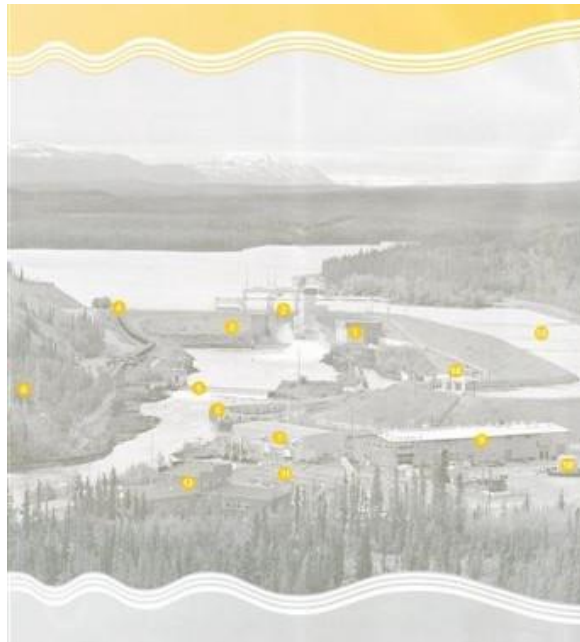
[The Whitehorse Dam, 1958](#) (Power Point, 1.2 MB)

The following information is from a booklet handed out by Yukon Energy. Ramona, an employee at Yukon Energy gave me permission to retype this very interesting info.

**Whitehorse Generating Facilities
Information from Yukon Energy Brochure**

Yukon Energy is the main producer and transmitter of electricity in the territory. Our power comes primarily from hydro, with a small percentage from wind. We also have diesel generators in several Yukon communities, but they are only used as emergency back-up.

Yukon Energy has three hydro plants –one at Whitehorse on the Yukon River, one located at Aishihik Lake, and one in Mayo in the central Yukon. Together, the facilities have the ability to generate 75 megawatts (75 million watts) of power.



- 1 Hydro turbine #4, known as the ‘Fourth Wheel’
- 2 Spillway – water not needed to produce electricity is spilled into the Yukon River
- 3 Dam
- 4 Fishladder – allows migrating salmon and other species of fish to travel past the dam
- 5 Fish weir – directs fish towards the fishladder
- 6 Fish screens – also help direct fish towards the fishladder
- 7 Hydro turbines #1, 2 and 3
- 8 Switching station (on east side of river) – sends electricity to various communities

- 9 Seven back-up diesel generators
- 10 Diesel storage tank
- 11 Substation – gives electricity a voltage boost to help it travel along power lines
- 12 Yukon Energy’s corporate office
- 13 Power Canal – moves water from Schwatka Lake towards the intake to hydro units #1, 2 and 3
- 14 Gate House- controls the flow of water to the penstock

Our largest hydro facilities are located in Whitehorse where we have the capability of producing 40 megawatts of power. There are several components at the Whitehorse Rapids Generating Facility that work together to create electricity.

Dam

One of the first things you’ll notice is our dam (number 3). It’s a large steel, earthen and concrete structure that holds back water from Schwatka Lake. In the summer and fall, when we sometimes have more water than we need to make electricity, we spill some of the lake water through our spillway (number 2).

Power Canal

Our facility is built in such a way that some of the water from Schwatka lake moves into a long and narrow area called a power canal (number 13). There are trash gates in the canal to catch any fallen trees or other debris. There are also a series of log booms in the canal that calm the water and help prevent erosion of the canal banks.

Gate House

The small building at the end of the power canal is called the gate house (number 14). When doing maintenance or repairs to our generating equipment, gates from this structure are lowered to stop the water from flowing from the canal through large tunnels (known as the penstock) to our turbines.

Hydro Turbines / Generators

From the power canal, the water falls through the penstock and hits the blades of our hydro turbines, making the blades turn. Three of the turbines are at the end of the power canal (number 7) and our newest turbine, which we call the fourth Wheel, as at the top of the canal (number 1).

The turbine blades are attached to generators that make electricity. Once the water hits the turbine blades, it flows back into the Yukon River.

Diesel Generators

We use water to produce almost all of our electricity, with a small amount of power coming from two wind turbines on Haeckel Hill near Whitehorse. We only use diesel as back-up. However, it’s important that we maintain our seven diesel generators (number 9) so they can be fired up when necessary. We have a diesel storage tank (number 10) that holds enough fuel to keep our diesel generators running for 24 hours.

Substations and Switching Stations

Once electricity is produced, it moves through power lines to a substation. Substations (number 11) give electricity a voltage boost (voltage is the strength at which electricity moves) to help it travel along power lines to Yukon communities. Across the Yukon River is a switching station (number 8) that sends electricity to various communities.

Fish Ladder

When the dam was built, salmon and other fish couldn't travel this part of the river as they had in the past, so special equipment was built to help them maneuver past our facility. A wooden fish ladder (number 4) allows the fish to move between Schwatka Lake and the part of the Yukon River below our dam. The 366-metre fish ladder is one of the largest wooden fish ladders in the world.

There's an interpretive centre at the fishway that tells the story of the migrating Chinook salmon. The facility has underwater viewing windows and TV screens so you can see the fish as they swim by. *(Note there is further information on the fish ladder not included in the booklet from Yukon Energy) - Donna.*

Fish Screens and Weir

Screens are put in the water in the summer time to stop the fish from swimming into the water that's just run through our turbines (number 6). As well, a concrete weir (number 5) and an underwater canal guide the fish towards the fish ladder and away from our turbines.

Award Winning Building

Before finishing your tour, take notice of our office building (number 12), built after our old one was destroyed in a fire in 1997. The new building has won a national design award for energy efficiency.

Along with being our Corporate Headquarters, this building houses our control centre, which allows operators to control and monitor 23 hydro and diesel generators throughout the Yukon, our transmission facilities and our five sub-stations. A few key strokes on a computer keyboard can start and stop generators or open and close breakers hundreds of kilometers away.

Interesting Facts

The Whitehorse Rapids generating facility was built in 1958 at a cost of \$7.2 million.

It began with two hydro turbines and in 1969 a third one was added. A fourth turbine was installed in 1985 (referred to as the "Fourth Wheel") which doubled the hydro capacity of this site.

The Whitehorse hydro facility can produce 40 megawatts of power, which is enough to light up one million 40 watt light bulbs. (Yukon Energy also has a hydro facility near Aishihik Lake that can produce 30 megawatts of power and one in Mayo that produces five megawatts.)

On a very cold day, Yukon Energy needs to produce between 50 and 60 megawatts of power to supply the needs of Yukoners. On a milder day, that number drops to between 20 and 35 megawatts.

The dam holds back between eight and 13 billion litres of lake water. Between 90 and 277 cubic metres per second of water goes through our turbines to create electricity. This number varies depending on how much electricity we need to generate. The more power we need, the more water we allow to pass through our turbines. The water that's not needed to generate electricity is spilled through our spillway.

To be continued

THE DAY THE PIGS ATE MY SWEATER

My Grandmother Christina Andison was in hospital in Dawson and we went to Dawson because at that point she was quite ill. (she did get well again) The hospital was run by the Nuns who had a nice garden and of course pigs. Mag Mason-Wood (Wallingham) and I were surveying the situation. Climbing on the fence and looking over like kids do. Can't remember who was in hospital that Mag was there to see.

Anyway my mom had knit me a very nice sweater - It was blue and had little blue flowers embroidered on the collar and nice little tassels to tie the top. We were really checking those pigs out. I had seen pigs before as Taddy at the roadhouse in Granville had some. But these were penned up and climbing on the fence you could get a real good look. I got hot so took off my sweater off and put it over top of the fence.

Well the pigs liked my sweater too and it was gone!!! When Mother came to get me - She said where is your sweater??? The pigs ate it I told her. I wasn't in the good book with mom for quite awhile. Mag and I have had many a laugh over the years over the pigs eating my sweater, along with mom. She did forgive me and made many sweaters for me over the years.

We were living in Mayo at that time, so I had to be 7 or 8 years old.

Betty (Gordon) Lone lonehbk@snet.ca (In Morden MB)

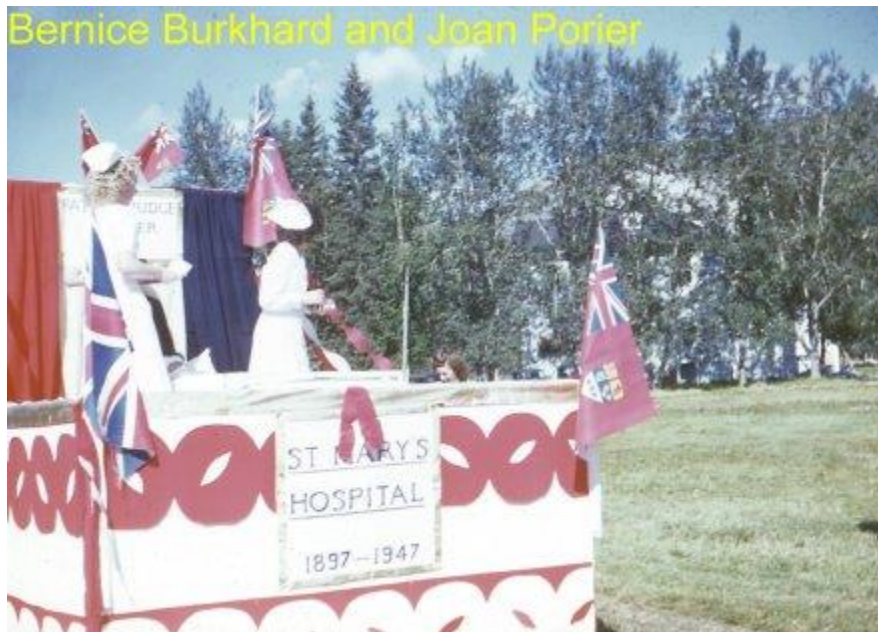
50 YEARS HAD PASSED

Thank you for sending me the copy of the Yukoner's 2009 banquet, I was looking for some pictures to share with some friends.

I was talking to Ernie Cottle's sister-in-law, Bernice Burkhard (Schill), and I mentioned that I had seen pictures of Ernie in last year's Yukoner's Banquet pictures. For the lady that re-met Ernie at the Yukoner's, I am enclosing a picture of Ernie that I took in the early 40's. If she wants any other pictures of Dawson acquaintances she can email me.



Mike, Ada Braga, Bernice Burkhard, William Braga, Jim Murray, Pete Foth, Elven
Photo courtesy Braga bill.braga*live.com (In Calgary ??)



Bernice Burkhard and Joan Porier.
Photo courtesy Braga bill.braga*live.com (In Calgary ??)



CCF Committee
Ralph Troberg, Art Fry, Ernie, Bunny, Ada Braga,
Mike Comedina, Bubbles Neff

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Ralp Trober, Art Fry, Ernie Cottle, Bunny Leleivre, Ada Braga, Mike Comedina, Bubbles Neff. Photo courtesy Braga bill.braga*live.com (In Calgary ??)



Bernice (Burkhard) & Bill 'Will' Braga
December 2006

Photo courtesy Braga bill.braga*live.com (In Calgary ??)

Where have the years gone? I was Bernice Burkhard's first boyfriend when she was in high school. We met again in Dawson on Aug 17th, 1957, when she, her husband, and mother came back to Dawson to visit old friends. That was the last time I saw her until 50 years later, in 2006. I was visiting my daughter and her sons for Christmas, and Bernice was visiting her daughter and family. They all live in Kamloops, and within about a 5 minute drive from each other. One might say that our reunion was destined to happen, we couldn't believe the odds.

My daughter still teases me when I say that Bernice was the prettiest girl I ever went with when we go through my old pictures.

We often talk about the good old days growing up in Dawson, and our individual lives and families. It is amazing to both of us, how years can pass, but friendship never dies.

William (Bill or Will) Braga bill.braga@live.com (In Calgary)



Photo courtesy Donna (Storing) Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

TESLIN BRIDGE 1950's

While working for General Enterprise in the early 1950's, they had the contract to build the approaches. I will always remember, it was a Sunday morning and I was sleeping very soundly, when there was a knock on my room in Teslin. There in my room were Bruce Roam and Dave Price, they told me they had a job they would like me to do right away. They wanted me to walk a D8-cat across this old bridge from the north to the south end. They would go to the south end and stop the traffic. It was one of the scariest things I have ever done. That old bridge just scared me to death.

I was almost across when a car came from the south, so I stopped and the women driving asked me if I could move over. I said if I tried that, we would both be swimming in the river, that is, if we survived the fall. About that time, Bruce and Dave drove up in their truck and told me I had to back up to the north end of the bridge. The army brass had come along and ordered us to clear the way, as they had control of the highway.

I bet if any old cat skimmers are reading this, they are laughing themselves sick. Yes this is the bridge. I got it back to the north end, where we had to put the D8 on a lowboy and Blondie Kennan drove it across.

The rest of the day I spent drinking beer and I don't think my hands stopped shaking. I can now laugh about the experience.

I have two more stories that I have written out and will email them in the next few days.

William (Bill or Will) Braga bill.braga@live.com (In Calgary)

Hi Sherron,

Work has started on the Klondike Highway expansion to accommodate turn lanes into Carcross. They have also begun to prepare the site for the new "Carcross" highway sign. Fresh snow on Montana, Nares and surrounding mountains now. On our next sunny day - or at least, not rainy - I'll try to get a few more photos for you.

Also have a follow-up to the story about Cy Carney, the serviceman stationed in Whitehorse 55 yrs ago, who saved my then-7-year-old husband from the chilly waters of Lake Bennett when he fell off the bridge. The two of them finally had their reunion this summer and spent the 55th anniversary of that day in Carcross. Cy and his wife, Nancy, shared their memories of that day with us. It was so wonderful to meet them and to spend some time together. The story appeared in the Whitehorse Star on 30 July, 2010 and was picked up by the Canadian Press.

Cheers,

Carol Bratvold cbratvold@gmail.com (In Carcross)

Yukon man saved from drowning gets chance to say thanks

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55 years later, Larry Bratvold finally meets man who saved him

By Stephanie Waddell

THE CANADIAN PRESS

For Yukon resident Larry Bratvold, it was a thank you that was more than half a century in the making.

Bratvold was a seven-year-old boy on July 31, 1955, when he fell from a bridge and into the Nares River in his hometown of Carcross.

"I was probably just horsing around," said Bratvold, who like other youngsters in town spent much of his time hanging out by the river.

This week, Bratvold met the man who rescued him when he fell into the water and didn't know how to swim.

"It's just really nice to thank someone who saved my life," Bratvold said after meeting Cyril Carney, who came from New Brunswick for the reunion.

On Saturday, the 55th anniversary of the rescue, two men will go back to the bridge where their story began.

Carney was stationed in Whitehorse and decided to spend his day off fishing from the same bridge when he overheard the youngster say he couldn't swim.

Carney, who was 24 at the time and also didn't know how to swim, went in after the boy. By that point, Bratvold was under water but Carney managed to find him. He used the current to carry them downstream until they were able to get out of the water.

For the Bratvold family, the rescue went beyond the significance that any life-saving effort would have.

Just six months earlier, Larry Bratvold's brother had drowned at the Takhini Hot Springs in Whitehorse.

"It really did affect my parents," Bratvold said.

Carney would go on to receive a Queen's commendation for his bravery.

As the years passed, Carney often wondered what happened to the young fellow who fell off the bridge.

In 2005, Carney's son was vacationing in the territory with a group of people and while on a trip to Skagway, the group decided to stop in Carcross.

Carney's son went to the visitor centre and asked one of the staffers if, by chance, she had ever heard of Larry Bratvold.

"That's my husband," the woman said.

"It's an amazing story, and I've told it so many times," said Carney, who left the Yukon in 1957.

When Carney and his wife got off the plane this week Bratvold was there to meet him.

Carney described the younger man as an easy-going type who can take a joke. "If you fall in now, you're on your own," Carney joked with Bratvold.

QUEEN CANDIDATES

Hello Gillian,

I am hoping you can help me with something... We have started the search for all the people that have run for Queen over the past 50 or so years... could you send the following to your friend on the Moccasin Telegraph so we can get the word out?

Derek Charlton yukoner2@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)

The Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society has started to prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival in 2014.

For anyone that does not know, the society is planning on making the festival a full month in 2014 with many reunions - one of which is the Queen Contestant Reunion.

We are now starting the search for EVERYONE that has run for Queen in the past. EVERYONE!

If you have run for Queen, we need to get in contact with you to get our database built... please email me at charlton@northwestel.net and we will get a contact form to you to fill out so we can get all the info and put it together...

And yes, we know we are starting early... but we estimate that there will be over 500 people to find... so we need to start now.

If you know anyone that ran for Queen, please feel free to advise them that we are starting the search and pass on the contact email to them. If they do not have email, they can call our office at 867-667-2148 as well.

DOES ANYONE KNOW A RICHARD BRANDON

Paul and Victoria:

I'm going to send this along to an email newsletter which casts rather a wider net than we can and includes a lot of readers of older vintage who might have encountered your

relative. Running a classified ad with us would only catch about 800 people.

Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)
editor, Klondike Sun

Editor of Klondike Sun,

Dear Sir or Madam,

This may be an unusual request from far away. My Wife & I have been trying to find a “Missing Relative” through conventional means without success. Is it possible through your letters to the Editor to make a plea for information for a Canadian Citizen, born in 1926 in Calgary, Alberta?? We have information that he was alive in 2007. If the answer is “NO” can we advertise for information in your Personal Column?? The person in question, Ricardo/Richard/Richard Brandon family (served in British Army WW2) may have had Business interests in the Yukon area. We have no “sinister” motives in this enquiry only “closure” for my wife. We will be looking forward to your reply.

Thank you again for your information. We viewed the obituary notice for Richard Brandon in the Cape Breton post & we might discount him at this stage.

The information we have is: Name Ricardo/Ricky/Richard Brandon. Born in Canada—Calgary? We are not 100% sure—birth date 1924 to 26, December 09, again not sure, but within this range. R.B’s Father was a Scots Canadian(Richard) & mother was Portuguese- Red Indian(name??). After Richard Sr. died, his widow married Gaultte Mittbourne. They lived in Calgary after WW2 & family verbal history says that they were involved in the “Fur Trade-business” in the Yukon area?? Rick Brandon(as he was known) was a soldier in the British Army in WW2, was wounded in the Arnham campaign at Nijmegen (Holland). In 1954 RB was still in uniform.

The trail goes cold after that. We have “findasoldier.co.uk”, Keith Petvin-Scudamore trying to find British Army records for us. It takes ages to get Army records especially when information is a bit sketchy. The Canadian Salvation Army tracing service is also looking for R B.

A Book could be written on Richard Brandon & our search for him. He is my wife’s father. RB & my wife’s mother were to be married when Victoria was 3 years old, but never did. R B returned when Victoria was 3 & 8 years old & we feel that he never wanted to abandon her, but circumstances beyond his control kept Victoria from knowing her biological father. Victoria has this “hunger” for knowledge about her missing father (alive or dead). We have a signed Statutory Declaration by Victoria’s mother that RB is Victoria’s father . Also an Aunt, Ena Tuck of Dorset UK was prepared to sign a Statutory declaration to this affect.

We have given you the same information that we gave the two tracing services & a lot is of a very personal nature, to give you an idea of why we are trying to get some “closure” for Victoria. Please go ahead with the Moccasin Telegraph. Thank you again,
Kindest Regards,

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I am forwarding this email to you in case it didn't arrive. The only extra information is, that the British Tracing service is down to 3 R. Brandon's on Ministry of Defence records(Glasgow) & they are being held up by work, being generated by their involvement in the Iraq & Afghanistan campaigns. It is a very sad & divisive situation as Victoria's mother is non compliant. We feel that RB was a decent man, as he returned on several occasions & we know that he financially supported Victoria up until she was 8 year old. Victoria feels as she gets older that "half" her life has been stolen. It is only now, with both us of retired that we have the time to try to find out what happened to RB. I do not know you, but in search of RB, I am giving personal history. I have told my wife that we will not die without trying to find her father. There is a best seller novel in Victoria's story. Best of luck & we really appreciate anything you can do in this search.
Kindest Regards,
Paul Chapman.

Nathan Tinkham Loves Dawson City

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)
August 3, 2010

A casual observer might be forgiven for thinking that Nathan Tinkham lived in Dawson City. His recent concert set at the Palace Grand ("The Yodelling Cowboy - A Tribute To Wilf Carter"), played with good friends George McConkey and Donny McLennan, was his second trip to the Klondike this year. The first was to attend the memorial for another good friend, Gord "The Walrus" Polichek back in May.

It was then that he and promoter Brian Stethem cooked up the idea of putting the Wilf Carter show on the stage at the Palace Grand for a few nights, and out of that meeting came one of the enjoyable musical highlights of the Dawson summer.

It's far from Nathan's first musical foray in Dawson. It's not that he lives here, but he does love it here.

"I never did live here," he says as we chat at the Triple J. "But I spend so much time here that it's felt like it. It's funny; a lot of people in Dawson think I live in Whitehorse."

Tinkham is actually at home on Gabriola Island when he isn't touring, but has been known to take a gig at Dawson establishments, particularly the Westminster Hotel, and spend some time here.

He has sat in with the Pointer Brothers at the Pit many times, and was instrumental (pardon the pun) in getting their first CD (“The Pink Album - Hits from the Pit”) produced back in 1999.

“That was my baby,” he said. “I came up to produce it and get the boys ready.”

“I just love this town,” he says. “It’s like my natural environment for some reason or other. I like Gabriola. It’s got all the things that people like, but there’s something I can’t get there.

“I don’t quite know what it is, but I’ve always loved the North. Before I came to the Yukon I spent a lot of time up in Yellowknife. I built a cabin up there on a remote lake and I used to go up and play music in the 80s. I’d just drive up there and get gigs.”

He first came to the Yukon in 1982, to play a gig at Frostbite with Diamond Joe White, an association that would fall somewhere in the middle of the two dozen or so groups and stars he’s played with over his career, including the Great Western Orchestra, Ian Tyson, Quartette, the Undertakin’ Daddies, and the Belfast String Band.

In addition, he offered his studio and expertise to Harmonica George McConkey (with whom he had worked in both the Pointer Brothers and the Daddies) in the recording of his first CD, “Tin and Bone”, and toured with him in support of the album’s release in 2009.

“This town just has so much ...” he trailed off, searching for words. “For a town this size there were five bands playing in this town on Saturday night. I was doing a thing at (Klondike) Kate’s - a party for the women paddlers (from the Yukon River Quest). We played from 7 to 10 and when it was over there were four more bands I had to make the rounds to hear. You couldn’t find that much music in a town the size of Nanaimo on a Saturday night.

“I was floored. These are people who could be playing anywhere. I found out that what happens is a couple of times a year a band will come through here and one of the members will go, ‘I’m not goin’ home.’

“The same thing happened to me. I was on tour with Cindy Church and Dawson was the last date on the tour. After our show I went into the Pit. I had a fabulous time and Duncan (Sprigs) hired me on the spot and I didn’t go home. I stayed for a week and then I came back again. That was in 1997.

“It started up a whole new life for me. You just never know in life.”

Tinkham came to this Dawson gig off a stage show called “A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline” with Sara-Jeanne Hosie, who once strode the boards at the Palace Grand in the Gaslight Follies. By August he was working in another stage show, “Hank Williams - The Show He Never Gave” at the McPherson Theatre, in Victoria.

This will be a little different for him. It's a scripted show, with no room for on the spot additions. This is much more choreographed than the simple talking points list he had for his Wilf Carter show and a far cry from the creative anarchy of playing with the Pointer Brothers, where he can't remember seeing even a set list.

"Music is not always supposed to be precious," he said, thinking back on those performances. "Sometimes it's just plain fun."



Nathan Tinkman on stage at the Palace Grand
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Taylor Highway Ups and Downs

The American section of the Top of the World/Boundary Spur/ Taylor Highway loop has been plagued with problems all summer due to heavy rains in Alaska. These items give a sense of what's been happening. The latest news I have (Sept. 6) is that the road is open again and that weight restricted convoys have also been able to get in and out of Eagle. Eagle has been cut off from land transport for most of the summer. There are planned closures on both roads at various posted times to allow crews to work on repairs. - Dan

Dawson's Summer took a Hit from the Taylor Highway Closure

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

The week long closure of the Taylor Highway brought a temporary halt to what many in Dawson had been calling a very good season.

"The reports we're hearing from our corporate members are that visitation is up and they

are having a year that is good, and better than last year,” said Gary Parker, executive director of the Klondike Visitors Association.

Prior to the road closure the summer had been “incredibly good” for the operators at Bonanza Gold Hotel and RV Park.

“We’d been having an excellent summer up to that point,” said Sarah Lenart. At the down town site of Goldrush Campground, Pat and Diane Brooks felt the same.

“We were phenomenal this year,” said Pat Brooks. “I think we were heading for a record year and then all of a sudden it just came to a crashing halt. We understand that people have to make decisions based on ... being able to get through a road.”

At the Visitor Information Centre on Front Street, Peggy Amendola had been hearing the same story.

“Before the road closure everyone was having a very good summer.”

Parts of the Taylor Highway between Tok and the US Border and on to Eagle washed out and the road was closed on July 11. The closure lasted a week, but there were some announcements that used words like “indefinite” and “indeterminate”, and those words had an immediate effect.

“As soon as they announced it was to be an indeterminate length of time the place just flushed out,” Lenart said.

Bonanza Gold lost two caravan groups that were planning to come to Dawson.

“The first caravan we lost was in Tok at the time and had been going to come over the next day,” Lenart said. “The other one was not due to arrive until July 23, but they cancelled in advance when the news got out.”

Goldrush lost a caravan group as well, though Brooks thinks they might come in from the other direction later in the summer.

“There was, certainly, some effect in town here,” Parker said. “One of the things that makes Dawson attractive is the ability to do a circle route from either direction and without the Top of the World/Taylor ability that leg makes it kind of a one way trip.

“The RV groups that are travelling together and are booked well ahead, knowing where they’re going to be every night, that have to make their plans ahead of time, are effected.” “In the initial flutter we probably dropped about 75% for short period of time,” said Brooks, but he added that his spots started filling up quickly once the road was open again.

“If there was such a thing as good timing for a highway closure,” Parker said, “it’s probably that the brunt of it occurred during the music festival and freed up some space that had been booked solid.”

Once the road reopened the campsites started filling up quickly. Some people just want to come to Dawson any way, so the Brooks saw several travellers who chose to drive from Tok back to Whitehorse and then come here via the Klondike Highway when the loop wasn't available.

Once the road reopened, Brooks said travellers began to come in saying they didn't see a problem there any more, in spite of the continued drizzle and sometimes heavy rain.

Amendola said that both the Yukon government and the KVA had been very proactive in getting the word out that the route was open again. At first vehicles were led through but by Thursday Parker said people were travelling the route without a pilot car guiding them.



Goldrush Campground's record summer was diminished somewhat by the highway closures in the USA.

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

Taylor Highway reopens to Dawson; Eagle route Still Closed

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

July 29, 2010

The Taylor Highway reopened this morning at 7 a.m., allowing travellers to connect to the Top of the World Highway and travel through to Dawson City.

The Alaska Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is advising travellers that the road is in rough shape and they should drive with caution, watching out for workers and equipment.

Dennis Bishop, the District Supervisor for Tok, says there were four complete washouts

and four partials in the area of Jack Wade Creek, where the road and the creek wander back and forth across each other a number of times.

“We had two 50 year flood events in just a couple of weeks,” he said.

That whole section of the road from Miles 83 to 91, is built on tailings piles from the mining era and needs to be redesigned, he said. It has been a problem area in the past. Travellers can expect to encounter a lot of potholes, which Bishop says the DOT crews will be working to clean these up during the next week.

The portion of the Taylor Highway that continues on to Eagle remains closed for the indefinite future. Bishop said that an unstable slopes expert has been brought in from Seattle and will be driving the road today to make an assessment of what can be done. As of midmorning it was still too early for any traffic from Alaska to have reached Dawson. Some travellers there have been waiting for the chance to move on to Alaska.

Holland-American copes with Highway Closures

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

July 29, 2010

The closure of the Taylor Highway to both the Canadian border and to Eagle has created serious difficulties for Holland- America. The company's most popular tour in and out of Dawson City involves a bus trip from either Whitehorse or Fairbanks to the Klondike capital with a river trip on the Yukon Queen II in the middle of the trip. Passengers on the boat travel either to or from Eagle, Alaska.

Alternatively, last year when the Queen was a month late getting into the river due to flood problems in Eagle, arrival and departure from Dawson was handled by way of the Taylor Highway.

This year, with the Taylor Highway out of commission between Chicken and the border and all the way to Eagle, the company has been forced to make a different set of alternative arrangements.

Captain Al Bruce of the Yukon Queen II explained that tour clients are being bused to Dawson City and then flown to Beaver Creek via Air North charters, where they pick up a bus for the remainder of the Alaska-Yukon tour. This has been at a cost of \$45,000 a day.

The Taylor Highway was open for a few days the week of July 19-23. RVs and other vehicles were making the trip.

“We operated one day on the Top of the World Highway with our coaches,” Bruce said, explaining the company’s procedure for checking out the road in such cases now that the road has been reopened again this week.

“Our safety team will go up there and do an assessment and then we’ll run some coaches

across without passengers and then we'll make a determination on when we're going to open it up."

The portion of the Taylor Highway that goes to Eagle appears to be more seriously damaged than Boundary Spur that goes to the Canadian Border to join the Top of the World route. Holland-America buses already travel that route with a pilot vehicle leading them due to some sections that are just over a lane wide. They won't be on that road until quite a bit of work has been done.

In the meantime, the Yukon Queen II is sitting at the dock in Dawson City undergoing some routine maintenance and cleaning. Once there are buses running over the Top of the World/Taylor route again the company is planning to compensate its passengers for the river trip they aren't getting.

"We've been granted temporary authority to operate short tours out of Dawson. For our passengers that have been pre-booked we are going to operate an hour and a half trip on the river."

This will be similar to the short cruise that the company offers to Dawsonites at the end of each tourist season before the boat heads to its winter berth in Eagle.



The Yukon Queen II and Klondike Spirit at the Dawson docks.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Taylor Highway to Open Again after Third Closure

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

August 11, 2010

The Taylor Highway should be open to convoy traffic again this Friday, says the latest posting on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities website. The notice does specify that this is dependent on the weather.

The highway has been closed again since last Friday (Aug. 6) due to heavy rains causing more washouts along the section of the road between Chicken and the Canadian Border. The DOT had been scheduling convoys along the route since it reopened two weeks ago after the second closure this summer. These convoys were cancelled last Friday as the weather took its toll once again.

Even when the road is opened, it has been subject to strict conditions for travellers. The DOT website specifies as follows: "Due to the narrow road, size restrictions are in place: no trailers of any kind, no motor homes, no overloads, no over width loads and no buses. Commercial trucks without a trailer will be permitted."

Convoys between Milepost 67 and Milepost 160 on the Taylor Highway are expected to take two and half hours when they are permitted.

The DOT website also indicates that some convoys have travelled between Eagle and the junction at Milepost 97, but that these too are cancelled until further notice.

Convoys are scheduled to resume once repairs have been made this Friday, leaving from two locations. They will depart from Chicken daily at 8 a.m. and noon, and from the "Y" junction at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There is no indication of when the road to Eagle will open again. Some RV campground owners in Dawson report that they have had travellers tell them they have been in and out of Eagle, following highway crews, but the road is still officially closed.

Dawson Gets New Outdoor Recreation Facilities

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

August 31, 2010

It's been on the Recreation Department's wish list for well over a decade, but Dawson City is finally getting a skateboard/bmx park. After much debate earlier in the summer it was decided to preserve the existing multi-use paved tennis/basketball court (which also gets a great deal of use as a ball hockey rink) and extend it so that the skate park could become part of that complex.

The general effect will be somewhat like the setup being used in Mayo, only a bit larger. A bit late for this summer but now well under way, is the kids' playground being landscaped and assembled behind the town's swimming pool.

The former playground was on the site that is now being prepared for the construction of the new hospital. The loss of this facility, decrepit though it was, was one of a long list of reasons why over 300 signatures were collected opposing this site as the place for the hospital, but the deed is now done and the new playground, which many feared would never be built, is well under way.

Meanwhile the "Take Back the River" project, which was described here in June, has begun resculpting the greensward between Front Street and the dyke. This project will create an improved dyke walking trail along its length between the old CIBC building past the Tribute to the Miner statue and down as far as the roadside vendors' area. There will be viewing platforms and interpretive plaques, additional trees and decking, and an area which can be flooded for outdoor skating in the winter.

In addition the Miner statue will receive three new interpretive plaques, created by the Klondike Placer Miners Association, which are already prepared and just waiting to be installed.



Work continues on the new playground.

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



Landscaping has begun on the riverside improvements.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The skateboard/bmx park isn't ready for use yet, but this fellow couldn't wait.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Sun Shone on Discovery Weekend

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

August 17 2010

Dawson could not have asked for a nicer run of weather than we got this year for our Discovery Days celebrations.

It might be said that things got a kick-start this year on August 9 with the arrival of the crew from “La Ruée Vers l’Or”, the French-Canadian reality TV show that has been retracing the stampede to the Klondike all this summer.

After that, however, things remained quiet for two days, with a Discovery Days Gold Rush Camp for Kids being the first major event on Wednesday. The Rec. Dept. took the kids to Claim 33 and Dredge #4. On the same day the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre began a series of special events that ran through to Saturday.

That night Frances Backhouse presented her new book, *Children of the Klondike*, at the Dawson City Museum.

Thursday was another literary day with the afternoon given over to the Authors on 8th presentations at the Jack London Museum, the Robert Service Cabin and Berton House. That night was also the beginning of the Yukon River Art Festival, which will be the subject of a later article.

On Friday there was a two hour Kids’ Carnival on the Dyke, sponsored by the Rec. Dept. and an opportunity to learn some Hän singing at the Cultural Centre.

For the athletic types, Saturday began early and 10 a.m. with a 10 km run from the Front Street Gazebo and up the Bonanza Creek Road.

For the rest of the town and its many visitors, the somewhat chilly start to the day was around noon, when the floats which had been getting ready to roll for the last two hours finally headed off on 4th Avenue to King St. and west to Front St.

This was one of the longest and best Discovery Days Parades the town has seen in years, with spirited contributions from local businesses as well as Parks Canada, the museum and the Rangers and Junior Rangers, as well as a major float from the “La Ruée Vers l’Or” crew, which filmed the entire event as part of their footage for the show.

In addition there were the Mounties, members of the Midnight Sun Pipe Band, the YOOPS and FOOPS, lots of junior soccer players, all the fire engines in the valley and all the entries that had been readied for the Mid Bog event.

Most Dawson parades take about 15 minutes to pass any given point. This one was more like half an hour.

Member of Parliament Larry Bagnell was the first speaker in Victory Gardens at the end of the parade. He contrasted the featureless August “civic holiday” that takes place in the rest of Canada with what he called the much more exciting Discovery Days events in Dawson.

“This is the celebration from when they discovered the world’s greatest gold rush. At that time they also discovered more than that, they discovered a wonderful place to have a great time, a great history and wonderful people.”

He noted the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Yukon and a British Member of Parliament, Andy Percy.

He also took the occasion to announce an impending addition to the Bagnell family.

“I think my wife, Melissa, may have a little companion for Aurora in her tummy, so that’s really exciting too.”

Mayor Peter Jenkins took the microphone next.

“Boy that was quite a parade this year - one of the nicest ones I’ve seen. Congratulations to all of those that participated. It was just fantastic to see so much of a turnout.”

After the mayor had handed out the parade and yard awards, the Yukon Order of Pioneers got the kids game under way and the Rec Centre handled the hot dog BBQ.

The rest of the day was pretty much given over to the Arts Fest.

On Sunday the big event was the Mud Bog in the North End. This is a popular spectacle of machines against mud, and the cheers from that end of town almost drowned out the cheers from the other end of town, where the fastball tournament, which had been under way since Friday evening, was drawing to a close.

Monday, the actual holiday, was a quiet day in Dawson, with the only major event being the swimming at the pool.



YOOPS - A Yukon Order of Pioneers photo op at the Museum
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Gerties Girls on the Fire Truck
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



FOOPS - The Female Order of Pioneers' Tippy Tea party
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

SOUTH CANOL ROAD – LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2010
Ross River to Johnsons Crossing

Photos courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard*northwestel.net (In Carcross)





Note the white layer from the volcanic ash left from an Alaskan volcano (Mt Churchill) 1800 years ago which covered the entire Yukon and affected wildlife, flora, and people for years to come. The First Nations call that time the summer that never came.



















Photos above courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard@northwestel.net (In Carcross)

A NOTE FROM GERRI (PATRIQUIN) MCKEE

I keep in touch with some Yukoners of my age group and am lucky enough to bump into Helen Munro Fitch at some non-Yukon events around Vancouver. She sent me your email address.

I also communicate with Jane Evans who now lives in Mexico, and has for some decades. She enjoys reading the M.T. which she receives via Maroesja Van Overen, so I thought it might be nice to let folks know about Jane's recent THARS art grant. Her art is remarkable! The grant will provide her with the opportunity to be at Ted Harrison's house at Crag Lake from the end of Feb. to mid-April 2011.

I went to school with Jane from about eighth grade until she went to Alberta to finish high school. She was one of Miss Farley's (no Ms in those days) prize pupils. Strange how many very, very talented artists went thru' Miss Farley's class -- maybe even stranger that she was able to put up with so many who, like me who had no ability and no interest and were the bane of her existence for years on end.

Sorry, back to Jane. I believe her dad may have been 'army'; I just remember lots of folks from living 'up the hill', 'downtown' or 'in Riverdale'. Jane was involved in basketball, probably other sports, was incredibly bright, well-liked, and most helpful -- how many students are willing to take apart their test paper and hand pages around the room so the class could pass. Guilt, I have none! That teacher epitomized how NOT to teach geography -- we copied four pages of notes off the board each day of the week. I don't remember the woman ever teaching one of the most interesting subjects in the curriculum.

I will give you Jane's email address so you can contact her to see if she would like to have such info put in the paper.

Thank you, and thanks so much for the time and effort you put into the M.T.; in the recent one I loved the photo of the houses across from the 'old' liquor store and on the spot where the 202 Club was built. How well I remember those days of no sidewalks, no plumbing, outhouses and the 'biffey wagon'.

Gerri Patriquin-McKee [e address withheld by request](#) (In Vancouver)

THARS GRANT PROGRAM

Ted Harrison
Artist Retreat Society (THARS)

The THARS residency program is intended to give visual artists across the country an opportunity to concentrate on the research, development, and production of a project or body of work in a remote and inspirational setting.

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

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Hi Sherron...first to answer a couple of questions...Ralph Lortie was a good friend of Benny's...although a year or two older I think (and I a few years younger than Ben)...I am not sure who Donna is that she knew him as a child...I must have known her...Ben and I were together from 1959 to 1963 (although I was just a child...lol...I 'fell in love' with him at 12). I am in touch with Gerri Patriquin as you know and Ann Loney, Jim Perry, Nancy King and Bubs Fraser, also Jacquie Fowler (Colyer) and Daryll Colyer. I also have a few more recent friends who live there: Brian Boyle and of course all the many members of the Boyle clan...when they are there....Brian's sister Noni and I went to university together and shared a studio for some years.

Now to the residence (this is approximately scooped from my proposal to THARS):

Like several other professional artists (Ted Colyer and Darrell Colyer for example) my art practice began in Whitehorse, under Liliias Farley in the 1960s. I won the Michael Greenwood Arts Award at 15, in 1962 and was invited to attend an extension of the University of Alberta in Dawson City where the Palace Grande Theatre was being rebuilt and the off-Broadway production of "Foxy" with Bert Lahr and Larry Blyden was being produced; an extraordinary landscape filled with extraordinary characters provided a stimulating beginning to my artistic formation.

After graduating in Fine Arts from the University of Alberta in 1981, I worked in etching, film, video, installation and performance. More recently I have been making constructed photographs with references to photography, painting and traditional printmaking. I have exhibited widely in Canada and Mexico and have been awarded grants at the local, provincial and national level.

I will work on an extension of a project, continuing a search for light which reveals the presence of the sublime. By the sublime I mean something which is "of the most exalted kind, so distinguished by elevation or size or nobility, grandeur, or other impressive quality as to inspire awe or wonder." (The Concise Oxford Dictionary).

Always when I work with the landscape I create something which has to do with my experience in the north where my relationship with the land was not romantic. Standing alone on the land, I was aware of my vulnerability, scale and context, always the guest, never the host. I make work that is juxtaposed to the traditional romance of Canadian landscape: the Group of Seven, purple shadows in the snow, post-impressionist dappled light, filtering through trees; where the landscape coddles, doesn't confront. My work instead is about big, about strong light and shadows, about the relative scale of humanity versus nature, about shifting horizons, about the awe and wonder which nature provokes

in me. The origin of this fascination with light and the sublime lies within the landscape which was my artistic cradle, the Yukon.

I have attached a couple of pieces (which you may have seen on my site) some older and some more recent which are quite related to the Yukon. The first two "Antaeus" and "Crevasse" are collage and paint on canvas and quite large...the first 6 feet wide, the second 8 feet long in total. "Crevasse" was used as the cover for "A Frozen Tongue" a book of literary criticism, by Aritha van Herk and she owns the painting (which is a diptych). The third piece is a still from "Gaea" a 16 mm. film which I made in 1990. The last two pieces are constructed photographs about the high Sierra Gorda in central Mexico...they are also about 6 feet wide.

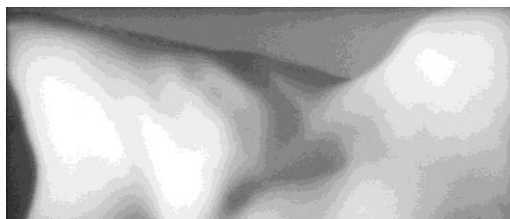
Thanks so much for your interest Sherron....please feel free to write with any questions.

Jane

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A NOTE FROM JANE EVANS

I remember Ben Sheardown and I showshoeing the trails for the Firth twins (remember them in the Olympics) so they could practice cross country skiing. I remember the Christmas Day that it was 55°C below zero and the hotel where Maureen King lived on Main Street burned down and we stood outside across the street from the fire feeling way too hot in the blaze in spite of the cold. I remember one Halloween that we formed a very merry snake dance in and out all over downtown and broke up only so a bunch of us could lift up a Volkswagen beetle with 4 policemen in it and place it up on the steps at the provincial building. I remember playing endless basketball games at the air force base (which we walked to from downtown or Camp Takhini) and of course at the high school (before F.H. Collins was built). I remember swimming at Takhini Hot Springs outside in the dead of winter and having our hair and eyelashes form icicles and break off. I remember going to Skagway on the train with the rotor on the front, over the wooden trestle at Dead Horse Gulch, so we could play basketball there. I remember taking a boat with my family and another family through the lakes and glaciers in the extraordinary land/lakescape. I remember swimming in Miles Canyon in the near freezing water and not being sure I could get the 3 strokes back to the dock for the cold. I also remember swimming in Marsh Lake the long weekend in May and there was still ice on it. I remember Mr. Baumber forcing some of us to chew up 100 pages of foolscap and forcing us to make spitballs from it (a fitting punishment). I remember the principal at F.H. Collins, Hank Bugara, making Ben and I scrub the hallway with toothbrushes for not taking our boots off and tracking in lots of mud. I remember that my Mom was one of the nurses at the Whitehorse hospital who took care of Ralph Flores and Helen Klaben when their plane crashed and they were lost for so many days in the cold. I remember when our labrador retriever, Klondike Kate, died and my Dad buried her out on the hill. Years later when my parents went back, her little cross with her name was still there and a road had been built around her grave. I think people thought she might have been a person...and of course, for us she was. I remember wearing the greatest mukluks and having all the dogs around follow me and my moosehide smell home. I also remember the story they told about when the Queen and Duke visited Whitehorse (not long before we arrived) and they feasted them at the Taku hotel and the waitress said "Keep your fork Duke, there's pie." And the memories go on and on...big and little. Life for me growing up in Whitehorse was fun, funny, fantastic. But my visual memories from there are the most persistent: the white snow with long shadows or the golden landscape with turquoise

green waters in the golden hour viewed from the plane coming in or out; the feeling of safety nestled in that valley; these things always signified home for me and I keep trying to recreate that in my work, wherever I am. So that is why I want to go back to the Yukon and make art.

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CANADA SENIOR GAMES 2010 – BROCKVILLE ONTARIO

Further to the pictures of the Canada Senior Games in Brockville in your MocTel - there was a write-up in the Whitehorse Star on Sept 1, with the results.

In case no-one else forwarded it, thought people might be interested, so am forwarding it on to you if you wish to use it.

Hope you are having a good summer.

We had our first frost last night so fall is on the way.

Arla Repka orca@klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

Eighteen Yukoners medal at the 2010 Canada 55+ Games in Ontario

A drove of Yukoners traveled east to Ontario to represent the territory at the 2010 Canada 55+ Games held in Brockville and the 1000 Islands from Aug. 23-28.

By Whitehorse Star on September 1, 2010

A drove of Yukoners traveled east to Ontario to represent the territory at the 2010 Canada 55+ Games held in Brockville and the 1000 Islands from Aug. 23-28.

Eighteen returned to Whitehorse this week as medal winners.

The spirit of the games, however, touched each of the 117 Yukon athletes who participated.

Approximately 1,530 people aged 55 and over competed in the games in 19 core events, ranging from athletic competitions, such as track and field, swimming, hockey and slo-pitch, to mental challenges like bridge, scrabble and cribbage, as well as two Open Canadian Championships: five and 10-kilometre road races.

The medal winners from Whitehorse are as follows:

Steve Duncan won four gold medals in the men's 55+ 50-metre freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 100m individual medley and 100m freestyle, and a bronze in the men's 55+ 4x50m relay.

Barbara Phillips won three silver medals in the women's 65+ 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m individual medley, and a bronze medal in the women's 55+ 4x50-m relay.

Jim Coxford won a gold medal in the men's 65+ 100m backstroke, a silver in the 100m freestyle and two bronze medals in the 100m breaststroke and 100m individual medley. Roddy Dale won two gold in the 50m backstroke and 100m backstroke, and a bronze in the men's 60+ 100m individual medley.

Ken Burke won a silver in the men's 55+ lawn bowling and a bronze in the 55+ mixed-gender lawn bowling.

Judy Lightening won two bronze in the women's 55+ lawn bowling, and mixed-gender lawn bowling.

Merton Friesen won a silver medal in the women's 55+ track and field 400m race.

Chris Duncan won a silver in the women's 4x100m relay.

Marla Veliscek won a bronze in the women's 55+ 1000m race.

Gary Hewitt won two silver in the men's 55+ darts, one in singles and the other for doubles.

Eileen Bird won silver in women's and doubles lawn bowling.

Austin Bradford won a bronze in the 75+ low gross 18-hole golf.

Allan Fozard won in the 18-hole golf Calloway.

Arla Repka and Susana Edwards won silver in women's 55+ doubles badminton.

Three competitors from outside Whitehorse also brought back medals to the Yukon.

Mayo's Hilda Tuck won bronze in the 70+ mixed-gender shuffleboard with partner Bill Simpson.

Paul Dabbs of Tagish won three silver medals in the men's 60+ 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and 100m individual medley, and two bronze in the men's 60+ 50m freestyle and 4x50m relay.

Gail Miller-Craigen from Marsh Lake won three silver in the track and field 60+ age category, in the 1500m, 3000m and 4x100m relay.

David Kalles from Watson Lake won four gold in the track and field 70+ age category, in the 400m, 800m, 1500m and 3000m.

The Canada 55+ Games began in 1996 and are a nationwide program to sponsor wellness – spiritual, mental and physical well being – among Canadians 55 years and older. The Games are held every two years, and combine competitive physical activities and mental challenges.

A second article in the newspaper

The names in this week's paper were not included in the list I sent you; so had better get this article off to you too.

Thanks Sherron Arla

Canada 55+ Games article correction

On Sept. 1, the Star printed an incorrect medal count, earned by Yukon athletes at the 2010 Canada 55+ Games, held in Brockville and the 1,000 Islands region of Ontario from Aug. 23-28.

By Whitehorse Star on September 8, 2010

On Sept. 1, the Star printed an incorrect medal count, earned by Yukon athletes at the 2010 Canada 55+ Games, held in Brockville and the 1,000 Islands region of Ontario from Aug. 23-28.

The correct medal count was 23 gold, 24 silver and 13 bronze for a total 60 medals – which was also a record for the territory at these games.

The following list, combined with the list which appeared on Sept. 1, is the complete list. The Star apologizes for any inconvenience this error caused.

Pamela Bangart won gold in the ladies 55+ shotput, and a silver medal in the ladies 55+ 1,500-metre run, a silver in the ladies 55+ javelin and a silver in the ladies 55+ 3,000m run.

Tom Parlee won gold in the men's 60+ shotput, a silver in the men's 60+ discus and a bronze in the men's 60+ javelin.

Ron Parlee won silver in the men's 55+ javelin, silver in the men's 55+ discus and silver in the men's 55+ shotput.

John Hall won four medals in track and field events: bronze in the men's 70+ long jump, gold in the men's 70+ 100m run, gold in the men's 200m and silver in the triple jump.

Nesta Leduc won four gold medals in 75+ ladies' swimming: 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle and 100m freestyle.

Darlene Dimsdale won a gold in the ladies' 55+ 1,500m run and a gold in the ladies' 55+ 3,000m run.

Roger Hanberg won silver in the men's 55+ 10-kilometre run (fourth overall).

Chris Duncan, Darlene Dimsdale, Pamela Bangart and Gail Miller-Craig won silver in the ladies' open track and field relay.

Steve Duncan, Barb Phillips, Marg Dunn and Paul Dabbs won bronze in the open mixed relay in swimming.

Irene Brekke won bronze in the 65+ ladies' 400m run.

Michael Craigen won bronze in the men's 60+ 1,500m run.

Jo Hopkins won gold in the ladies' 75+ 1,000m predicted walk.

Ken Burke and Michael Brauer won a silver medal in the 70+ men's lawn bowling doubles.

Michael Brauer and Eileen Bird won silver in 70+ mixed lawn bowling.

Judy Lightening and Ken Burke won a bronze medal in mixed doubles 55+ lawn bowling.

Merton Freisen won a silver medal in the women's 75+ 400m ladies' predicted walk.

Marla Veliseck won bronze in the ladies' 70+ 1,000m predicted walk.

Allan Fozard won bronze in the 18-hole golf Calloway event.

Spence Hill won gold in the 55+ ladies' 100m predicted open.

PERSEPHONE SINGERS

I have a friend who sings with the Whitehorse choir called the Persephone Singers. They were at a competition in BC this summer and maybe you would like to post the Utube

addresses of an amateur video of some of their songs. I think they are great. People may have to select, copy, and paste into their browser if it doesn't connect directly.

Eleanor Millard emillard*northwestel.net (In Carcross)

Persephones in Kathaumixw: V'la l'bon vent
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBjEBGiGvdl>

Persephonesin Kathaumixw: Frobisher Bay
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSJg47KxpRM>

Persephones at House Concert: The Tide is High
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5qstk-8v0A>

Persephones at House Concert: Under the Sea
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2dIMwOrPfE>

YUKON WILDFLOWERS



**Fireweed – Abundant in Yukon
Dempster Highway, closer to Ft. McPherson**
Photo courtesy Jim & June Austin jraustin929@yahoo.ca (In Vernon)

OBIT

I don't know if you have seen this site regarding the death of Rolf Klug. Rolf was in the Volkswagen businesses in Whitehorse and Atlas Travel with Joe Becker. There is quite a nice write-up on his life at this site. I thought you might want to include it in the next MocTel.

http://rolf-klug.forevermissed.com/lst.php?lst_id=852&p=aboutPage&url=rolf-klug#%2Flib%2Fpg%2FaboutPage.php%3Flst%3D852%26ajax%3Dtrue%26url%3Drolf-klug

Karl Crosby fore65@shaw.ca (St Andrews by the Lake near Kaleden BC)



Rolf A. Klug

Rolf A. Klug, age 75, peacefully lost his 8 year battle with cancer on July 23, 2010, surrounded by his loving family. Rolf was known for being a cohesive force with his family, friends, and colleagues. Rolf met his loving wife Keiko in Hawaii in 1981, and they married in 1988, residing in Bellevue, WA for 22 years together. He is survived by his wife Keiko, his son and his wife Richard and Shellie Klug, his daughter and her husband Christine and Mike Grmolyes, and brother Friedel Greffin. He is preceded in death by his father Peter Klug and mother Agnes Greffin.

Rolf was born 7/18/1935 in KÖln, Germany where he grew up. He trained as an Insurance Broker in Germany, and immigrated to North America in his early twenties speaking no English, and overcame many odds to become a successful businessman. He owned a Volkswagen Dealership in Canada, was President of Avis Rent A Car Alaska, was VP of Marketing and Sales for Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB), and then retired as VP and Director of International Marketing and Sales Holland America in 2005.

He contributed to the development of tourism in Alaska, and also laid the groundwork and developed international marketing and sales for Holland America. He was well respected and loved for his character by his peers from all over the world, and has been recognized for his leadership by the ACVB and SKAL Club of Anchorage. He served as President of the Alaska Visitors Association for the State of Alaska, and as President of

SKAL Club Anchorage, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ACVB. He remained active as an officer of the Association de Lijn North American Chapter.

When Rolf was young, he enjoyed playing soccer, water polo, and amateur car racing. In retirement, he loved to travel the world, where he was blessed to travel extensively with his wife Keiko during his last 8 years. Rolf enjoyed traveling to California to spend time with his children, Richard and Christine, as well as taking fishing trips with his son and vacationing with his daughter. He enjoyed reading, socializing with friends, and sitting in his garden admiring Keiko's flowers.

He was a loving father, wonderful husband, and dedicated friend. He will be greatly missed by all.

The family would like to thank Evergreen Hospice Center for the care they provided at the end of his life.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Karl Crosby wrote a story on the website prepared for Rolf Klug. I told him I had read it and asked if I could also put it in the MocTel. Also told him it was my understanding there was even a direct flight to Germany in the summer. Here is his reply with his story below that. – Sherron

Yes, you can include my write-up on Rolf. Our many trips to Germany in those early days were not always so much fun. We worked hard in those days to develop the German tourist businesses, mostly with travel wholesalers and agents with the help of the Canadian Government Office of Tourism, Air Canada, CP Air and other partners like Alaska. I am glad to see that the work we did in the 1970's and by the Yukon Tourism industry in the years that followed has paid off with substantial increases in German visitors to the Territory. When I became involved in Yukon tourism in 1970, most Yukoners did not believe that the tourism industry would ever amount to much as mining was the main economic generator at the time. It was like trying to raise sheep in cattle country. However, due to the persistence and vision of the Yukon Visitors Association, the Klondike Visitors Association, the Yukon Government and many operators of attractions and services in the tourism industry, the Yukon has become an important tourist destination in its own right – not just a place for people to wash their socks and fill up their gas tanks on the way to Alaska.

Cheers Karl Crosby

Travels With Rolf

by Karl Crosby on 07/27/2010

I have known Rolf since the early 1970's when we both worked in the travel industry, he in Alaska and I in the Yukon. He was always a generous and gracious host when I visited Anchorage and I tried to reciprocate when Rolf visited Whitehorse where he had

owned a Volkswagen dealership with Joe Becker. I remember those wonderful Black Angus steaks we used to enjoy together washed down with goodly quantities of Becks and Steinlager, the annual SKAL fur auction and too many good times to mention.

Rolf and I often traveled together promoting the Yukon and Alaska in those early days of the budding northern cruise and tourism industry. I recall most vividly one trip which we made to Germany promoting Alaska and the Yukon with agents and travel wholesalers.

After our final show in Bonn, we rented a car, a fast BMW which Rolf drove as fast as possible, to Cologne. There we visited Rolf's parents, had dinner in a nearby pub where the food was great and then launched off on our own to enjoy 'Carnival' which was in full swing at the time. Because of Rolf's SKAL connection he managed two tickets to the largest and most prestigious Carnival Ball in the Rhineland complete with a suite at the Excelsior Hotel...that was so Rolf !!

Attired in gaudy rented costumes, off we went to the ball where we danced and drank all night long at the biggest beer festival that I have ever seen. The next morning, with heads the size of the Dom Cathedral, we drove to Frankfurt for our flight home. To maintain our sense of balance, we stopped at every small town pub and wine bar from Colone to Koblenz.

Now I understand the meaning of the German saying "he drank himself sober". I barely remember arriving at the airport and the flight back to Canada. What a wonderful unforgettable memory of Rolf. We laughed a lot, drank a lot and enjoyed every minute of our time together.

I wish it was possible to relive those moments just once again with Rolf. We lost track of each other over the years until me met briefly at a SKAL affair in Seattle in the 90's and Rolf later invited me to his home where Helga and I met Keiko.

Recently, in the past few months, I had a cancer scare and Rolf was right there for me. despite his own failing health he made time to give me his wonderful words of encouragement. I am sorry that I never thanked him properly for all his unselfish support when I needed a friend so badly,

Here's to you Rolf...with a heavy heart, I will be lifting a glass or two in your memory tonight.
Karl

NEW ADDITIONS

Sherron, do you want to add me yukoner2@gmail.com to the distribution list? Love the idea of connecting with Yukoners everywhere.

Derek Charlton (In Whitehorse)

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PRENTICE, Joe joep388@telus.net (In Whitehorse 1977 – 2003) Victoria

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Aging seems to be the only available way to live a long life.
- Daniel Francois Esprit Auber

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I made this recently and enjoyed it several times. – Sherron Jones

Blueberry Buckle Recipe

Cake ingredients:

- 2 cups and 1-2 Tbsp of sifted, all purpose flour separated
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 pint blueberries

Topping ingredients:

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup sifted all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Method

1 Preheat the oven to 375°F. Grease an 8-inch springform pan. Set aside.

2 Sift together the 2 cups of flour, the baking powder and the salt. Set aside. Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the egg. Add the flour mixture in 3 parts, alternating with the milk. Toss the berries with the remaining 1 to 2 tablespoons of flour (to separate and scatter evenly throughout the batter) and fold in. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Set aside.

3 Combine ingredients for topping with a fork to make crumbly mixture. Sprinkle this over the batter.

4 Bake for 50 minutes, then test for doneness by gently inserting a fork. If it does not come out clean, give the cake another 5 to 10 minutes to bake.

5 When the cake has cooled, run a knife around the edges and lift the cake out of the pan. Serve with whipped cream.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Vancouver Yukoners' Association

**Invites Yukoners past and present
to attend our 83rd Annual Banquet**

Date: April 16, 2011

**Place: River Rock Casino/Resort – Whistler Ballroom
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