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YUKON NUGGET

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Mayor Gordon Armstrong – 1950

When Whitehorse was incorporated as a city in 1950, the first Mayor was a jovial character with an infectious smile and impeccable work ethic. Gordon Armstrong needed those qualities and more. The tiny town was a disorganized hodgepodge of many temporary residential shacks, and businesses that counted on the largess of an elected, but largely impotent Territorial Council, for the few funds it could muster.

Gordon was born in Whitehead, the district of Saskatchewan, in 1905. He arrived in Whitehorse in 1929 to work as a butcher for the Burns Meat Packing store, operated by the venerable T.C. Richards, owner of the Whitehorse Inn.

By 1950, with four newly elected Aldermen, Mayor Armstrong had much civic work to do. There was no city hall, so the five men met at various locations to conduct business for a town that was about to grow from a place filled with ramshackle shacks and, broken wooden sidewalks, and no sewer and water system. For the first two years, they held council meetings on the second floor of the Northern Commercial Building next to Taylor and Drury's on First Avenue.

Then they moved to Humme's Insurance offices on the corner of 3rd and Main. When the Canadian Army Signal Corps vacated its premises in a two-story building located on the site of the present-day city hall, the Mayor and Councilors moved in.

Whitehorse was maturing both in size and importance. It was the busy centre of navigation on the Yukon River where the White Pass still ran river boats, while the newly opened Alaska Highway was bringing both businesses and tourists.

The city's economic base had diversified to include mining, prospecting, transportation, government and tourism.

At their first meeting, Mayor Armstrong and the aldermen wondered how they would manage. The city had no tax base. Instead, it relied on meager Territorial Council grants. The legislative body met in far off Dawson City, still the Yukon's capital. In 1950, the Territorial Council handed over many functions carried out by the Territorial Government to the city, but federal funds dedicated to Whitehorse were limited, to say the least. That would soon change.

The first order of business for the first city council was to plan for a sewer and water system. Private wells and the honey bucket brigade required urgent attention, but where would the money come from?

In 1951, news flashed from Ottawa, from the Yukon's Member of Parliament, Aubrey Simmons, that the federal government had decided to move the capital to Whitehorse. As black as that day was for Dawsonites, it was the start of a new era in Whitehorse. The federal government amended the Yukon Act, increasing members on the Yukon Council, two of them to represent Whitehorse.

The federal government would immediately move the National Employment Service to Whitehorse. The federal government was now paying attention to the growing city under Mayor Armstrong. On August 15, 1952, the new Whitehorse Elementary High School was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main entrance of the school on Fourth Avenue.

On April 1, 1953, Whitehorse officially became the Capital of the Yukon Territory, the most westerly capital city in Canada. On April 2, 1954, the Mayor told residents that the cost of the proposed sewer and water installations in Whitehorse, to the individual homeowner, would be about \$10.00 a month. After a city-wide plebiscite voting in favour, they would start work that summer with completion targeted for 1955.

In 1954, Gordon left the Burns Company and, with his nephew Bob Armstrong, started Yukon Sales, a wholesale distribution outfit. The company was a Walmart on wheels. With a converted panel truck, they delivered orders from Dawson City to Cassiar, and all points between. They sold anything that would sell. Gordon always claimed that he was the first to introduce Peak Frean biscuits, Blue Ribbon Tea and Willard's Chocolates to the Yukon.

The pair carried out much of the work from Gordon's historic home on Wood Street. The Armstrongs, with their only daughter Pat, lived in a three-room log house that was first owned by Dr. Frederick Cane, the Whitehorse postmaster in 1906. The house was originally a small three room log cabin, to which they attached a frame addition.

In the 1920s, the house was occupied by Captain Campbell, a pilot on the river boats, for whom it is now named. It is a wonder the Armstrong family ever got any rest, since the house is believed to be haunted by the ghost of a young boy who drowned in the 1940s. The ghost only appeared in one room, one of the early additions to the three room log house. There was a constant feeling of being watched, while the ghost often played "peek-a-boo".



Mayor Gordon Armstrong with daughter Pat and wife Peggy, 1950

At home, Gordon never forgot his first craft as a butcher, and was often called upon by friends to prepare the results of a successful moose hunt. He did this work in a garage in the back of his yard at 406 Wood.

In June 1954, the Federal Government announced plans to build a 120-bed hospital in Whitehorse. The old hospital, on Second and Hanson, no longer provided adequate health services for the developing city.

That summer, Mayor Armstrong entertained royalty. In August, the Duke of Edinburgh became the first “Royal” to visit the land of the Midnight Sun. They treated him to fine wine and a fun time on board the SS Klondike. It’s a good thing Gordie was up on his local history because the Duke had many questions for the Mayor, especially about the portrait of the Can Can dancers that graced the walls of the Klondike’s dining room.

On November 5, 1954, the modern Federal Building at the corner of Fourth and Main opened its doors to the public. Local athletes were none too happy because the building occupied their former ball diamond, but a new arena, curling rink and ball diamond, near the south end of Fourth Avenue, more that made up for the loss.

The Federal Building contained 60,000 square feet of office space, and housed the growing number of government departments. The Whitehorse Post Office moved out of its turn-of-the-century building at First Avenue & Lambert, and into the new streamlined quarters in the Federal Building.

1955 was a busy year for the Mayor and his four-member council. By September, the downtown core was piled with dirt. Deep, muddy trenches left gaping holes in the streets and the roar of heavy equipment filled the air. Sewer and water construction was underway. Nevertheless, residents were not duty-bound to install the system into their homes. In fact, residents had to apply if they wanted to reap the benefits of the multimillion-dollar project.

Also, in September, work on the Yukon River's first real bridge was underway. A 300-foot, three-span structure was going to reach the area that would become the city's new subdivision.

The following spring, Governor-General Vincent Massey officially opened the span and revealed its name. The Robert Campbell Bridge connected old Whitehorse to the new subdivision called Riverdale. It was an important day for us school kids too. The Governor-General, on his first visit to the Yukon, proclaimed a school holiday. Mr. Massey, like the Mayor, was a popular fellow.

Many improvements during the '50s, including a few paved streets and concrete sidewalks, were carried out under the Mayor's tenure.

However, it wasn't all business for Mayor Gordon Armstrong, although he and his small council were obviously busy making their mark on the future of Whitehorse. He loved to fish and, according to his son-in-law, Graham George, there was scarcely a river in the Yukon that avoided his rod and reel. Frequent fishing trips were always, said Graham, accompanied by a bottle of good Scotch whiskey.

In 1958, after eight hectic years, Gordon Cameron succeeded Gordon Armstrong as Mayor. But he had left his mark in the city's history. He had helped the town rise from a frontier northern village to a modern city, with amenities of which the early pioneers could only dream.

In 1962, the Armstrongs moved to Vancouver, but Gordon frequently returned to the Territory while still operating his Yukon Sales Company. Gordon Armstrong, the first Mayor of Whitehorse, passed away in Vancouver in 1993, and was laid to rest in Kelowna, British Columbia.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin.

MOCTEL 331

Hello Sherron....I just wanted to thank you very much for sending me the Yukon paper. It means a great deal to be able to see what's happening in the Yukon and all the history of the past to be reminded of. My life has changed greatly and I have not been able to afford to give you anything so wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you sending me the Yukon information bi-monthly. I still have my e-mail you sent me about breathing.....I'm not kidding Sherron...I kept it and practice it every now and then.

Take care.....cheers

Deb Nelson celticme77@sympatico.ca (In Dundas, ON)

Hello Sherron, just finished reading the MocTel. I really enjoy all the info. Would like to say - Thank you to all the people who sent pictures and info.

Ron and I will be heading back to Canada on the 26th of March. We are hoping to take the train from Williams to the Grand Canyon. Our youngest son Ken is flying into Palm Springs on the 25th of March and help us drive home. We will also stop and see the new Bridge at the Hoover Dam.

Just keep up the good work.

Ron and Irene Taylor ireneelizabethtaylor@hotmail.com (In Yuma AZ)

1958 BASKETBALL TEAM

Hi Sherron, Yes that was the 1958 basketball team I recall so well. And some of the younger sisters, Gwen Carswell and Barb Norrington, were good friends. I do recall Greg as well. I have the yearbook somewhere, presently tucked away in Grimsby, Ontario. There may be a photo of the cheerleaders too in the same edition, but that doesn't matter. The guys were our heroes :-) !! Thanks for continuing the hard work, Sherron, and thank you, Ralph, for the photos.

Cheers,

Pat (Kaye) Barker patbarker@sympatico.ca, a snowbird in Florida for the next while.

SUSAN VANBIBBER

Revered elder trapped, hunted into her eighties Champagne Aishihik elder Susan VanBibber has died at the age of 99, after a long life spent out on the land.

By Sarah Niman on March 2, 2011



Photo by Whitehorse Star

ESTEEMED ELDER MOURNED – Funeral services for the late Susan VanBibber will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Champagne in southwest Yukon. She died Monday at the age of 99.

Champagne Aishihik elder Susan VanBibber has died at the age of 99, after a long life spent out on the land.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, trapper and outfitter Alex VanBibber, their nine children, and a loving family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born Susan Dickson on Christmas Day, 1911, to a family that lived life outdoors, family friend Kelly Hougen told the Star.

“I met her as a young woman,” he said this morning. “She was a strong, robust bush woman: She was a competent trapper, competent guide and a competent horsewoman.”

Hougen’s wife, Heather, is one of VanBibber’s granddaughters. He worked with her husband and has been close friends with the couple all his adult life, he said.

The great outdoors had a pull on VanBibber, one that was shared among her 12 siblings, said Hougen.

Many went on to become trappers, outfitters and mushers. Later Dickson generations continue this work today.

Hougen said he got to know VanBibber best when he began working and hunting with her husband.

She wasn’t a woman to stay behind and keep home fires burning, said Hougen.

VanBibber was often out in the bush running her end of the family business.

From 1948 to 1968, the VanBibbers ran an outfitting business in their territory in southwestern Yukon. She was very involved, and ran her part of the outfit, guiding parties on horseback.

Indeed, she was most at home when she was out on the land, Hougen recalled. She continued to learn from and love the land as long as she was physically able.

While many may spend their retirement years living a life of leisure, VanBibber kept answering the call of the outdoors. She surprised many by continuing to trap, hunt and work horses well into her eighties.

In her later years, she was forced to slow down physically, said Hougen.

“She spent a lot of time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren,” he said. “She made each one feel very special.”

He said she found great comfort in spending her last decades passing on her skills and knowledge of the land, and was known as “Grandma Susie” to many.

She spent the last months of her life at Copper Ridge Place where, despite the “excellent care she received, she fought it. She didn’t want to be there,” said Hougen.

“I think she knew that if she ever ended up there, she wouldn’t leave.”

For a woman whose life was spent on the frontier, there was a certain surrender in entering a nursing home.

She enjoyed a trip home to Champagne over Christmas, and had family visit her in Whitehorse regularly. Her stay at Copper Ridge was to be decidedly short.

“She digressed quickly from there ... not in a way that we thought she would pass so fast,” said Hougen.

On Monday morning, VanBibber woke up and ate breakfast as usual, he said. That afternoon, she took a turn for the worse, and her family was called. She passed away at 4 p.m., surrounded by her family.

Indeed, it has been a difficult winter for Alex and his family. Two of his daughters have died recently as well.

Hougen said he is concerned for his friend Alex, and planned to be by his side today.

“In fact, I’m heading out to check the trapline with him this morning,” he said. “How about that: a 95-year-old heading out on a Skidoo?”

Alex, the nonagenarian, is a respected trapper and outdoors man across the Yukon.

He was named to the Order of Canada in 1992 and the Yukon Fish and Game Association Sportsman of the Year Award in 1995.

As well, he won the Canadian Wildlife Federation Roland Michener Award in 1996 for his continued work with young people, passing on his knowledge about responsible trapping and respecting the land.

Today across the Yukon, friends and family of Susan VanBibber have begun amassing the anecdotes, highlights and stories of her long, full life, as they prepare to celebrate her this weekend.

Funeral services for the late matriarch will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Champagne in the community hall.

At the late VanBibber’s request, there will be no potlatch. A dinner will follow the service, and the family says all are welcome.

There are many beliefs shared among those who call the outdoors their home as to what the northern lights signify.

Some say it is the spirits dancing, the ancestors of the land illuminating the sky, asking their descendants to remember and celebrate them.

Coincidence or not, each night since VanBibber's passing, there have been spectacular northern lights noted across the southern Yukon, dancing across the night sky.

Making sure the river pioneers are remembered

By Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

A few years ago, Bill Drury (Sr.) called me. He and Lloyd Ryder had decided that the river pioneers were getting short shrift in the Transportation Museum in Whitehorse. Did I have any information for them to support their nomination of "Cap" Hoggan (J.E.F. "Ned" Hoggan) for Transportation Pioneer?

I did, courtesy of the family members who had put together what information they had for a family reunion in 1989. That nomination was unsuccessful, as were subsequent attempts. Each time, I got to know the two nominators a bit better. They were committed to honouring the half century in which Yukon depended on river transportation. They would tell me about the preparation of each nomination and about their frustration at failing yet again in their mission.

With the passing of Bill and Lloyd, I had no desire to pursue their cause. However, in the meantime, my cousin Joann Robertson had been winnowing the family papers left to her by her mother, Marjorie, Ned's youngest daughter. In the process, much more information surfaced. She began to write a book, which will be published shortly.

While Joann was in Yukon last summer, she visited the Transportation Museum and was appalled at how little mention was made there of the river pioneers. She was encouraged to pursue the nomination of Ned Hoggan once again. She, in turn, urged me to do so.

The problem was, there was so much more material! Communicating with the contact person was initially frustrating, but eventually successful, earning us a grace period in which to get the nomination in for 2011.

Our nomination was successful. John Edward Farnworth "Ned" Hoggan has been chosen as Transportation Pioneer for 2011. I immediately emailed Lloyd's widow and Bill's daughter, whose emails I had handy, and invited them to attend the ceremony June 7, given that Lloyd and Bill are not available. Both immediately accepted. Of course, Joann and I will attend, as will our cousin, John Hoggan.

As the word spreads, it seems the other river families recognize that this award is what Bill and Lloyd intended it to be, recognition of the contribution of the river pioneers to the history of Yukon. We hope that others involved in river transportation in Yukon, past and present, will attend the award ceremony June 7 in Whitehorse.

Maribeth Mainer

Whitehorse to Kelowna May 6 with return to Whitehorse on May 8

Greetings from the cold, wet coast.

Got the following today. Thought of you folks in the Okanagan who might have Yukon resident friends you would like to see on your turf. This might be what they need to prompt them to fly south in May.

“Air North is organizing another limited edition charter from Whitehorse to Kelowna May 6 with return to Whitehorse on May 8. Yukoners can buy air only or add-on our 2011 Okanagan Wine Festival Tour, which includes hotel, ground transfers, wine tour and some meals. I don't know if it is possible to get this into the Moccasin Telegraph, but I think some of our Kelowna Yukoners might enjoy knowing that we are coming again with a plane full of Yukoners.

Best Regards,
Deb (Ryan) ryand@airnorth.com

Maribeth Mainer (Vancouver Yukoner's Association)

The Klondike Development Organization Has a Plan to Revive Dawson

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

February 18, 2011

There's a long list of studies examining Dawson's socioeconomic situation. Mark Wickham, of Across the River Consulting, is able to list a baker's dozen of them without reaching back any further than 2007. Acknowledging the existence of such earlier efforts as the Klondike Valley Land Use Plan, the City of Dawson's Official Community Plan, and the planning efforts arising from Chapter 22 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's Land Claim Agreement, it is still safe to say that the seeds that led to the formation of the Klondike Development Organization were planted in 2007.

In that year both the Dawson Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dawson commissioned studies to examine various segments of Dawson's economy.

The chamber's survey revealed that a shortage of skilled labour, a lack of opportunities for business succession and a dearth of both land and buildings were priority items.

The town's study revealed that there was a shortage of investment capital for small businesses and start-ups, that the various levels of government did not communicate and

cooperate well, that there was a shortage of housing and lack of local infrastructure and service delivery.

In order to better promote the town, enhance networking and build a local investment capital pool that study recommended the “formation of an arms length economic development corporation to deliver and enhance economic development services in the community.”

Not long after that the lead organizations – the chamber, the city, the Dawson City Arts Society and the Klondike Visitors Association – began the deliberations and further studies that led to the first public launch of the Klondike Development Organization on February 17.

There were two separate sessions that day. The launch party was held in the Oddfellows Hall Ballroom at 5 p.m. According to Klondike Development Organization president Gary Parker (who is the executive director of the KVA) it attracted between 40 and 50 people. There was a brief overview of the history and purpose of the Klondike Development Organization and lots of positive chatter. It could be compared to the dessert of the day.

The main course, the meat and potatoes of the presentation, was consumed by a shifting number of 15 to 20 people representing most of the organizations in the town, and held during the afternoon. They also met at the Oddfellows Hall, but this meeting ran somewhat longer than three hours and went into much greater depth.

The Klondike Development Organization board is made up of two members from each of the founding organizations, with room left over for Chief Isaac Inc., the business arm of the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in, which is still looking over the prospectus.

Its guiding vision is to create “a resilient Klondike where highly engaged citizens, networks and organizations collaborate to build a sustainable economy.”

To that end, the board has identified a four-element mission statement in which it states that it will endeavor to assist in “diversifying and strengthening the local economic base through:

- Pro-active strategies and services aimed at retaining and growing a healthy business base;
- Increasing access to equity investment capital;
- Strengthening economic and social sectors critical to the future of the Klondike;
- Addressing strategic gaps in services.

Half of the afternoon session was spent discussing the seven points of the Klondike Development Organization’s strategic plan, which includes: enterprise retention and development, research, key sector development, an investment capital pool, a partnership forum, community marketing and social enterprise.

It is key sector development, specifically the demographic shift in population and the lack of appropriate housing in the town, which has captured the group's attention first. The rationale is that the key element in any planning is people.

Wickham's studies have revealed that Dawson, more than any Yukon community other than Faro, has experienced a major population shift since 1996. The percentage of every age bracket below 54 has declined in that period, while the over 54 bracket has jumped by 122.4%.

This has had an effect on the labour force, the school population, and the generational succession of business ownership.

It is the position of the KDO board that something must be done to make it easier for young people to establish themselves here. Projections in the early 1990s, when Dawson was growing at between 5% to 10% yearly, had the town and adjacent settlements reaching 5,000 residents by now. Instead it topped out in 1996 with 2026 and has since declined to 1891 according to the records at the local Health Centre.

As a first step, the board would like to see the number climb back up to the 1996 level, and would like to see the bulk of that increase be younger people.

Indications are that the biggest barrier to this end is the lack of affordable housing, what Wickham calls a mismatch of housing stock to population need. Analysis shows that Dawson has about 10% more singles than the territorial average living in homes that are large enough for families and that about 14% more people are renting homes than owning them.

The Klondike Development Organization is circulating two surveys related to housing in Dawson and a third related to business needs.

Residents will be asked about their housing needs and wants, and also about their spending related to housing, including how much of it is local and how much leaves the town. This survey will be available in hard copy or online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/KlondikeHousingDemandSurvey.

The business survey will deal with expansion and succession, labour force, support services, "business expenditure leakage targets" and development opportunities for both enterprise and employment. In addition to an in-person interview conducted by Across the River Consulting, this survey will also be online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/KlondikeBusinessSurvey.

Analysis of both surveys should be complete in March at which time the Klondike Development Organization will hold its next Partnership Forum.



Gary Parker is the Klondike Development Organization's president.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Mark Wickham's consulting firm is a key part of this organization.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



This Partnership Forum could be the first of many.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Look out - Above!

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

Pedestrians are being advised not to walk along the boardwalk beside the Dawson City General Store until all the snow has had a chance to slide off the roof. With more sunshine during the day there's a greater chance that some walking below that hanging snow could be injured.

Across the street workers were busy removing snow from the roof of Klondike Nugget and Ivory.



General store

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



Roof work

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

Cleaning up on Front Street

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

The Front Street Gazebo hasn't been buried. It's just hidden behind one of the many piles of snow lined up along the street this week as the City of Dawson begins to get rid of some of the winter's build-up before the alternating thawing and freezing can damage the road bed.



Gazebo

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

Here Comes the Glacier

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

Mary McLeod Road is closed to regular vehicular traffic for the rest of the winter season as the annual glaciers have formed once again. Caused by ground water seeping across the road and freezing, the glaciation closes the road for several weeks every winter. Pedestrians, snow machines and ATVs can still use the road, but others, including those who live on it, will have to take the Dome Road and come in from the other end.



Glacier

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

Movie Nights in Dawson City

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

February 28, 2011

In spite of its evolving cultural significance as the home of the Yukon School of Visual Arts and the Dawson City Short Film Festival, one of the things Dawson does lack is a movie theatre. There hasn't been one since the Orpheum on Front Street was heavily

damaged in the flood of 1979 and while there have been nibbles of interest over time; that lack has never been fully replaced.
Some people are trying however.

The Klondike Institute of Arts and Culture has a large ballroom in the Oddfellows Hall and the equipment used for the short film festival. Each winter it holds the KIAC Film Series, an effort sponsored by a number of local businesses - MacKenzie Petroleum, Klondike Kate's Cabins and Restaurants, Jimmy's Place Video & Convenience, The Raven's Nook - and the Yukon Film Society.

The offerings there on Thursday nights are not, for the most part, theatrical releases, but can, nonetheless, be quite entertaining.

A recent offering was 'Look at What the Light Did Now', a documentary about Canadian singer/songwriter Feist. Coming up soon are 'A Drummer's Dream', a documentary about drummers by John Walker, and 'The Man of a Thousand Songs', William McGillvray's profile of singer/songwriter Ron Hynes.

At the Dawson City Museum there's an audio-visual room, used in the summer for programming related to the museum. In the winter, something else is happening. Thanks to the nice chairs provided by Holland-America for the comfort of their clients, and the recent improvements to the viewing screen, the museum is comfy place to watch a movie on weekends.

It started a couple of years back with classic flicks, but now that Dawson's cable system runs Turner Classic Movies, the museum has upgraded to colour, obtained the proper licensing and moved forward in time.

Recently the room was full of Dawsonites watching The King's Speech on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Usually there's a matinee for kids. Coming up soon on March 12 and 13 will be 'The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawson Treader' and 'The Fighter'. A week later the fare will be 'Finding Nemo' and 'Tron Legacy', one older film and one new one.

Museum director Laura Mann says some of the older movies are great family draws. Even though a lot of people probably own VHS or DVD copies of The Little Mermaid, the theater was packed for both matinees when it showed that one earlier this winter. All of which proves that, no matter how good your home entertainment system, there's nothing quite like going to the movies with other people.



Laura in Theatre – Museum Director Laura Mann shows off the movie room.
Photos courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The ballroom at the Oddfellows Hall is ready for movie night.

Sourdough Sue [Ward]

Passed away this morning around 6:30 [March 24, 2011]. She was in a lot of pain so it's nice to know that she is free from discomfort.

YUKON WILDFLOWERS



Arctic Poppies on the Dempster Highway
Photo courtesy Doug Bell chechako46@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

NEW ADDITIONS

I would like to subscribe to the Moccasin Telegraph, effective as soon as possible. Please contact me at lou@bradleyit.com regarding fees, etc. I got your name & email address from Wally & Dianne Sutherland here in Red Deer. I lived in the Yukon from 1965 to 1996. My mailing address is:

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*One place where you're sure to find the perfect driver is in the back seat.
- Homer Phillips*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Vancouver Yukoners' Association 83rd Annual Banquet

Date: April 16, 2011

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Address: 8811 River Rd, Richmond BC – Free Parking

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