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Herd of Bison

Alaska Hwy south of Watson Lake

August 2009

Photo courtesy Grant Lundy waterquality.klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

YUKON NUGGET

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

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

Pattullo annexes the Yukon

In my search for Yukon Nuggets, stories from our fabled past, I have often come across strange - sometimes bizarre - tales.

Most recently, a story surfaced for which I have no explanation, nor could I find anything to prove the event actually occurred except to tell you that it was a feature article in that most trustworthy of publications, Time Magazine.

Here as Robert Service would say, are the simple facts of the case - as written on May 10th, 1937. I leave it to you to judge the truth of the tale.

We have heard in previous Nugget broadcasts how Duff Pattullo, once Premier of British Columbia, got his start in politics during his eight-year stay in Dawson City at the turn of the 19th century. He was in Dawson during the gold rush and beyond, became a Member of the Yukon Territorial council and speaker of the Legislature. When he left the Yukon in 1908, he was elected to the BC legislature and subsequently became Premier in 1933.

That job lasted ten years. Pattullo always had an interest in the Yukon. As it turns out that interest was more than nostalgia for his earlier political days in the Territory.

Pattullo wanted to take the Yukon with him when he left and, according to the Time Magazine story of May 10th, 1937, he did just that. In that issue, Time reported that "BC Premier Duff Pattullo announced last week that British Columbia had closed a deal with the Government of Canada to take over Yukon Territory."

Time Magazine went on to say that "As soon as British Columbia's Legislature signs on the dotted line, that province will become, next to Quebec, the largest in Canada. From maps of Canada, said Time, "will disappear the colorful Yukon Territory, made famous by the discovery of gold in 1896 and the hairy-chested poems of Robert William Service."

"Yukon's sole representative in the Dominion Parliament since October 1935 has been Mrs. George Black, a dashing woman who left Chicago to join the gold rush of 1898."



Pattullo Bridge from New Westminister to Surrey.

Time reported that Mrs. Black exploded angrily last week when Premier Pattullo announced his acquisition and expressed "surprise" that no statement had been made "either in Parliament or by the Prime Minister."

Time continued: "By no means reluctant was the Dominion to surrender control of the Yukon, which has cost it nearly eleven million dollars for its development with almost no direct return to Ottawa. Cheerfully, said Time, the federal Government consented to make

an annual grant to British Columbia of \$125,000 for five years to help meet the expense of taking over.

So what to make of this story. We know that the Yukon did not join BC back in 1937. What we don't know is where they got the information of how close the federal government came to handing the Yukon over to British Columbia in 1937.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

By CBC News, cbc.ca, Updated: May 29, 2011 7:44 AM

Yukon party selects new leader



Members of the Yukon Party have chosen **Darrell Pasloski** as their new leader and the person who replaces Canada's longest-serving premier.

He went up against MLA Jim Kenyon and businessman Rod Taylor in the leadership race and won on the first ballot Saturday.

Pasloski is a Whitehorse pharmacist and businessman who has never held elected office. He ran unsuccessfully for the Conservatives in the 2008 federal election.

As premier, he is expected to focus on the territory's economy. Other major issues include a lack of social housing, drug and alcohol abuse and an aging energy grid.

Pasloski replaces Dennis Fentie, who is retiring from politics.

Fentie led the Yukon Party to power in 2002.

Pasloski will have to run in a byelection to get a seat in the legislature.

ONCE AGAIN IN TOUCH WITH EAGLE ALASKA

Hello Jean

Long time no hear from !

Read a story from Claire Festel recently and it has me thinking about Eagle once again.

How are things? Expect you are about to experience break-up once again. It has broken at Dawson so it likely has at your part of the river too.

Claire's story mentioned how food is a problem for small communities like Eagle when Quest comes through. Can you expand on that?

Did you get yourselves rebuilt after the ice/flood damage a couple of years ago ?

I think of you often.

Sherron Jones sherronjones@shaw.ca (In Vernon)
Moccasin Telegraph

Hiya Sherron! Great to hear from you!

Re: Quest -- Actually, I've never heard that food has been a problem here. (But a disclaimer: I'm not a Quest volunteer, so don't speak from personal experience.) The mushers always remark that food at the Eagle checkpoint is some of the best. It takes an awful lot of planning and work, though. The Eagle Dog Musers organization does a fantastic job, getting food planned, donated and prepared ... all of it comes from the community. Folks cook and bake in large quantities, well in advance, and there's a good amount of moose chili and caribou stew. Since mushing -- and the Quest in particular -- are very popular here (especially in February when nothing else is going on - ha!), it seems there are always plenty of volunteers.

Now, getting food *in* to Eagle in February can be a challenge, or expensive, for individual residents if they need something they can't get at the local store. But most residents are well prepared for winter, and in my 13 years here I've yet to see one case of winter emaciation ... (cabin fever, though? - definitely). ;-)

The river went out here on Saturday, May 7. We weren't too worried this year, as the Yukon froze quite low last fall. It seems breakup is just a little bit different each year. Prior to May 7, there were some ice-free areas near both shores, but the majority of it was a solid mass in the middle of the river. It looked like it would just mush out, but surprisingly when it did go, it was more solid than we expected. Once it broke, it all went at once. And no flooding at all, thank goodness.

I have to admit, ever since 2009 I get extremely nervous around breakup time. Once it starts, I can't really sleep until we're fairly certain the water isn't going to come up to the house. We moved our vehicles up to high ground and had bags packed for a quick getaway.

Very happy in the new house. It's 9.5 feet higher than the old one was, with a very stout foundation. It has solid foam insulation this time (vs. bat), so if anything gets wet it can

easily dry out. We're not totally finished with it, as hubby is currently working on the deck, but it's been liveable since September 2009.

I'm glad you write once in a while ... good to keep in touch.

Best,

Jean Turner njturner*aptalaska.net (In Eagle Alaska)

The story I wrote about Eagle was totally positive about the food and the hospitality --- the mushers love it and it is one of the most special places on the route. They do an amazing job.

Here is the story as it appeared on the Yukon Quest Facebook site.

Claire Festel clairefestel*me.com (In Penticton and Whitehorse)



Scarlett, eagle Checkpoint Manager

Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel*me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)

It Just Magically Comes Together

Profile of Scarlett Hall and the Eagle, Alaska Checkpoint

By Claire Festel clairefestel@me.com

The Eagle checkpoint is housed in the historic one-room schoolhouse. It's a bustling place during the Yukon Quest sled dog race.

Scarlett Hall has been Eagle checkpoint manager for "longer than I can remember – probably six or seven years." She does it because she gets to work with Eagle volunteers who have done it for years and years and she has a commitment to the Yukon Quest.

Most of what Scarlett does actually happens before the day of the checkpoint set-up. She makes sure the food is delivered to Eagle, that it gets to the cooks, that the cooks prepare it, and that the checkers are lined up. Then she says, "We choose a time for set-up and everybody shows up and just starts doing. And it just magically comes together."

When the race comes through, Scarlett says, "I stay here and oversee things and watch the checkers as they go about doing what they do." But she does much more. Kelley Griffin enters the building and Scarlett gives her a big hug, "I got up at 3 a.m. to look at your Spot and if you had not moved by six, I was going to send out someone to check on you." She and Kelley chat for a few minutes before Kelley heads back out to her dogs, preparing to leave.

Scarlett continues, "The Yukon Quest gives everybody in Eagle something to do in winter time and there's not a lot that goes on in Eagle in the winter time."

The food at Eagle is fabulous and, again, it's Scarlett organizing and volunteers doing the meals. The Yukon Quest helps by covering the cost of food supplies. She smiles, "I ask the volunteers to bring cookies, snacks, and breads. What's been kind of neat in the last few years is that some of the younger girls want to earn their Yukon Quest volunteer patches. So they have come forward and they do baking for us. We like to see that it excites them. Plus it helps us and they get to participate in the Quest."

As for food preparation, over the years, Eagle volunteers there have experimented with a number of ways. Their goal, she says, "is to prepare the food so it is the safest and freshest for the mushers. The idea is to get the food supplies in early, cook it and store it in meal-size portions and freeze it. When the race happens, we take it out of the freezer and put it in the fridges at the checkpoint so that the meals are ready when the mushers come through to choose what they want." They are heated up in the microwave in minutes. They even cook vegetarian meals because last year several vegetarians came through.

The Menu is posted in chalk on the black board: Beef tortellini, Scalloped potatoes and ham, chicken soup, chicken Alfredo, beef and vegetable stew, a choice of beef, egg or

vegetarian burritos. They have ham and tuna sandwiches, pancakes and ham and bagels with cream cheese. Over in one corner of the countertop, there are a variety of cookies and snacks and bread. Closer to the microwave, there is a batch of fried bread one lady made up and Scarlett smiles, “its wonderful heated up in the microwave.”

It’s no understatement when she says, “We’ve been feeding the officials and the mushers who have come through really well this year.” She gives credit to working well with Stephanie Knaebel from the Quest Fairbanks office and Greg Schaffer, the race manager.

Scarlett’s husband Wayne is a legendary figure in the Yukon Quest. He competed in the Yukon Quest three times and Scarlett says, “he loves to jump in and help out.” She explains, “We have some property on American Summit and we know it real well. That is why we are aware of where people are what the conditions are up there.” Wayne was at the checkpoint when the storm blew in on the summit and he strategized with the snow machine drivers who went out to open up the trail after the whiteout.

But on top of that, every year Wayne and their son along with a few friends set up a tent camp at the Forty Mile Bridge on the Yukon River. “He does it so the mushers have a place to stop and rest there. We throw that in as our volunteer portion for the Quest.” She says, “They cut a huge supply of firewood so the mushers are able to stay warm and rest a bit.” Scarlett noticed that some of the mushers this year have been spending long amounts of time there.

Throughout our interview, Scarlett’s eyes are checking on supplies and she is looking around the room and acknowledging people. The people of Eagle certainly do come together in a very warm way to provide hospitality to the Yukon Quest – but it’s not magic. It’s a lot of hard work and commitment.

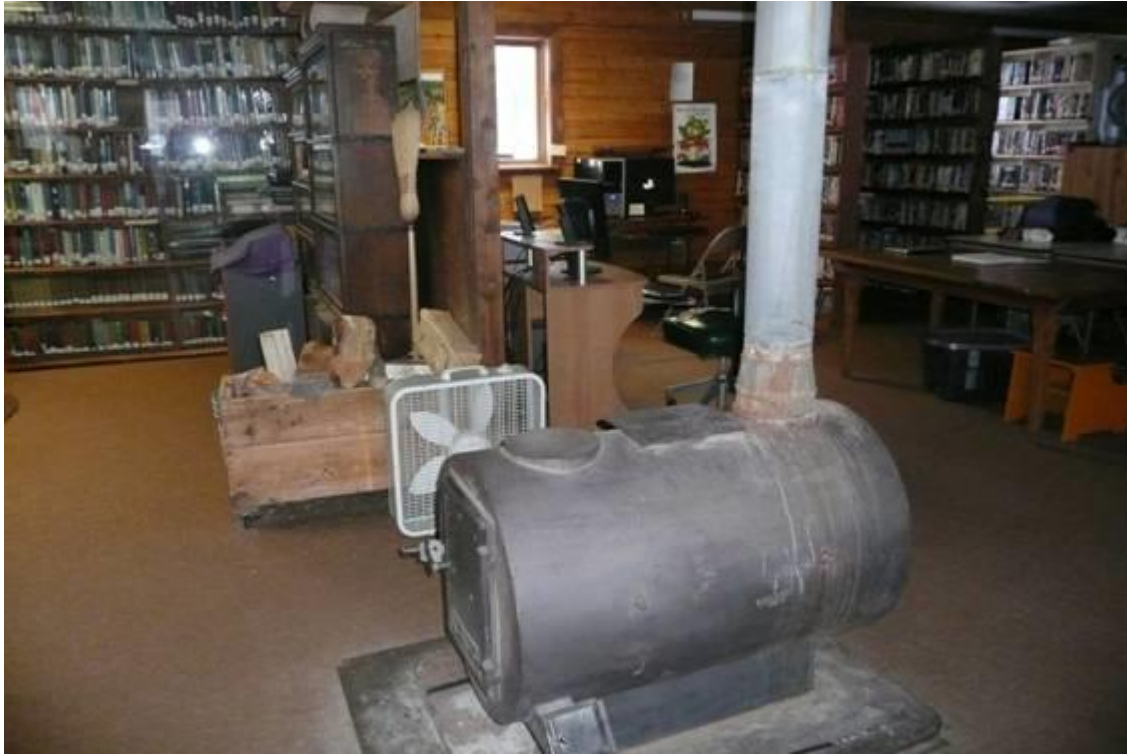
PHOTOS OF CLAIRE’S TRIP TO EAGLE ALASKA DURING THE YUKON QUEST DOG RACE



Flying over Yukon River into Eagle
Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel.me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



Pilot Chad Rowe and Yukon Quest vet in Eagle
Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel.me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



The Eagle Library, media headquarters
Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel@me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



Funky birdhouses in Eagle
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The mountain near Eagle.

Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel@me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



Eagle school children provided entertainment.

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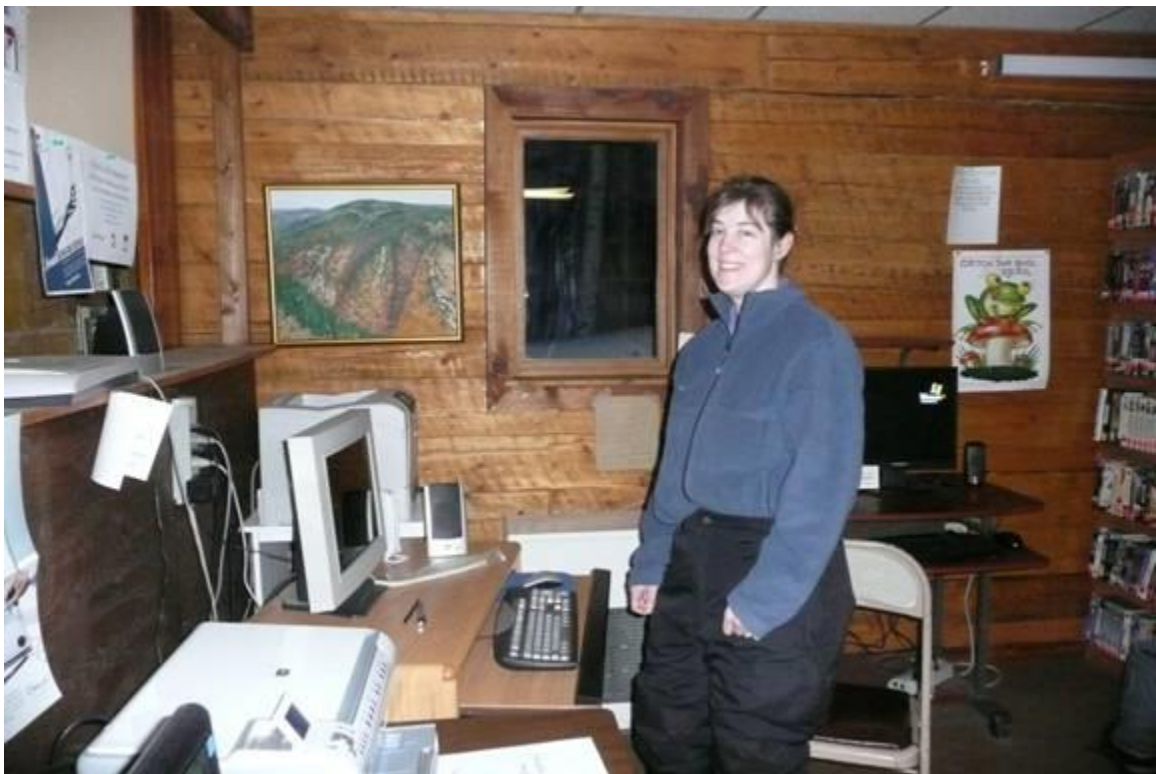
Hans Gatt arrives in Eagle after the storm on American Summit
Photo courtesy Claire Festel [clairefestel*me.com](http://clairefestel.me.com) (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



Sebastian Schnuelle talks with the trail breakers at Eagle checkpoint
Photo courtesy Claire Festel [clairefestel*me.com](http://clairefestel.me.com) (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



Banners made by the Eagle school children.
Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel*me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



The librarian, IT fixer and hostess for the media group
Photo courtesy Claire Festel clairefestel*me.com (In Whitehorse & Penticton)



Eagle checkpoint, Kelly Griffin ready to head out
Photo courtesy Claire Festel [clairefestel*me.com](http://clairefestel.me.com) (In Whitehorse & Penticton)

THIS WAS THE STORY I HAD READ ABOUT EAGLE IN THE OKANGAN YUKONERS NEWSLETTER which prompted me to write to Jean Turner and the results are above – Sherron Jones

Written by Claire Festel

“I flew over from Dawson City to Eagle, Alaska in a Cessna 175 with pilot Chad Rowe and Assistant Vet Patty Imus. The flight was 40 minutes and the sky had high overcast. We flew at about 4,000- 4,500 ft. The sun broke through here and there, lightening up the snow-covered peaks. It felt SO good to fly over this open country again – the unbroken forests, the multiple shades of blue and the wind driven snow on the stunted trees are all sights that warm my heart. Eagle is a funky little town ...there are more snow machines than vehicles. The town has only seven miles of drivable road in the wintertime out to the village and another mile up the hill from the Yukon River. After that, snow machine trails.

At the Eagle Trading Company the rooms have no keys and there is a big sign telling you not to lock your door – the fellow who works at the Trading Company gave us a tour of

the town and told us “maybe we ought to change the door handles so people can’t lock ‘em.” Yeah, might be a good idea.

There are so few truly unique places left in the world that it’s always a treat to visit one. After having lived in Keno City, Yukon another end-of-the road town, I notice the little things that make it different – like the pink painted plywood house, ten or so bird houses built in a row under the eaves of a garage, the ski-doos parked outside the door, the log cabin post office, the firehall in the middle of town with a bell you actually pull by a chord to alert the town of an emergency. When I lived in Keno City, I loved being at the end of no where, but those days are over for me. Great to visit but I wouldn’t want to live it again.

The grocery store has two isles. Locals drive all the way to Anchorage to load up on food twice a year.

Flying in anything, regardless of what it is, costs 78 cents a pound. So the librarian does a grocery run to Anchorage twice a year. When she absolutely has to, she buys stuff at the store.

What and how we eat here is a big issue. **Food supplies, obviously, are limited.** The Yukon Quest brings in enough food to feed the mushers and officials but cautions media coming to Eagle they have to fend for themselves. That means bringing along breakfast and lunch and buying dinners at the local school. The kids cook the dinners three nights and charge \$8.00 per person. They use the money to travel.

The menu: Thursday: chicken, Friday: pizza, Saturday: tacos. So that’s what I’ll be eating in the evenings.

I’m looking forward to it. Yesterday evening, they even had a dance and Head Vet Al said he expected to see everyone out there on the dance floor.

Food is so important when you deal with cold, little sleep and pressure, and acting on experienced people’s advice, I brought my own food stash. For breakfast: instant oatmeal, dried blueberries and hemp hearts – this will compliment the Green Food packets. Lunch I have a hunk of parmesan cheese, crackers and instant soups. Snacks are salted mixed nuts, pistachios, my favourite Lindt chocolate bars, and Luna energy bars from my friend Carol...you’d think I’m going to be here for a month. The thing is...food is more scarce at the next two checkpoints. I’m not worried – well, maybe a little.

The weather has been a major concern and the people at Eagle could not be more caring.

Trail coordinator Mike Reitz and another trail breaker braved the storm on American Summit to open the trail for the mushers caught out in the storm. But that’s another story and I’ll tell you all about that after I’ve had more sleep, sountil tomorrow.

It's quiet here in Eagle – it's off the grid and we get to experience the deep quiet of wilderness. Very nice.”

CAN ANYONE HELP ? ?

Hello, Sherron - I wonder if any of your readership can help me with a problem that has turned out to be a major challenge! **I need photos of the following Yukon "shakers and movers" of the 1930's:**

W.D. Gordon Sr. - Superintendent of the BYN Company

Gus Muirhead - Ass't Supt'd of the BYN Company

Herb Wheeler - President of the White Pass

I have just finished writing a book on the early history of commercial aviation in the Yukon. These men were key players in the BYN Co. air service, and of course I would like to have a photo of each of them in the book. But to my utter amazement, none seem to exist (!), at least nothing that I have been able to track down. Not even Patricia Gordon, grand-daughter of W.D. Gordon, can lay her hands on a good photo of her grandfather! And the Yukon Archives comes up with nothing, except for a group photo in which Mr. Gordon and Mr. Wheeler are not well portrayed.

My book is in the hands of the publisher now (hoping for a pre-Christmas delivery), so time is of the essence. I appreciate any help anyone can render!

Regards - Bob Cameron yukoncamerons@klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

HOTTEST AND COLDEST PLACE IN YUKON

The Mayo Historical Society is looking for a photo of the "Hottest and Coldest spot in the Yukon" signs which are on either side of Stewart Crossing. These signs were made by Jack Andison many years ago to entice visitors to make a detour to Mayo and what is now the Silver Trail. We are looking for a photo them as they looked when they were new. However a later photo would do. Hope some one can help us out.

Many thanks,

Lyn Bleiler lynbleiler@aol.com (South Surrey BC)

Transportation Hall of Fame event

Joann Robertson and I flew Air North, of course. We took the first flight Monday; I took the last flight back Wednesday to give the most time to wander around Whitehorse. We stayed with old family friend Helga Campion in Riverdale.

Our cousin John Hoggan joined us for brunch the next day. This being his first time in Whitehorse, we started his tour with a visit to the former Hoggan house at 505 Jarvis Street. Present owner Kim Tanner came out, asked if she could help us, and invited us inside. We caught up on the house's history, admired the delphiniums planted by Gladys Hoggan c.1948 and learned that the underground river has moved next door. One of Kim's staff photocopied the "What's Up" article on the house for which I had supplied information a couple of years ago.

While Joann took John sightseeing, I just wandered the old neighbourhood, taking pictures and getting my bearings. Knowing what heritage houses had been moved, I was not so disoriented as on my last visit in 1998. Houses that had looked so big when I was a kid now look so small! I found a picture in the museum that captured a segment of Main Street of particular meaning to me and to my Tubman cousins, so ordered it.

At the Transportation Museum we finally met Elizabeth Beecroft, the organizer. I spotted Marnie Ryder, one of our special guests for the evening, and headed straight for her. Marnie hit us with a double whammy! She had never received the special invitation (other than my email) and neither had Shirley Odsather or Bill Drury. Shirley, however had sent their regrets. Marnie Drury had passed away so Shirley had gone to collect her ashes. We now knew that four of our five special guests had not received their formal invitations. We can only assume that the fifth, Alex Van Bibber, also received no formal invitation. He had been planning to come when Joann last spoke to him. Later in the evening, we learned that Goody Sparling had only received hers the day before and others had not received theirs. Ms. Beecroft was horrified when we told her.

The award ceremony was otherwise well organized. Pictures of the award recipients were displayed on a big screen during each presentation. Commissioner Doug Phillips was delighted to present the Order of Polaris award to Dawn and Gordon Bartsch. Theirs is an amazing story! Joann and I accepted the Transportation Pioneer for 2011 award on behalf of the late J.E.F. Hoggan, her grandfather, my great grandfather. In my acceptance speech, I made it very clear that the goal of his original nominators, Bill Drury and Lloyd Ryder, was to recognize the river pioneers, to give them their place in the Transportation Hall of Fame. Ours was to recognize the river pioneers and those who still work the river, still important to transportation in Yukon. It was good to hear of Transportation Person of 2011 Clive Boyd's history since I last saw him.

Madeline Boyd came up to me after the ceremony. "You're Maribeth Tubman, aren't you?" she asked. She went on to confirm what I had suspected, that I had known Clive and his parents when Bert Boyd and Dad both worked the NC garage and the families fished together. Madeline's parents, the Purcheys, had been in on those fishing trips, as well. I then introduced myself, "Mr. Boyd, I'm Tubby Tubman's daughter." He leaned

back, took a long look at me and replied, "I think I worked for him." "Yes", I replied, "I think you did".

Donna Clayson introduced herself to me. To that point we had only known each other as fellow contributors to Moc Tel. Joann reconnected with highway people she had not seen in decades.

Several attendees at the award ceremony were aware that Joann Robertson was writing a book, "The Yukon between the Gold Rush & Highways". She had an appointment the next day with Mac's Books to begin marketing it. She was quite taken aback when she was greeted, on arrival at the appointment, with "I'll take 36 copies". Word still travels fast!

After the Mac's appointment, we visited the Yukon Archives. With the book now finished, Joann sought a home for the original letters, papers and pictures. Private Records Archivist Jennifer Roberts took us through the process. We learned that original photographs are preferred. When I admitted that I had discarded my parents' and grandparents' slides after having them scanned, she cringed. Live and learn!

We crammed a lot into less than three days. The weather was great; people were welcoming and helpful. Joann continued on to Dawson, to market her book and do a little fishing.

Maribeth Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Proud Hoggan descendants: Maribeth Mainer (Great Granddaughter) of Burnaby, John G. Hoggan of North Vancouver and Joann Robertson (Granddaughter) of Vancouver.

John G. Hoggan is my cousin, son of J.E.F. (Frank) Hoggan, grandson of John W. (Johnny) Hoggan, great grandson of J.E.F. (Ned) Hoggan. – Maribeth

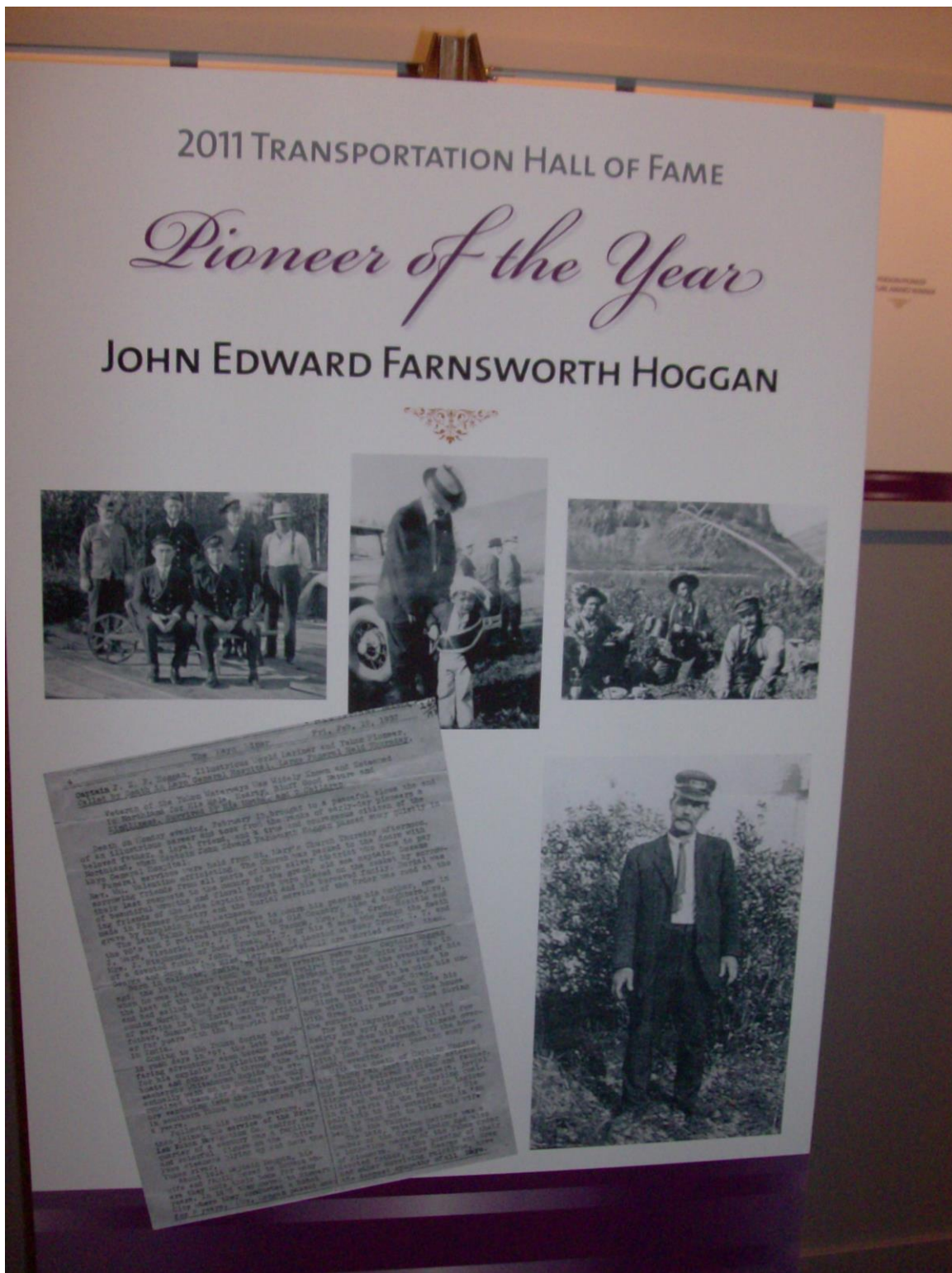


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2011 TRANSPORTATION HALL OF FAME

Person of the Year

CLIVE BOYD

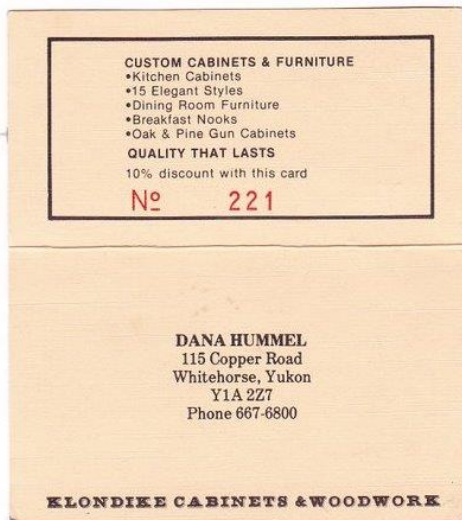
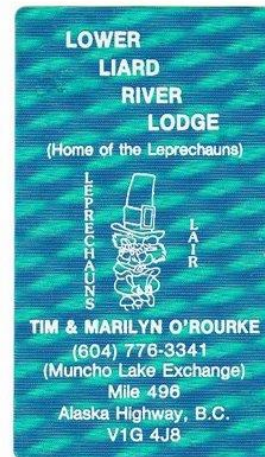


Clive Boyd received the 2011 Transportation Person of the Year Award.
Photo courtesy Maribeth Mainer mainerm1@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

Watch for upcoming information on how to order **Joann Robertson's** book
"The Yukon between the Gold Rush & Highways".

OLD BUSINESS CARDS – do they bring back memories to you ?

Submitted by Sandy Campbell northernlyght*shaw.ca (In Langley BC)



SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Found this information in the May/June 201 TCA Magazine (The Canadian Amateur).

VY1T Special Event Station will be on the air from June 29 to July 1 for the Grand Opening of Aeroadio Exhibit at the Teslin Historical and Museum Society in Teslin Yukon.

Eric, VY1EI, resident contester, will use VY1T on June 29 from Whitehorse. Club Station VY1T, will be on the air from Teslin, Yukon, at the George Johnston Museum on June 30 from early morning to late afternoon. VY1T will be on the air from Whitehorse on Canada Day, July 1, as a club station. QSL will be available.

On June 30 please find us on 20 meters around 14.180 or so; we also may try 14.140. QSL via Hugh Henderson, VY1EEN at PO Box 33062, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5Y5.

More information can be found on the Yukon Amateur Radio Association website at www.Yara.ca/ or by contacting Ron McFadyen at mcfadyen*northwestel.net.

On June 30, the Teslin Historical Society, owner and operator of the George Johnston Museum, Mile 804 Alaska Highway, Teslin, will host a large gathering to celebrate the Grand Opening of its historical and (now) unique Aeroadio Navigation Range Building (1941), with its interior exhibits.

The exhibits tell the story of Teslin from 1940-1955 when its quiet and simple northern village life was overturned with the coming of RCAF Teslin Base, the Aeradio Navigation Range and the Alcan Highway. The story is told with transmitters, other artefacts, text and photographs inside a rare 1941 radio range air navigation building.

We would be delighted if Yukon Amateur operators, former DOT telegraphers, Amateur Radio and radio telecommunications enthusiasts would attend the Opening. We feel that this is appropriate because DOT staff of RCAF Teslin not only handled hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of radio messages from 1940 to 1955, but because they were avid Amateur Radio hams on their off-duty hours. They controlled this aeradio building and were central to Teslin's wartime role.

The Society will welcome dignitaries and guests, such as yourselves, to Teslin for a formal ribbon-cutting, a sit down traditional Dominion Day Silver Tea, to view other new exhibits inside the Museum, a display of Amateur Radio (so popular in the 1940's and other events recalling that era in Teslin. Guests will be invited to "make a day of it" and visit the local high quality Yukon Wildlife Gallery and Teslin Tlingit Council's elegant Heritage Centre exhibits.

Should you wish to arrange overnight accommodation, please contact the Yukon Motel (1- 867-390-2443), Teslin Lake Motel (390-2521 or Dawson Peaks (390-2244).



Gert Squirechuk

It was her 84th birthday, and the family had a celebration.

The picture was taken yesterday [June 4, 2011] at Stavely, Alberta not too far from Lethbridge, that's where Gert's daughter Jean [Tooley] lives. [Late husband Stan Tooley]. Gert also had a Great Grandson born yesterday.

Gert's daughter Carol's [Kowal] son Kelsey and his wife Jen had a baby boy 7 lbs. 11oz Andrew Tyler Kowal, all doing well.

Regards,

Alistair McGregor mmac1952@telus.net (In Vernon)

PS. Gert's late husband Kit Squirechuk's name was also Andrew. He was said to have been given the name 'Kit' when he moved to Yukon and it was found he was as quick as a 'kit fox' with his shooting abilities.

Gert now has 6 great granddaughters and one great grandson.

Daughter Carol has two children, son Kelsey and daughter Donya. Kelsey and Jen also have a daughter age 5. Donya has three girls, age 10 and twins age 7. Carol's husband Terry Kowal known to many in Whitehorse as a fire fighter passed away a few years ago.

Gert's son John, his wife Lynn and daughter Kristianna live in Edmonton.

- Sherron Jones

YUKON WILDLIFE



Two Moose in Two Moose Lake on the Dempster
September 2010

Photo courtesy Grant Lundy waterquality*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please change the email address for Al and Eileen Close to aeclose*northwestel.net effective as of now. Thanks.

Eileen Close

Change of address for Ron Daniels daniels*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

NEW ADDITIONS

We were residents of Elsa from '73 to '82 and loved our time in the Yukon.

Our friend Dutch advised us of the Moccasin Telegraph and we had a look at one.

Loved it.

We would love to subscribe.

Bill & Joy Henry
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Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1J2 billjoy.henry@shaw.ca

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

You don't have to have fought in a war to love peace. - Geraldine Ferraro

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

VENISON SWISS STEAK

Submitted by George Bliss jrsports@sasktel.net (In Regina)

Combine

½ cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

Dredge in above flour

2-4 lbs of venison steak*

Cut steak into approx. 2" X 3" pieces (max. 3" X 3").

N.B: You must remove all silvery tissue to avoid tallow taste.

Heat in large frying pan

3 tablespoons shortening.

Add more as needed while cooking.

Brown meat on both sides.

If you have more meat than your pan will hold just brown in batches.

Reduce heat and add

1 (10 oz) can beef consommé or Scotch broth.

½ cup water

¼ cup ketchup

1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 medium onion, sliced or diced

Tightly cover pan and simmer slowly for 1-1/2 hours or until meat is tender.

Not usually necessary to add water to keep meat moist.

About 20 minutes before cooking time is up, add ½ **pound mushrooms, sliced**, if preferred.

Just prior to serving, remove meat, add ½ pint of whipping cream to pan and stir to combine in a sauce.

Serve this sauce over broad noodles.

*Any meat can be used if venison is not available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Okanagan Yukoner' Picnic will be held at the **Summerland Ornamental Gardens** again this year on the **26 of June** just after Father's Day. Set-up at 11AM, potluck lunch at noon.

Hope to see lots of people there this year.

Larry Chalmers aksala49@telus.net (In Oliver BC)

Vancouver Island Yukoner's Picnic

Sat. Aug 13, 2011 – 11AM-3PM

Bring your own lunch, coffee & tea provided

St. Mary's Anglican Church

2600 Powder Pt. Rd.

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