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**White Fox**

Photo courtesy Heather Jones [hpj50.me.com](http://hpj50.me.com) (In Carcross)

**THE LAND WE CAN'T FORGET.**

By Gus Barrett [sourdoughs2@shaw.ca](mailto:sourdoughs2@shaw.ca) (In Qualicum Beach BC)

Our Yukon was a land of peace,  
Of Sourdoughs and Mounted Police,  
A land where paddle wheelers steamed,  
Past creeks where golden nuggets gleamed.  
A land made up of mountains tall,  
Great glaciers and water falls.  
A land for which we hunger yet  
We've left but simply can't forget.

Our Yukon was a land of sights.  
The midnight sun and northern lights,  
A land where fighting rainbows leap,  
Of grizzlies, moose and mountain sheep.

A land where we were free to roam,  
Through wilderness, while close to home.  
Our Yukon was a land of fun,  
Of camping trips with rod and gun.

Our Yukon was a land of trials,  
Of gravel roads for miles and miles,  
Of cars that wouldn't start in winter,  
Tires, square and windshields splintered.  
Frozen fuel lines (two A.M.)  
Crawl from bed and blow torch them.  
We dreaded each approaching fall.  
Despite all this, we loved it all.

A sprawling land where folks were few,  
Which nurtured friendships strong and true.  
Though we have left it all behind us,  
We hold reunions to remind us.  
To southern climates we have strayed,  
But I sometimes think, "what if we'd stayed?"  
Are those the things we miss, in truth,  
Or was it just our time of youth.

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## **YUKON NUGGET**

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)

### **The Bonnet Plume River**

The Bonnet Plume is a beautiful Yukon river named for a Gwitchin Indian Chief, who all of his life, helped white trappers, traders and gold seekers, teaching them the ways of the land and, in some cases, saving their lives.

The Loucheaux or Gwitchin people called this river the Black Sands River because of the extensive deposits of magnetite-rich sand found on its bed. Andrew Flett, whose native name translated by French explorers as Bonnet Plume, was a chief of the band which used this region as traditional hunting and trapping grounds. He worked for the Hudson Bay Company when they began setting up posts in this remote region, the streams of which feed into the mighty Peel River.

Bonnet Plume also assisted Klondike gold-seekers who made their way over the so-called easy interior route to the Klondike. It was anything but easy, and many would-be

prospectors had the good fortune to stumble upon his hunting camps. Otherwise, death was assured in this unforgiving land.

The Bonnet Plume is home to large, healthy populations of grizzly bears, wolves, moose, gyrfalcons and woodland caribou. It was also the site of the largest Peregrine Falcon study undertaken in the Territory. The falcon is the fastest bird in the world, reaching diving speeds of nearly 300 kilometers an hour. A stable population lives in the region.

The entire Bonnet Plume watershed was nominated as a Canadian Heritage River in 1992. It covers 12,000 square kilometers and extends almost 350 kilometers, from the river's headwaters along the Yukon - Northwest Territories border, to a point where it enters the Peel River.



Bonnet Plume and Pinquit Lake.  
Yukon Archives. Ernie Barz fonds, #6.

The Canadian Heritage River System was established in 1984, as a cooperative program between federal, provincial and territorial governments. The objectives are to give national recognition to Canada's outstanding rivers and to ensure long-term management

and conservation of their natural, cultural, historical, and recreational values. Three of the 28 designated rivers are in the Yukon - the Bonnet Plume, the Alsek, and the "Thirty Mile" section of the Yukon River.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin



Mr and Mrs Claus – Edward and Gillian

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)

Here's wishing you and all the people of the Yukon.. A Merry Merry Christmas, and All the Best in Health for the coming Year..... Hugs to you all.. Edward and Gillian....

HO HO HO.....

Love Gillian



Mr and Mrs Claus – Edward and Gillian – with elf and reindeer.

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate\\*shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)

## **THANKING THE CONTRIBUTORS TO MOCTEL 365**

Good day Sherron

I just wanted to drop you a line to thank all those that contributed to Moccasin Telegraph 365. The subjects were certainly diverse, making reading a real delight. It's difficult to pick just one subject to comment on as all the content is superb but, for me, the photos of Air North by Dan Davidson were spectacular. Wish I could photograph an aircraft coming and going as well as Dan did. I've never heard of John Ogilvy until now but after studying his painting of Christmas 2012, I would love to see more of his work. I'm wondering if there are any of his paintings in Whitehorse?

Good job everyone and, again Sherron, thank you for the MocTel!

Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

Check out more of John Ogilvy's work at <http://www.iantangallery.com/project/john-ogilvy-new-works-vancouver-nov-3-27-2012/>

## 61<sup>st</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



RUSTY'S TRADITION OF TURNING HER WEDDING RINGS ON HER 61<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT THE OLD LOG CHURCH WHERE BILL & RUSTY GOT MARRIED

Photo courtesy Rusty Reid [rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com](mailto:rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com) (In Penticton, BC & Marsh Lake, Yukon)

SAT NOV 24th 2012

Hi Sherron:

**Bill [Reid] & I were married in the Old Log Church on November 21st 1951.** This was 61 years of happiness, good times and wonderful memories. It was minus 21 degrees when these pictures were taken. It was even colder on the actual day we got married.

I will send this for now and go and search my files to see if I have a pictures taken on my wedding day.

I am going to send a separate email with my son, Dave Reid, down at our cabin at Marsh Lake.

Bye for now,

RUSTY Reid [rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com](mailto:rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com) (In Penticton)

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24th 2012 10:15 AM**

Hi Sherron:

I will be spending the winter months in my apartment in Penticton which is about two blocks from my daughter, Shelley Biden & my son-in-law, Mike Biden. The house I used to live in at Whitehorse is now being rented by a friend of my grandson, Cameron Reid. Cameron is living in Whitehorse and flies for Air North. My son, Dave Reid, is a Captain on the Air Canada 320 Air Bus and has a little over two years more before he retires. He will spend a lot of his time down at our summer home at Marsh Lake.

Dave arranged for him and I to fly up to Whitehorse to attend the 'Celebration of Life' for Barney Roberge which was going to take place at Mt. McIntyre on Saturday, November 17th from 10 am to 2 pm. I left Penticton on Friday, November 16th and Dave met me in Vancouver. We had a one hour wait and then we got on the plane and headed for Whitehorse, Yukon. We headed right down to our summer home at Marsh Lake. Dave told me to stay in the car where it was warm. I tilted my seat back and had a snooze as I had been up since 4:00 am. He went and turned the circuit breakers on, turned the base board heaters on and then lit the kitchen wood stove. It was -21C but it didn't take long to warm up the place. He put on the coffee pot and then came and got me. It felt so good to get down to Marsh Lake, it was like coming home. We decided to drive into town to get a few groceries. He took me to Walmart and bought me an electric blanket. Was that ever nice and I had a great sleep that night even though the wood stove went out.

Dave stayed in the big Main cabin and had the fireplace going. He came to where I was in the apartment above the garage & workshop and put on the coffee and made me ham & eggs for breakfast. What a great son he is.

Big hugs,

RUSTY Reid [rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com](mailto:rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com) (In Penticton, BC & Marsh Lake, Yukon)



**Dave Reid tending the kitchen wood stove at the cabin at Marsh Lake.**  
Photo courtesy Rusty Reid [rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com](mailto:rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com) (In Penticton, BC & Marsh Lake, Yukon)



**Rusty Reid getting warmed up by the kitchen wood stove at the cabin at Marsh Lake –  
November 16, 2012.**  
Photo courtesy Rusty Reid [rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com](mailto:rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com) (In Penticton, BC & Marsh Lake, Yukon)

## **History Hunter**

### **“Yukon Wings” takes off from Transportation Museum**

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Michael Gates ©

Canada’s astounding aviation history is well documented, except for the Yukon – until now.

That has all changed with the launch of *Yukon Wings*, the new book written by local pilot, Bob Cameron.

Cameron grew up in the Yukon in an aviation family. His father, grandfather and three uncles were all employed in the Yukon aviation industry, and he grew up surrounded by aircraft.

Cameron had his pilot’s license by age 17. He went to university and earned a degree in mechanical engineering. After working at Canada Pratt and Whitney in Montreal, he returned to the Yukon where he was a commercial pilot, then Flight Operations Manager for Trans North until he retired in 2001.

The launch was appropriately hosted at the Yukon Transportation Museum last Saturday, with a capacity crowd in attendance. In fact, the parking lot was so full; I thought I was going to need a shuttle bus to take me to the entrance of the museum!

People formed a long line to pick up one, two, even three copies of Cameron’s new release, and then lined up again in the Bush Pilot Room to have him autograph their new purchases. Many of the faces in the crowd were familiar personalities in Yukon’s aviation community, and I was introduced to many others whom I had not met before.

Cameron took a few moments to thank everyone for attending, and acknowledge those who pioneered flying in the north.

One person singled out for special recognition was Tom Clark, a long time aviation mechanic, now 91 years of age. It was he who, back in the 1940s, introduced Gordon Cameron to Bonnie Hunter. The couple were married, and a year later, Bob Cameron arrived. “If it wasn’t for Tom,” he said, “I wouldn’t have been here to write this book!”

The book was a long time in the making. He started collecting the photographs that became part of *Yukon Wings* when he was still a young boy, but it was only seven years ago, after retiring from Trans North, that he started to put pen to paper. The last two years were an intense collaboration with Frontenac Publishing House of Calgary, whose co-founder, David Scollard attended the launch.

Also singled out for special recognition was another Yukon aviation pioneer, Joe Sparling, who has brought the world to our doorstep by establishing regular jet service to

Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary. Air North is owned by Yukoners and headquartered here in Whitehorse.

Yukon aviation began August 16, 1920 when four DeHavilland DH-4s, part of the US Army Black Wolf Squadron, arrived in Whitehorse on their way to Alaska. They then flew north to Dawson City, arriving there in time to celebrate Discovery Day before flying across Alaska to Nome. Remarkably, they completed their 97-day 15,000 kilometre journey without mishap. That wasn't always the case in the development of the aviation industry in the north.

Unlike Alaska, the Yukon didn't take to commercial air travel immediately. It wasn't until 1927 that Clyde Wann and pioneer pilot Andy Cruickshank convinced a number of investors to establish Yukon Airways and Exploration Company in 1927. Cameron recaps this story, which has been given extensive treatment in books like June Lunney's *Spirit of the Yukon*.

The main focus of *Yukon Wings* is the period spanning the 1930s to the 1960s, during which the territory's fledgling industry took to the air. British Yukon Navigation air service, a subsidiary of the White Pass and Yukon Route, battled for market share with a couple of upstart competitors, most notable of which was Northern Airways Ltd., started by George Simmons in Carcross.

World War II created an aviation boom in the territory that eventually led to the evolution of two of Canada's air giants: Canadian Pacific Airlines, and Pacific Western Airlines.

*Yukon Wings* tells the story of the legendary bush pilots who served the north, several of whom have been immortalized in the Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame. Names from the early days include pilots like Andrew Cruickshank, Jess Rice, Everett Wasson, Lionel Vines, Pat Callison, Herman Peterson, Bud Harbottle and Lloyd Ryder, as well as entrepreneurs, including Bill Gordon, Cliff Rogers, George Simmons and Clyde Wann.

*Yukon Wings* is also a detailed story of the aircraft that criss-crossed the Yukon, their best features and their worst. Fairchild, Lockheed, Fokker, Ford (trimotor), Curtiss, and Douglas all flew the northern airways.

During his introduction, Cameron said that he did not choose to showcase the disastrous crashes that took place over the years – and there were plenty of them – but at the same time, they were an integral part of the story. Crashes, especially those that involved loss of life, often precipitated important business decisions, and no doubt they were all well documented in the historical record.

I counted, and more than 100 of the 600 photographs included in this book illustrate plane crashes and other aeronautical accidents, including nose dives, breaking through spring ice, or floating into unexpected guy wires. Some were caused by bad weather or, bad judgement; others by bad maintenance.

The photographs are worthy of note. In its 354 pages, *Yukon Wings* contains nearly 600 of them, both colour and black and white, most of them full page width in the sharpest, clearest photos that I can recall seeing in any history book. The photos alone are worth the \$60 price tag.

There are also three clear and well-designed maps within the covers of this book. At the back are several useful compilations, one of airlines, air services and associated companies, another of major characters from the text, as well as an index of aircraft, and a general index.

This is a significant compilation of Yukon aviation history that fills in a major gap in Canada's air legacy. This is a fine reference work that you will find yourself returning to over and over again.

**Michael Gates is a Yukon historian and sometimes adventurer based in Whitehorse. His new book, *Dalton's Gold Rush Trail*, is now available in stores. You can contact him at [msgates\\*northwestel.net](mailto:msgates*northwestel.net)**



Bob Cameron signing copies of his book at the Transportation Museum.  
Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates\\*northwestel.net](mailto:msgates*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Tom Clark, age 93, introduced Bob Cameron's parents – is presented with a copy of Bob's book. Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates@northwestel.net](mailto:msgates@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

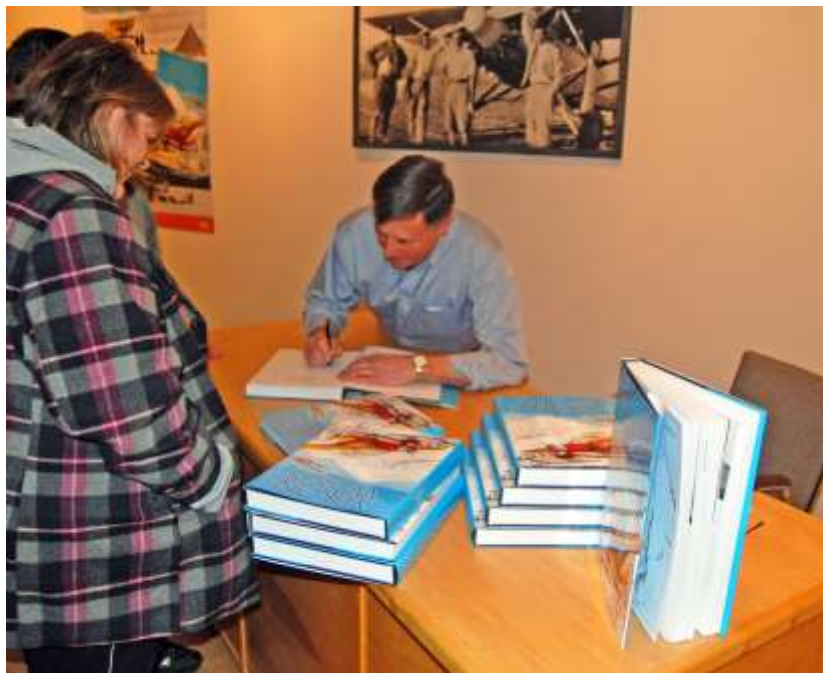


Bob Cameron presenting Joe Sparling, president of Air North, with a copy of his book. Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates@northwestel.net](mailto:msgates@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Bob Cameron

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Bob Cameron signing books in the pilots room of the Transportation Museum in Whitehorse.

Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates\\*northwestel.net](mailto:msgates@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



A line up formed in the pilots' room at the Transportation Museum waiting for Bob Cameron to sign their copy of his book "Yukon Wings".

Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates@northwestel.net](mailto:msgates@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

**To order a copy of "Yukon Wing's"** email Bob Cameron at [yukoncamerons@klondiker.com](mailto:yukoncamerons@klondiker.com) and send a cheque to 102 Wickstrom Road, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 6N2.

Upon receipt of a cheque for \$88 I will post a book via surface mail, which takes about 2 weeks to most destinations in Canada. (Air mail is an additional \$20).

Actually you are in luck as far as S&H to Yuma is concerned. USPS has a special "book rate", but I have to drive to Skagway to get that benefit. I have a small pile (growing by the day!) of books to post from the PO in Skagway (including one other to Yuma), which I plan to do in about 2 or 3 weeks. They tell me delivery time (surface mail) is 3 to 5 weeks.

So that math works out to \$60 for the book, \$3 for GST, and \$10 for S&H, for a total of \$73.

Regards – Bob Cameron [yukoncamerons@klondiker.com](mailto:yukoncamerons@klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)

## **Boeing 737 lands in Dawson City, Yukon, for first time First regularly scheduled flight with jet to northern Yukon**

[CBC News](#)

Posted: Sep 6, 2012



**Air North president Joe Sparling says using a 737 to service Dawson and Old Crow has been a long standing goal. (CBC)**

Aviation history was made in Yukon this week when a Boeing 737 landed for the first time at Dawson City's airport.

The aircraft was used for Air North's scheduled flight from Whitehorse to Dawson City, Old Crow and Inuvik, N.W.T. This was the first time the plane landed in Dawson, but it has previously made trips to the other communities.

The airline said the jet shortens each leg of the trip by about 10 minutes.

**Air North's president, Joe Sparling, said it appears passengers appreciate the new service.**

**"Aviation is so important to everybody in the North, and the farther north, or the smaller the community you live in, the more important it is to you," said Sparling.**

**"I always like to point out that if you ask somebody in Vancouver what time the flight to Whitehorse goes, I'm sure they haven't got a clue. If you ask somebody in Whitehorse what time the flight to Vancouver goes I'm sure they all know and if you**

**ask somebody in Dawson or Old Crow what time the flight to Whitehorse goes, probably 100 per cent of people know.”**

The combination cargo and passenger jet landed in Old Crow in 2009 as part of the Vancouver Olympics torch relay.

Sparling said improvements needed to be made to both the plane and the northern airports before regular service could begin.

He said the jet will only be used on days when there's enough cargo and passengers to pay for the higher cost.

The following was extracted from the Okanagan Yukoners Newsletter which is compiled by Larry Chalmers in Oliver BC. The speech below was given by Commissioner Doug Phillips during the 80<sup>th</sup> International Sourdough Rendezvous held in Penticton September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 2, 2012.

## **International Sourdough Reunion**

State of Yukon Address

October 1, 2012

Good evening, everyone. It has been a real pleasure that Dale and I have been able to have spent the last few days with you. This type of event, like Vancouver Yukoners, is always one of our favorites as we all get to renew old friendships, and relive all our great memories of friends and families in the north. Each story we hear seems to jog our memories about another one. Lots of laughs and great fun.

I was asked tonight to bring you all up to date on the “State of the Yukon”; but before I do that I should tell you a bit about Dale and myself. We are long time Yukoner’s. As some of you may know, Dale and I both arrived in the Yukon over 50 years ago courtesy of our respective parents; myself in 1948 and Dale in 1953. In Dale’s case, her mom and dad were Jim and Jean King. Dale’s dad, Jim, was a Yukon lawyer and owned the White Pass Hotel that eventually became the Edgewater Hotel. My parents were Grace and Norm Phillips. My dad was a butcher by trade and came up to the Yukon after the war to work in a business in Whitehorse called Tourist Services, I think at that time the largest grocery store in town. He later worked for the Air force, Army and eventually retired with DPW. We of course still live there with three of our five children and four of our six grandchildren in the Whitehorse area. We live at Marsh Lake – which is no longer just the place where people have cabins, as some of you may remember. It is now the permanent home for almost one thousand families and the largest community outside of Whitehorse in Yukon, stretching from the Yukon River Bridge to Jake’s Corner.

I was appointed Commissioner on December 17, 2010, succeeding Geraldine Van Bibber. This is no doubt the best job I have ever had, meeting and greeting visitors to Yukon and spreading the word on how great a place the Yukon is to live. But I am sure I don't have to convince anyone here of that. When you live in the Yukon or Alaska, the love of the country never leaves your soul.

This year is the Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. 60 years as Queen of the Commonwealth. When I get back to Whitehorse after Thanksgiving, I will be travelling to each community in Yukon talking to Grade 5 and 6 students about the role of the Queen in Canada over the past 60 years. It will give me a chance to visit each Yukon community from Old Crow to Watson Lake and remind the students of the history of the Royals in Canada. I am really looking forward to that experience. The other project I am focusing on the Arts and Culture for youth – called the Commissioner's Youth Showcase.

At each event I host in the Yukon, from the Levee at New Years to the Commissioner's Tea and Ball in Dawson city in June, to a Christmas Concert in December, I am bringing to the stage young talented Yukoners to perform. I am hoping to build a strong program that future Commissioners will want to continue. In my view, it is time to showcase our amazing youth and their talents. I attend a lot of events throughout the year and have posted a lot of photos of the events on my website. Just go to the photo section on the Commissioner of Yukon website and you may recognize some old friends in the photos.

By the way, the powers that be in Ottawa made the point of correcting me when I was first appointed and reminded me that it was improper to say "the Yukon" and I should just say "Yukon" Not much chance of that happening. I will always be from "the Yukon".

But enough about that, I guess I should get back to the topic the "State of the Yukon".

Geraldine spoke to you in 2007 and its quite interesting how much has changed in five short years. Tourism is still a significant player in the Yukon economy with over 320,000 visits last year. Some of you may know that 2012 was the 70th anniversary of the building of the Alaska (Alcan) Highway. There was a great event this summer when over 100 vintage military vehicles re-enacted the trek up the highway from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks. As Commissioner, I had the pleasure of recognizing their efforts at an event in Haines Junction. Could you imagine what some of the tourists thought when they encountered the convoy on the road? Passing them from the other direction would have been okay but ending up behind the 100 vehicles travelling at about 35 miles per hour might have provided some interesting comments.

There are new Yukoners arriving every day. Since 2007, the population has grown by over 11% and is now 35,503 as of June this year. It's very interesting because as you all may remember when you boarded a flight to head south or back to the Yukon you always knew almost everyone in the airport lounge. Now it is hard to find anyone you know. The population has changed and we are seeing a lot of younger people making their way north to seek their future and some of you did many years ago. In the past few years mining has

rebounded significantly and has become a major player again. In 2002 there was \$10 million in exploration taking place in the Yukon. In 2011, that number soared to \$300 million. This year it has dropped back a bit to around \$175 million, but still significant. There are currently 107 active mining companies exploring the territory today and they staked over 114,000 claims in 2011. There are now 3 operating mines in the Yukon, with the projection of at least 3 more in the next 5 years – very busy as you can see. A lot of this development depends on the world economy so we will see what happens in the future. That development has driven housing prices to levels that I would have never imagined.

When Geraldine spoke to you 5 years ago, you could purchase a single family dwelling for \$250,000. Today the average house price is \$432,000. The vacancy rate today is only 1%. I am not sure how young people today can possibly afford that. Gas was \$1.20 a litre and today is \$1.37, but as you know it seems to fluctuate daily. When you have the rapid growth that we are experiencing now, there are always positives and negatives. On the positive side, we are seeing many new businesses opening up, as well the Yukon has seen enormous growth in its ethnic community, Philipinos, East Indians and others have made their way north, changing the face of the Yukon and strengthening our cultural diversity.

Yukon First Nations are also playing major roles in the development of the north. For example, Air North Yukon's Airline, the best Airline in the north, has the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation from Old Crow as a significant shareholder, who is seeing benefits from this growth. Others have developed economic agreements with mining companies and are reaping the benefits of jobs and royalties from these mines. First Nations are now, and will continue to be in the future, much stronger players in our economy. They also play a strong role in insuring that all this development includes strong protection of the environment, which is so important to their traditional values.

Oh I mentioned Air North; the development has brought other carriers to the Yukon. We are now serviced by 3 airlines: Air Canada, West Jet and Yukon's Airline Air North. I'm not supposed to be biased but you probably know where my heart is.

I mentioned that there is a negative side to rapid development. The housing industry is trying to keep up and that has been an issue that leads to the low vacancy rate. But that is now changing with the slowing of development and the building of new apartments and condos. By the way, the city has changed its requirements for height in Whitehorse and we are now seeing the beginning of taller structures in the downtown core. Fortunately they have required that the taller the building, meaning now 8 stories have to be backed up to the escarpment and not right down on the river so to maintain the view of the valley. That's good. The other negative for us as long time Yukoners is when you sneak away to your favorite fishing hole or camping spot you are now more likely to find someone else there. I guess that's the price of development.

Having said all that, the Yukon is still the best place in Canada to live, in my opinion. It has the best programs in the country for seniors, it has many of the modern stores you

have in the south; we have very little of the serious crime they have in the south and some of the best recreational facilities in Canada for our youth and seniors.

Yukoner's still like to gather in the coffee shops and solve the problems of the world and you will rarely find a Yukoner without a strong opinion. When you lived in Yukon we were well known for our great hospitality, and that is still the case today. Many people who visit the Yukon today always comment on how the people they met were so helpful and friendly. Yukoner's are now known as some of the most generous people in Canada when it comes to charity. We have a hospital foundation that has raised several million dollars to purchase new up-to-date equipment for the Whitehorse General Hospital. Their next goal is an MRI machine, which they will probably reach by the end of this year. Last week I attended a fund raiser started by a very young and energetic 18 year old student, Morgan Wineburg from FH Collins School, to help orphans in Haiti called Little Footprints, Big Steps. Check it out on the web. In one evening, Yukoner's raised over \$36,000 for that worthwhile cause. So you see; the kindness and caring of the north is still alive and well.

In closing Dale and I would like to again thank you all for the invitation to be here with you the past 3 days. To the organizers of the conference: well done. I sincerely hope that the International Sourdough Reunion continues as an active organization. For all of you here tonight, we would like to wish you good health and safe travels home.

Thank you very much.

*See a neat Beaver Ballad at*

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3w\\_v0k57KhE&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3w_v0k57KhE&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

## **DONATIONS FOR VANCOUVER YUKONERS BANQUET**

If anyone would like to donate items for the Silent Auction, either goods or services, to contact Judy Leahy at [jaleahy@telus.net](mailto:jaleahy@telus.net) or 604-560-3871.

Judy Leahy, Director  
Vancouver Yukoners Association



Ore being hauled to Skagway along the South Klondike Highway, July 2012.  
Photo courtesy Heinrich Lohmann [heinrich\\*lohmann.ca](mailto:heinrich*lohmann.ca) (In Calgary)

Seeing the above photo in a group of Heinrich Lohmann's photos compelled me to question who was hauling, where the mine is and what the ore is. The photo was among a group Heinrich had taken during a trip on the south Klondike Highway to Skagway.

I emailed Tom Mickey, Don Frizzell and George Millen hoping they could enlighten me – and received these replies. Thank you Don and George.

We have 2 mines shipping ore to Skagway. Across the Yukon River at Minto Landing and downstream a bit is our Minto Copper Mine and the old UKHM mines at Elsa is producing silver again. Alexco Resources in charge of that one. The trucking is done in both cases by Lynden Canadian Transport and they use 'super B' side dump trailers. I think the ore that goes to Stewart B.C. comes from the Tungsten mine north of Watson Lake. I have never seen one of their ore carriers, so am not sure how they transport it or who the carrier is. I will ask around.

Don

It looks like the copper from Sherwood Copper near Midway (Minto)  
Lead/Zinc has apparently become unwelcome in Skagway, so it goes to Stewart.  
George

At first I thought it was a black ore in the trailers and an old trucker friend of mine said that what I was seeing were tarps over the load.

Sherron



Photo taken in the White Pass near Bennett Lake.  
Owned and operated by White Pass and Yukon Route the steam Engine No. 73 is a 2-8-2  
Mikado type Baldwin Locomotive built in 1947.  
The steam locomotive was custom built for the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad.  
Photo courtesy Michael Brandt via Ron McFadyen [mcfadyen@northwestel.net](mailto:mcfadyen@northwestel.net) (In  
Whitehorse)

## **PIONEERS CEMETERY in downtown WHITEHORSE**

The Yukon Order of Pioneers is spearheading a project to upgrade the Pioneers Cemetery in downtown Whitehorse at 6th and Wood. This is NOT the Yukon Order of Pioneers Cemetery.

Unfortunately, this cemetery has deteriorated to the point that people are using it now as a dog park and recreational area with some undesirable activities at the rear of the property. Years ago the City removed dozens of dilapidated grave markers and more recently most of the deteriorated fencing. It appears now as if the cemetery is mostly open space. In fact, there exists no more room for any more internments. Some graves are actually under the drive around cul de sac and some graves are located outside the boundaries.

A committee now consists of Parks and Rec., the RCMP Veterans Assoc., the Royal Canadian Legion (Veteran Affairs), a city councillor, RCMP Active Members Rep., an engineering company involved with city planning expertise, and a recently published archaeologist, as well as myself on behalf of the YOOP. We will be pursuing funding from many different sources and are hopeful for completion of a downtown show case property by summer's end 2013.

It would be most appreciated if any of your readers could provide any information whatsoever; no matter how insignificant it may seem, about anyone interned in this cemetery. Any information may turn out to be most helpful. Please also view the City of Whitehorse web page regarding this cemetery and review or request a copy of "Lost Graves" from 1964 by Norma Felker.

Thanking you and your readers in advance. Keep up the good work and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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**12/12/12 at 12:12: Beautiful, snowy day in Dawson City.  
The Keno is blending into its surroundings.**

## **OBIT**

**Rhea (Parent) Trerice** passed away in Phoenix Arizona November 26, 2012 after suffering an aneurysm. Rhea was born January 6, 1947 and leaves behind her husband Don and sons Kelly and Darren.

Dave Carter phoned me a while ago to tell me that he had heard that **Danny Sheardown** died on Nov. 29, in Kamloops, after turning 65 last month. Dan was the younger brother of Benny, who died in in Whitehorse in 1999.

Many of your readers will remember Danny. I last saw him at the 2008 VanYukoners.

Ralph Lortie

## **DANIEL FRANKLIN SHEARDOWN**



*Born: November 15th, 1947*

*Passed on: November 29th, 2012*

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our father and grandfather and wonderful friend.

Danny is survived by his children Robert (Debbie), Erynn (Mike); grandchildren DJ, Marcus, Tiana and Brooklynn and his sister Lois; In-laws and many nieces, nephews and of course his faithful companion Calypso. Danny is predeceased by his wife Donna, his parents Robert and Margaret, and brother Benjamin.

Danny was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Where he met the love of his life, Donna and they raised their family there. They moved to Kamloops in 1974 where he worked for Shaw Cable. He was very involved with sports - hockey and baseball. He was very caring and thoughtful to his family and his many, many friends.

He will be forever missed by all.

## **Donna (Cowling) McLean** passed away on December 5, 2012

Donna McLean (Keebird store) I regret to inform you of donnas passing away on Dec 5/12 I am Gary McKay the executor of her estate I do apologize for having to inform you this way I will be monitoring Donnas e mail and try to catch up on all the missed emails [dgmccove@aol.ca](mailto:dgmccove@aol.ca) is where I can be reached most of the time.

## **Linda Irene Buick**

née Keobke



October 12, 1950-December 4, 2012

Loving mother, sister, aunt and friend. Linda passed away unexpectedly on December 4th after an 18 month battle with cancer. She is predeceased by her daughter Torri Eland, her husband Rochne Buick, her brother David and her parents Neil and Daisy Keobke. She is survived by her son Clint Eland and her elder siblings Donald Keobke, Mary Joanne Newell, and Neille “Bucky” Keobke.

Linda was a wonderful and caring mother whose devotion knew no bounds. She loved time spent with family, friends and a good book read in the sunlight of a summer morning with a cup of coffee. Christmas was a special time for her. Her child-like enthusiasm for the holidays inspired all who were around her. She leaves behind many who love and will miss her, their comfort being that she is now in the welcoming arms of her daughter, her husband, her brother, and her parents.

An intimate remembrance will be held At the Brookstreet Hotel in Kanata, Ontario on Dec. 16, 2012 between 1pm and 3pm.

All who knew her are welcome to attend.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

I just realized that we forgot to give you our new email address when we switched to Telus satellite from Shaw.

The last MocTel that I have on the memory stick where I save them is #361. If and when you have time some time could you please email me the ones that I missed and then change my address in your data bank.

Thank you from High River soon to be in Mesa for 2 months. I am assuming that you are at your home in Yuma.

Jim Dokken [dokken66\\*telus.net](mailto:dokken66@telus.net) High River AB

## PHOTO OF INTEREST



Margaret Isabel and Robert Henry Sheardown  
Photo courtesy Ralph Lortie [rlortie001\\*shaw.ca](mailto:rlortie001@shaw.ca) (In Calgary)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Christmas waves a magic wind over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.*

*Norman Vincent Peale*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

**Brussel Sprout Casserole – yummy !**

Submitted by Sherron Jones [sherronjones\\*shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) (In Yuma)

Sauté 1/2 cup chopped onion in 2 Tbps butter

Thinly slice 1 pound of Brussel sprouts.

Cook sprouts until tender - then add to onions and mix in:

1/3 C. chicken broth

1 Tbsp sugar

1 tsp salt

Place in a serving dish and top with:

3 Tbsp chopped Pecans- toasted (toast in a fry pan until aromatic – about 3 mins)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



# **Vancouver Yukoners' Association 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet**



**April 13, 2013**

**River Rock Casino/Resort – Whistler Ballroom  
8811 River Rd, Richmond BC  
Free Parking in Casino Parkade**

### **Hotel reservations**

**Telephone: 604-247-8900 or toll free 1-866-748-3718**

### **Ask for *Vancouver Yukoners'* rate**

Book by Jan 31, 2013 to get the “early bird” rate

Two Queen Room \$145.00 & 1 King Bed Room \$155.00

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Special rates extend 3 days pre- and post-banquet based on availability

**Rates will change after Feb 1, 2013**

**Banquet Reception: Ballroom Foyer No-Host Bar 5pm – 6pm**

**Welcome followed by Dinner: 6:15 pm**

**Hospitality Room:** Open Friday from 4 pm and Saturday from noon  
**Note: Pick up tickets in Hospitality Room**

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**FOR TICKETS CONTACT VIVIAN STUART:**

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*Vancouver Yukoners' Association***

(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

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## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH**

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There is an annual subscription fee of (\$20 - \$25. your call) for the Moccasin Telegraph.

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