

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 379th Edition – September 15th, 2013

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Bev Buckway taking in Klaune Lake late August.
Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig kinvig@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Gus Barrett wins poetry contest in UpHere Magazine <http://uphere.ca/node/974>

Gus Barrett of Qualicum Beach, B.C. won our \$750 grand prize for his poem about an unlikely but endearing dogsledding hero.

Here's why editor Aaron Spitzer made Barrett's poem the winner: "Gus Barrett's first-place verse hits all the right notes. With its rollicking rhythm and rock solid rhymes, it's almost a song – hell, you can tap your toes to it. Even better, it harkens back to -- and evinces real knowledge about – the old North, when dogsled traces were ornately decorated and dog-racers were wild-eyed trappers running malamutes, not greyhounds. Best of all, "Willy the musher" is a great story with a surprising -- and twisted – ending. The Bard of the Yukon would say "huzzah!"

MocTel Readers:

I dug back in the MocTel Archives to find where Gus had shared this poem with us back in 2005; so here is the copy with one more verse. Gus needed to reduce the word count for the contest and hence had taken out a verse. Gus' message when he sent the poem in 2005 is included below. My husband Bill knew immediately which musher Gus was thinking about. Congratulations Gus, on your win. You really are our modern day Robert Service. – Sherron

Sherron - Some of us more "mature" readers will remember the early days of the Sourdough Rendezvous in Whitehorse. The show was centered around the dog races and just about everyone

in town took part. The mushers were usually locals from small towns like Teslin, Carmacks, Dawson etc., and dogs were not always teams of matched Siberian huskies.

The following is not exactly as it happened, but is my memory of one of those early races and, since it's my memory and my poem, I am sticking to it. Our Willy, while fictional, is loosely based on a real musher who used to run those early races. While he never had the best of teams, he was a fan favorite for he always put everything he had into a race and seemed to get everything possible out of the dogs that he did have.

Gus

WILLY THE MUSER

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

When the dog races started, all reason departed,
And every man wanted to race.
So Willy collected a team, some suspected,
From strays running free 'round his place.
The race would extend from the big river bend,
To the hill on the far side of town.
Then back to the start, where the folks would take part,
And a grand celebration abound.

All his fans would attend at the big river bend,
And they'd cheer till their voices were hoarse,
For Willy was just such a popular cuss,
And he knew every inch of the course.
They would be at the gate at a quarter to eight,
To watch all the mushers prepare,
I suspect they would come with a flask of hot rum,
Just to help pass the time while they 're there.

So Willy contrived to be last to arrive,
In fact just a few minutes late.
When he finally checked in to a thunderous din,
Other teams were lined up at the gate.
All the fans were agog at this new team of dogs,
They looked scruffy and wild and unkept.
Yet they lustily cheered as the musher appeared,
Though a number of dog lovers wept.

The harness attached was all broken and patched,
No brass bells or pompoms or frills,
And the mushers around seemed to mutter and frown,
How did this guy get in from the hills?
Runners on his sleigh were all broken and splayed,
And were mended with caribou leather.
It had duct tape and strings and a few other things,
Just to hold this contraption together.

When the starting gun sounded, the lead dogs all bounded,
And they ran with a leap and a jump.
Except for that silly old team of our Willy,
Whose wheel dog sat back on its rump.
The lead dog gave a howl and the terrible growl,
That caused all the others to quail,
'Oer the crowd there's a hush Willy loudly called "mush",
And they sped down the slippery trail.

Then the spectators sat with a drink and a snack
And they waited 'til word filtered down,
From far up the trail came the wondrous tale
That our Willy was fast gaining ground.
Around mid-race check came three teams, neck and neck,
And though nobody thought it could happen,
From out of the fog appeared Willy's lead dog,
And she's snarlin' and howlin' and snappin'.

The spectators shout for she's running all out,
And her team are all running in pace.
On the back of the sleigh Willy's laughing and gay,
For he knows he is still in the race.
Soon, back at the finish, our flasks have diminished,
We're awaiting the end of this stunt,
When up from the stream roared a number of teams,
With our favorites just out in front.

Well they ran like a dream, this most unlikely team,
And their musher was happy and proud,
The fans gave a scream, realizing a dream.
The reception was boisterous and loud.
Then Willy, he knew, as his team fairly flew
He could win it with just one more jump.
Alas, not to be, for that wheel dog you see,
Stopped and lifted its leg on a stump.

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History Hunter

The A.J. Goddard rises again

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Michael Gates © msgates*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

The tiny ship didn't stand a chance in the violent waters of Lake Laberge. It was October 11, 1901, and the *A.J. Goddard* was caught in the worst storm of the season. The crew knew they were in trouble as the tiny vessel was buffeted by the wind and large waves.

The 15 metre-long "pocket steamer" was no match for Mother Nature. Only a plank roof and an enclosure of canvas curtains protected the crew from the wind-whipped spray and the waves washing over the deck. The crew battled hard to maintain control, but it was futile. Armed with axes, they hacked desperately at the ropes holding the tow barge in place. Meanwhile, another crew member laid wood in the firebox of the flooded boiler – a futile attempt to generate steam and regain control.

All these efforts failed. When the steel-hulled *A.J. Goddard* sank, the crew had no time to take anything with them. Before going into the water engineer Julius Stockfield threw away his shoes – and those of his fireman. Stockfield struggled in the deadly cold waters of Laberge until he found, and clung with all his might, to the pilot house, which had broken free of the doomed sternwheeler. There, he and the only passenger, C.P. Snyder were thrown about for what seemed an eternity until they were rescued by a local trapper.

The remaining three crew members perished in the autumn storm. Their bodies were recovered the following summer and their remains were buried behind the North West Mounted Police post at Lower Laberge. The *A.J. Goddard* sank peacefully to the bottom where she settled on a bed of silt, upright and level, as though she was still plying the lake's murky waters.

There she sat, undisturbed by humans for more than 100 years until she was rediscovered, thanks to a dedicated team of enthusiasts spearheaded by the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, represented by John Pollack and Robyn Woodward, and local participants like Doug Davidge and Tim Dowd.

During the summer of 2008, these individuals made a series of investigations near Goddard point, locating a potential shipwreck site with specialized imaging equipment and a conventional fish finder. This was followed by more visits, during which, the wreck was recorded using underwater cameras and a remote- operating vehicle.

The following years, a dedicated team recorded the machinery and construction features of the hull, mapped the vessel in three dimensions, catalogued all of the artifacts scattered on the lake bottom and on the *A.J. Goddard* and recovered some artifacts for conservation.

On June 9, 2010, under section 19 of the Historic Resources Act, the *A.J. Goddard* was designated a territorial historic site. Tuesday, August, 20, this designation was formally recognized at a plaque unveiling ceremony at Deep Creek campground, on the sunny shores of Lake Laberge.

To a crowd of more than 75 people, Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon addressed the importance of the *A.J. Goddard* to the people of Yukon.

"Preserved intact in the cold waters of Lake Laberge," said Nixon, "the *A.J. Goddard* now provides a unique window to the past and to the history of river transportation here in the Yukon many, many years ago. The *A.J. Goddard* wreck and the archaeological objects found on the site...truly provide an insight into how people lived, worked and spent their leisure time."

“This little sternwheeler at the bottom of Lake Laberge has been widely recognized as an outstanding heritage site. It captures the unique and truly fascinating heart of the Klondike Gold Rush era. This shipwreck has significant heritage value and it illustrates the social cultural and economic development of Yukon, and for that very reason, merits protection under the Historic Resources Act... We are committed to safeguarding this extraordinary Klondike era historic site as a legacy for future generations.”

Nixon went on to acknowledge the contributions of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, the Yukon Transportation Museum, and many individuals, particularly John Pollack, Doug Davidge and Lindsay Thomas.

Anne Leckie, chair of the Yukon Heritage Resources Board, which recommended the *A.J. Goddard* for designation as a territorial historic site, spoke next. The designation, she said, “...is a wonderful opportunity to promote understanding of and appreciation for the *A.J. Goddard*... and the way it represents so many stories of the early transportation history of the Yukon River.”

John Pollack, credited as co-discoverer of the *A.J. Goddard*, spoke last. He said that he has worked on nearly 40 sternwheeler sites in western Canada, “...and the *A.J. Goddard* site is by far the most remarkable we have encountered.... It’s walking into a room where the door hasn’t been opened in a 100 years. It is a marvel of seldom-seen engineering....” He went on to state that it was remarkable for its direct link to the hardship and perseverance of the Klondike Gold Rush. When they dived on the wreck, they found the fresh wood in the firebox where they were desperately trying to restart a fire in the boiler. They saw the axes on the foredeck, where, in their struggle to save the vessel, the crew hastily severed the ropes holding the tow barge. Their boots lay on the lake floor, where the crew kicked them off in their fight to survive. It was, he said, a moving experience to see these remains lying there with just a thin layer of silt covering them.

Finally, he credited the success of the work on the *A.J. Goddard* to the efforts of the Government of Yukon, the Yukon Historic Resources Board, the Yukon Transportation Museum, the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, and local volunteers. He stated that this was a text-book example of how you hope that projects will happen.

The short and heartfelt speeches were followed by the unveiling of the commemorative plaque by Minister Nixon, and Doug Davidge, co-discoverer of the *A.J. Goddard*.

Entertainment followed, with local musical performer Kim Beggs performing for the first time, a song she composed about the sinking of the *A.J. Goddard*, and which is included on a soon-to-be-released CD.

It was a moving experience: a simple but honest expression of accomplishment for the completion of a project by people with a small budget but big hearts. The speeches were concise expressions of appreciation and joy. The weather cooperated with a clear, warm day. Refreshments were provided, and I particularly enjoyed the cinnamon rolls.

Michael Gates is a Yukon historian and sometimes adventurer based in Whitehorse. His latest book, *Dalton’s Gold Rush Trail*, is now available in Yukon stores. You can contact him at msgates@northwestel.net



"Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon congratulates Doug Davidge co-discoverer of the *A.J. Goddard* at the plaque unveiling on the shore of Lake Laberge last Tuesday"
Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates*northwestel.net](mailto:msgates@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



"Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon honours the commemoration of the *A.J. Goddard* at Lake Laberge last Tuesday. Says Nixon: "We are committed to safeguarding this extraordinary Klondike era Historic site as a legacy for future generations."
Photo courtesy Michael Gates [msgates*northwestel.net](mailto:msgates@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



"Participants in the discovery and recovery of the shipwreck *A.J. Goddard* at the Unveiling of a commemorative plaque at Deep Creek campground on Lake Laberge last Tuesday. From Left to right: Honourable Mike Nixon, Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture; Anne Leckie, Chair of the Yukon Heritage Resources Board; John Pollack and Doug Davidge, co-discoverers of the *A.J. Goddard*; Tim Dowd and Sean Adams."

Photo courtesy Michael Gates msgates@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

YUKON NUGGET

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

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

Paul Lucier

When the young man arrived in Whitehorse in 1949, he was looking for adventure – or maybe just a job. Over the years, he found both - and more.

Paul Lucier was nineteen when he made his way from Windsor to Whitehorse. His first job was as a deck hand on the *SS Klondike*, the riverboat that still provided a vital transportation link between Whitehorse and Dawson City.

In the mid-fifties, he became a driver with the Army Service Corp. and had by then become a close friend of our family. Sunday dinner on Strickland Street was often graced with the presence of this delightful, humble young man.

When I was a volunteer at the community-operated CFWH, Paul was often the driver sent by Service Corp. to deliver me to my job at the radio station, then located in a Quonset hut roughly where the Airport Chalet is today. Thank goodness for Service Corp. since most of the volunteers, like me, lived downtown and had no means of getting to work - except on foot.

I got to know Paul well from his days as a driver, and later as a man who was deeply involved in the Whitehorse sports scene. He coached the Town Merchants team during my last year as a senior men's hockey player. I know it pained him to tell me that my days as a useful forward had somehow passed even though I was still young, but somewhat out of shape.

His job with Service Corp. ended when the Army left the Yukon. Then he became a Whitehorse firefighter, and his involvement in community affairs began to get noticed.

In 1964, he successfully ran for Alderman and was re-elected in 1965. In 1966, he ran for mayor but was defeated by Howard Firth. That interrupted his political career until 1970, when he was again elected as an Alderman, a position he held until 1974 when he was elected Mayor of Whitehorse.

In the fall of 1975, he was getting ready to campaign for a second term as Mayor, but in October he received a phone call from the Prime Minister that changed his life. Pierre Trudeau was on the phone to offer him the job as the Yukon's first Senator.

It was a task he took seriously. Not always did he toe the Liberal party line. He opposed gun control legislation because he said it would adversely affect Yukon native people who relied on hunting for their subsistence. He vigorously opposed the implementation of the GST tax and successfully helped hold legislation up with an effective, but finally losing filibuster on the Senate floor.

Paul was also a tireless worker for Yukon land claims and opened many doors for negotiators through the 1990s, when land claims talks were in danger of falling apart.

The turbulent 1990s were a time of political upheaval. He conducted an effective lobby during this time of proposed constitutional change, including ensuring the north had a say in changes that could come about if they had passed the Meech Lake Accord. He was also a supporter of an elected Senate.

The turbulence of the nineties was also a time of personal turbulence for Paul Lucier. He was diagnosed with cancer. But he kept up with his Senate duties for ten years until he finally succumbed to the disease in the summer of 1999, just days before his 69th birthday.



5 Mayors 1975 On the Silver Anniversary of the Incorporation of Whitehorse, June 1975: The 5 mayors are (from L to R): Paul Lucier, with Bert Wybrew, Ed Jacobs, Gordon Armstrong, Howard Firth.

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Moccasin Telegraph 378 & Gillian & Edwards Discovery Day Party

I was most interested in the article on Bobbie Spear. I had been in contact with her around the time of my Mom's death and then everything stopped. Now I know why.

My Mom was the "nanny" for the Daily family back in the 1930s and she used to talk very fondly about all of them. Bobbie went to see my Mom around 1995 or 96 and they had a wonderful visit.

Vivian (Lelieve) Stuart lornellis@shaw.ca (In Victoria)

I enjoyed seeing the special edition with the pictures of the gathering at Gillian and Edwards on August 17. They did a wonderful job of hosting what was an official Vancouver Yukoners Association event. We decided to have a pot luck lunch this summer - strictly a social gathering and an opportunity to catch up with each other. Gillian and Edward very generously offered their

home, and a huge thank you is owed to them as well as to Helen Munro who organized the food and to Maribeth Mainer who arranged the supplies.

Corinne Leoppky [corinne.loeppky*telus.net](mailto:corinne.loeppky@telus.net) (In Richmond)

Just a note about the Carcross pictures and article - I thought I had a picture of the same WP&YR train engine - but I looked and my picture - taken at the station in Whitehorse in 1958 was engine # 84. The one at Carcross is #100. I do have a picture of the stage wagon, tho, with the old riverboat which burned a few years back in the background., and one of the old steam engine which pulled the trains over the Whitepass Brought back some real old memories ! ! !

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Carcross 1958-59, Mail wagon and SS Tutshi
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders [sandisaunders*rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders@rogers.com) (In Ottawa)



Carcross 1958-59, Caribou Hotel and the Duchess
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)



Whitehorse – White Pass Engine 93 1958-59
Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)



Carcross 1958-59, SS Tutshi
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Carcross 1958-59, Caribou Hotel, Watsons General Store
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Wishing Gillian Well in upcoming competition

Gillian will be competing in a Canadian National competition for “Senior Talent”.

Just received call from Toronto.....did I tell you I was in a “Senior Talent Show”,... I was asked to go in it..by the Organizers..... anyway Bill Costin played for me. Had 3 auditions in all, one by DVD (as I was in Kelowna with Deb and Air North....doing that promotion....for the New Service)...The other auditions’ were the same night.

The Big Finale is in “Niagara Falls”, November 2nd 3rd 4th 5th & 6th they just called me and said.....there were 1100.....contestants and I am one of the 10 people who have been picked to compete in the Big Finale...whew....that was a surprise.....anyway... the only glitch is.. another person was singing the same song as me.. so one of us has to change.. it’s a Man. Not sure where that is going to go....I will wait and see.

Did I send to you the Picture ??? Edward took it back Stage.... With my Trophy Flowers and Mug....and certificate.....anyway I will try and find it.. have so many pictures...I keep everything.....Hugs Gillian xoxox



Gillian with First Place Trophy, Flowers, Mug and certificate.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

Unveiling of the memorial to those lost on C.P. Air Flight 21 July 8th, 1965 took place August 31, 2013 in 100 Mile House.



Cairn and memorial plaque
 Photo courtesy Ruth Peterson brpeters@telus.net (In 100 Mile House)



Memorial Plaque
 Photo courtesy Ruth Peterson brpeters@telus.net (In 100 Mile House)



01/08/2013 'Moonlight Picture'

Photo courtesy Rusty Reid rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)



02/08/2013 'Sunset Picture'

Photo courtesy Rusty Reid rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)

AMUSE YOURSELF WITH A LOOK AT THE CANADA/USA BORDER

VIDEO AT: One might have thought the 49th parallel border is straight.

http://www.flixxy.com/the-bizarre-border-between-canada-and-the-united-states.htm?utm_source=nl

Video link Photo courtesy Rusty Reid rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)

OPERATION NANOOK WHITEHORSE

By Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

From August 4 to 9, 2013 Whitehorse was inundated with 500 Army Personnel. The Yukon Government, City of Whitehorse and Whitehorse General Hospital participated in the Yukon portion of the Canadian Armed Forces' Operation Nanook 2013.

Operation NANOOK is the most well-known of all the training operations held annually by the Canadian Armed Forces in Canada's North. For the first time, portions of the exercise took place in the Yukon and led by the Yukon government.

During Operation NANOOK 2013, a series of emergency exercises took place in the Whitehorse area, involving multiple agencies and governments responsible for emergency management and coordination.

The Canadian Armed Forces provides disaster relief support to the various governments and other partners participating in the Yukon portion of the exercise just like they would in a real life emergency scenario of this magnitude.

The following information was taken from the website www.gov.yk.ca/opnanook13.html

During the Yukon portion of Operation NANOOK 2013, the Government of Yukon and the City of Whitehorse will activate their emergency operations centres in response to a simulated large scale emergency.

The exercise is planned for the week of August 4 to 9 and includes the deployment of sprinklers in the greenbelt surrounding Whitehorse, a simulated evacuation of a Whitehorse subdivision, setting up and operating a reception centre for evacuees, and a mass casualty bus crash using Canadian Armed Forces personnel as "victims".

There will also be a simulated biohazard exercise and the coordination of a mini clinic designed to handle a surge in emergency medical capacity.

The various exercises will include personnel from the Yukon government, the City of Whitehorse fire department, Whitehorse General Hospital, the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces.

Yukoners and visitors are asked to keep the training exercises in mind if they see unusual activity and emergency personnel in the Whitehorse area. There is no planned disruption to travel or services during the event and emergency personnel will respond as normal should any real-life situations arise.

There will be more than 500 Canadian Armed Forces personnel stationed in the Whitehorse area for the operation. They will use Porter Creek and F.H. Collins Secondary School, Takhini Arena and the Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre as living quarters and operation centres.

Operation NANOOK 2013 provided an opportunity to work with the Canadian Armed Forces to test the arrangements in place.

As well, on August 10, the Canadian Armed Forces, in partnership with the City of Whitehorse, will hold a community day to thank residents for their support during the operation.

On Saturday, August 10 the military and all organizations involved in this exercise displayed equipment, vehicles, and everything used during the exercises at Shipyards Park. Under clear, sunny skies the residents of Whitehorse enjoyed a BBQ and chatting with those involved. Armed Forces personnel handed out many treasures such as carabineers, pens, plastic hockey pucks, as well as many other treasures.

I'd heard that some of the men and women involved in Operation Nanook helped to build a walking path from McLean Lake to Mt MacIntyre. These men and women must be in great shape as it was very hot and pulling stumps and hacking through a path must have been very difficult. Whitehorse residents are appreciative of the hard work these men and women put in so we have a beautiful walking path through a wilderness setting.

It was wonderful having these invaluable emergency exercises held here. Should a disaster strike the Yukon the residents can be confident that they are in good hands with these professional men and women of the Armed Forces in conjunction with Emergency Measures Organization here in Whitehorse.

The residents welcomed all that were involved with Operation Nanook. I understand this won't be the last time it is held here. Hope not.



Carl Gustav Short Range Anti-Armour Weapon

84mm
Single Shot
Effective Range 300m
Maximum Range 900m



C6 Sustained Fire Role Machine Gun

6.62mm
220 Rounds linked belt
Effective Range: 800m
Maximum Range: 1800m
650-1000 rounds per minute



Carl Gustav recoilless rifle

84mm man-portable reusable multi-role recoilless rifle produced in Sweden. First produced in 1946. Similar weapons of the year have generally disappeared but the Carl Gustaf remains in widespread use today. This weapon consists of the main tube with the breech-mounted Venuri recoil damper with two grips near the front and a shoulder mount. The weapon is fitted with iron sights but normally aimed with the attached 3x optical sight with a 17 degree field of view. This weapon can be fired from the standing, kneeling, sitting or prone positions and a bipod may be attached in front of the shoulder piece. The weapon is normally operated by a two-man crew, one carrying and firing the weapon, the other carrying ammunition and reloading.



C9 Light Machine Gun (3 versions of the same gun)
5.56mm

200 rounds linked belt
Effective Range: 600m
Maximum Range: 800m
700-800 Rounds per minute



Bryan Clayson demonstrating some real fire power.



Camouflage makeup and protective gear being modeled by a young admirer.



1953 Chev bought second hand in 1962 from Lower Vancouver and shipped up the coast to Skagway. Holds 200 gallons of water and has a 235 cubic inch engine. Whitehorse purchased a second one that turned out to be a lemon and years later sold it to Atlin for \$1.00 on the condition that when they were not using it anymore that it would be returned.



Interior of the 1953 Chev.



Wildland Fire Management Yukon. These vehicles are F550 Fords, 4-wheel drive. The one on the right has a stick control in the cab for directional water disbursement out the front up to 100 feet.



Wildland Fire Management members showing off their equipment.



All the surrounding communities around Whitehorse will be receiving or have received one of these new units. Whitehorse itself still doesn't have one.



Michael Templeton, Emergency Measures Organization and his wife Beverly



2685 Yukon Regiment Army Cadets
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 254



Canadian Rangers were part of the exercises.



RCMP Emergency Vehicle



RCMP Rescue Boat



Interior of Griffin Helicopter used for search & rescue



The Griffin is a utility helicopter manufactured by Bell Helicopter. The biggest difference with the Griffin is that it has a composite four-blade main rotor. There have been over 700 Model 412s built.



First Aid Vehicle.

Emergency Medical Services were involved in a mock scenario and hospital teams were faced with what appeared as a real medical emergency. The military first aid team did a wonderful job with makeup – a leg bone puncturing through the skin on a leg, head wounds, even a difficult, combative patient. The hospital had set up a triage area in the front of the building to accommodate the expected volume of victims, unlike where ambulances bring patients through the ambulance bay. Patients were either triaged as black, if they were deceased on arrival, red if they were critically ill and needed resuscitation, yellow if they were intermediate and needed further work up, or green if they were walking wounded. The hospital team had no idea what was expected to come in. Hospital staff did a wonderful job with the mock victims.



Fire Chief Clive Sparks was given a demonstration on how victims are transported. This carrier is pumped up with air, securing the causality and preventing further injury. Fire Chief Sparks ensured he felt secure once strapped in.



Wildland Protective Services display their self-contained emergency unit. There is a separate room for radios, a washroom, tables for computers, maps, etc. and even a sink and coffee pot.



Whitehorse Fire Department Ladder Unit.

The ladder tops out at 75 feet in the air. Impressive. Residents had the opportunity to climb to the top. I was tempted, until I saw the top of the ladder waving in the bit of breeze we had.

DRONES ASSIST IN MINING GOLD

A group of innovators in Yukon are using modern technology to find new deposits and maybe spur another gold rush.

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/News/Canada/North/ID/2404163221/>

50th Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous February 20 – 23, 2014.

We are live people!

www.yukonrendezvous.com

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous History

1945 to 1961 Think back to 1945... where were you? Most people reading this may not have even been alive. Now just think... that's when this festival got its start. Yukon Carnival Week as it was known in 1945 was started by the All Union Committee backed by the entire International Trade Union Movement of North and South America. It was billed as "an elaborate program of winter sports in which professionals and amateur sports enthusiasts of the US, Alaska & Canada will participate". It was planned as a full week of daily sports activities and nightly entertainment. Now see if you recognize any of the events that took place that year: Dog Team Derby, Ski & Snowshoe Races, Amateur Fancy Skaters, the International Hockey Game and the Snowshoe Ski Ball Game. Doris Lesanke was proclaimed the winner of the Queen of the Carnival in 1945 with other notable facts being that visitors were drawn from Alaska, British Columbia, Ontario, Idaho, Quebec, Alberta, and Texas!

In 1946, following on the success of the previous year's festivities, the carnival is held again with the city beginning to decorate the streets and encouraging local merchants to decorate their businesses in the style of 1898 to "give visitors a hearty welcome and assure them a rollicking good time". This is the first year of the parade that was well attended with a large number of participating floats. New events including a curling bonspiel and amateur night. Frances Van Berkel was named Queen of the Carnival.

In 1947 the Whitehorse Winter Carnival saw the introduction of the beard contest for "Days of '98". The Rules were as follows (excerpt from The Whitehorse Star Jan 10, 1947):

Beards must appear below the mouth from January 1 to February 23, 1947. Age limit: All men under 50 years of age must grow a beard, but we except (sic) all contestants over this age limit and welcome them into the contest. All personnel in uniform, such as the Canadian Army, the R.C.A.F, R.C.M.P., Customs, are exempt due to regulations beyond our control. All ministers are exempt. All individuals directly handling food products, such as cooks, waiters, butchers, etc., are exempt. Any others desiring exemption must present their case to the Committee of the Whitehorse Winter Carnival for acceptance.

A Kangaroo Court will be held commencing February 1st around town and any man found not advertising the Carnival in this manner will be tried for "non-support" and fined in any way deemed fit by the Committee. The Kangaroo Court would later be known as the Keystone Kops.

"The Carnival is operated for the enjoyment of every citizen in Whitehorse and it is the desire of the committee in charge to make this contest a lot of fun for everyone. In this regard we ask that, in the case of the Kangaroo Court, if any one is called up before it, to bear in mind that it is being operated in this atmosphere and that should he have to face this Court he will take the fine as a joke and aid the Committee in their efforts."

1947 saw Mary Gunn named as Queen of the Carnival and the introduction of the games of chance and cards as well as skits and dancing.

In 1948 the Kiwanis took over the organization of the Winter Carnival from the All Union Committee. That year we saw Frances Straughan named as the Carnival Queen and a Costume Ball added to the slate. It should also be noted that this is the year that it is noted that the Queen of the Carnival is being crowned in an Ice Palace. Also of note are the number of prizes on the Queen Raffle ticket including a new Frigidaire!

Something happened in 1949 as no carnival was held due to Insurance costs. Also of note that year was the fact that Rolf Hougen was named to the organizing committee.

In 1950, the carnival returned. With the return of the old favorites that were featured in the '40's. Also added to the slate was the Wind Up Jamboree.

Then from **1951 – 1961**, there was no festival in Whitehorse.

Something happened for **1962** though! The Carnival came back and was named the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival. The Chairperson was Flight Sergeant H. Kane. Below is the formal description of the festival:

“It is a gathering of Northern people to let off steam generated during the long, dark days of winter. It is a preamble to the busy days of spring and summer. It is a time for remembering this territory’s history and the strength of its pioneer people. It is a salute to the past and a bright eye on the future. The Sourdough Rendezvous is a gathering of the community’s talent and skill. An assembly of the area’s high spirits.”

In 1962, the Ice Palace was built by the Drama Club with Alice Martin being crowned Miss Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous.

Also of note, Fred Stretch of Carmacks entered the Dog races with a community dog team made up of various dogs from around the community as no one in the community maintained a working team in Carmacks. One of the dogs was owned by an RCMP member; on the return leg of the race when the dog saw someone on the riverbank dressed in an RCMP parka, it led the team over thinking it was its owner with their lunch. An untimely lunch break if there ever was one! Also, the Hangin’ Judge of the Kangaroo Court Bud Fisher first appears to start a tradition and the Midnight Sun Pipe Band appears at events around the festival.

WEATHER STATS: LOW: -37.5c on February 16, HIGH -12.8c on February 16

In 1963 Rolf Hougen was named chairperson of the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival, and Gwen Carswell was named Miss Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous. New to the festival that year was an Ice Fishing Contest, Ice Sculpture Contest, Pot Boiling Contest, and Ice Car Speed Races! This was also the year of the International Cross Country Ski Meet in Whitehorse, featuring the 1963 Canadian Champion Martha Benjamin of Old Crow. Also, 1963 saw the formation of the Dog Musers Association.

WEATHER STATS: LOW: -13.9c on February 24, HIGH -5.6c on February 23 & 24

In 1964, Rolf Hougen continued as chairperson of the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society. The society and name were officially registered and this would be the date that is officially recognized by the society for future anniversaries. This was also the last festival for many members of the Canadian Army stationed in Yukon as the turnover of maintenance of the Alaska Highway was given to another government department.

The festival drew about 1,500 visitors from outside Whitehorse and the hotels were jammed full. The winning flour packing weight was 500 pounds in a tie between Jim MacCormick and Danny Jackson.

The Chilkat dancers came to the festivities with \$15,000 worth of costumes and PWA flew into Ross River to bring out their dog musher entries and in the time it took to load the plane, one of the teams decided to make one more practice run and off they mushed. PWA returned the next day for the errant team.

Diana McNeil was named as Miss Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous.

New to the Festival – Sourdough Pancake breakfast, Basketball tournament, Bowling tournament, barbecue, Poster contest, Fireworks. Categories for Beard contest – Bushiest, Best Trimmed, Queerest, Mutton Chops beards, in the mustache category Fullest and best trimmed.

WEATHER STATS: LOW: -20c on March 1st, HIGH -0.6c on February 28th

CAN YOU HELP LOCATE CANDICE “CANDY”

Looking to make contact with Candy (Candice) or her daughter. Candy was in Whitehorse, Yukon in the early 60's (probably about 1961). Candy would be somewhere around 70 years of age now. I believe Candy was from Edmonton at that time.

Debbie Kelly dmkelly27@hotmail.com (In Ottawa)

MISSING

DAVE C. BOYLE

of Whitehorse, Yukon



Dave Boyle

Last seen Friday August 30th, 2013 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

The family of David Boyle are asking your assistance in locating his whereabouts. Boyle was last seen in Whitehorse, Yukon on Friday August 30th, 2013, around 10 a.m. He was last seen driving a white Ford pickup truck with Skookum Asphalt stickers with a licence number of CWR90. Dave is 53 years of age and is described as a Caucasian male with blue eyes and grey hair, 5-7" and weighing 146 pounds. Boyle is from the Whitehorse & Haines Junction area and may have been travelling to a work site in Watson Lake.



**TRUCK BOYLE WAS LAST SEEN DRIVING
License number CWR90 with Skookum Asphalt logo**

**THE FAMILY ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING
DAVID'S LOCATION TO PLEASE CALL THE LOCAL
WHITEHORSE RCMP
1-867-667-5555**

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WHIBLEY, Lukas Allen Friday, 09 Aug 2013

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LUKAS ALLEN WHIBLEY

Born November 8, 1995 in Whitehorse, Yukon. Beloved son of Gary and Sally Whibley. Big brother to Ian and Marie. Will be greatly missed by his Gramma Whibley, aunts, uncles and cousins of the Godkin, Pickard, Snobelen and Whibley families.

A recent Ballenas grad, Lukas participated and excelled in various sports teams in the Parksville, Qualicum and Nanaimo area. His positive attitude, hard work, team spirit and engaging smile won him many friends and built strong relationships.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2pm Saturday, August 17, 2013 at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

Remembering Lukas Whibley



Photos, mementoes, trophies and awards, hand-written messages and some of his favourite things make up a memorial for Lukas Whibley in his grandparent's home in Coombs.

Brenda Gough Photo

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A service for popular teen Lukas Whibley has been set to be held at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre (PCCC) on August 17 at 2 p.m.

Whibley has been described as the most caring, funny and generous friend in the world and his death has sent shock waves through the community.

Born in Whitehorse, Yukon on November 8, 1995, Whibley and his family moved to Coombs in 2002. They quickly became an integral part of the tight-knit community.

Although Whibley went to elementary school in Errington and high school in Parksville, the 17-year-old's tragic death has impacted a world of people across the area and many of them will be attending the gathering on Saturday to tell their stories about the young man whose life ended far too soon.

It is a loss that doesn't make sense and for friends and classmates of Whibley — most of them teenagers and young adults — they are facing a massive gap between the way they believe the world should be, with their friend alive, and the way their world is now.

His friends, who recently gathered to celebrate their graduation this year at the PCCC, will now get together in the same building to shed tears and pay their respects to their much missed pal. One of those grieving youths will be Katie Wall who had been friends with Whibley for a long time.

Wall has been helping the family gather photos from his friends which will be used for the service on Saturday, a task she has handled with courage because she says it is what her good friend would have wanted.

She said his death has hit her and everyone who knew him hard but she and the others he has left behind are finding comfort in each other.

"It was a huge tragedy to lose him but we have been there for each other and that has helped a lot. Everyone is being supportive of each other and we will work through this together ... Lukas would have wanted that," she said.

Wall said she first met Lukas in Grade 4 and they became instant friends.

"We were eight years old and we were in the same class. We lived down the road from each other and have always been friends."

She admitted to sharing her first kiss with Whibley and even calling him her boyfriend in Grade 5.

Wall said aside from being friendly, smart and athletic, there was something extra special about her friend that she and everybody else who knew him were fortunate to experience. "His personality was different. He was straight up with people. He was really easy to talk to ... I could talk to him about anything and he would always make you think positively and bring up your mood when you were feeling low," she said.

Wall also spent time with Whibley on the football field. She was one of the managers of the Ballenas Whalers Football team and said he was a great athlete who was a stand up guy on the field.

"He was always straight forward and really supportive."

She said there was a reason he was the captain on his lacrosse team and he will be remembered as a dear friend by everyone who knew him.

For classmates and friends struggling with Whibley's sudden death, there is a youth grief counsellor free of charge for anyone who needs any help in dealing with this or to simply talk.

Call 250-954-2277.

A facebook tribute from friends

Rest in peace Lukas Whibley I love you man. One of the most honorable, fair and skilled lacrosse players I've ever met. It was an honour to have played with you and have won the Provincials in 2010. I'll be holding on to that gold medal right above my heart.

RIP Whibs, gonna miss you buddy, you were a great lacrosse player, loyal teammate and a friend that I'll always remember. Can't believe this happened to one of the sweetest kids I know, love you wibbles and I'll never forget how you made every practice a good one.

One of the most beautiful souls will now be looking over us. Rest in Peace Lucas, you were a great friend and teammate, I'm glad to have met you.

My condolences to the family of Lukas Whibley. You were an awesome person. You truly were one of the reasons I volunteer my time to coach. RIP Lukas...Parksville Sharks Lacrosse.

Love you buddy! Had some of the best times in my life with you. You will always mean everything to me... I'll also never forget you! You were the best man I could ever have as a friend! I will see you again one day Lukas!! Yours truly from the bottom of my heart.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Take control - Make a decision to be happy today.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Poor Man's Lasagna Ingredients

1-2 pounds of Ground Beef or Chicken
1 can diced tomatoes
1 pkg diced mushrooms
2 cloves of garlic crushed
2 tbsp of Italian seasoning
1 can of tomato sauce
2 cups of mozzarella cheese (you can add more if you want it more cheesy)
4 cups of pasta (any kind)

Directions

Cook ground beef or chicken browning it completely. Add in the rest of the ingredients except the cheese. Cook pasta. When pasta is cooked drain and add the sauce mix. Add cheese and enjoy.

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