

## **MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 425<sup>th</sup> Edition – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

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Km 1639 Dempster Highway – June 21, 2016  
(Last night's solstice rainbow at 11 pm on the Dempster Highway)  
Photo courtesy Joe Bishop via Facebook

### **Nistutlin River Trip to Teslin 2016**

Paul and I just got back today from a canoe trip down the Nisutlin. 85 miles of River and 8 miles of bay at the end to reach the town of Teslin. Four sleeps on the river. Lots of sunshine, some wind, one miserable storm and lots of birds and beavers.

Good time. Here are a few pictures.

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Nisutlin River Trip 2016  
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Paul on Nisutlin River Trip 2016  
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Waking to a view

Found on Travel Yukon Facebook page – photo by timber\_pt #explore Canada

## Northwest Passage

See the fascinating story of the Northwest Passage at:

[http://spectacularnwt.com/story/heres-history-mystery-northwest-passage?utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=northwestpassage](http://spectacularnwt.com/story/heres-history-mystery-northwest-passage?utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=northwestpassage)



**Premier Darrell Pasloski**

June 30 at 2:25pm Facebook post

Congratulations to Geraldine Van Bibber on her appointment today as a member of the Order of Canada, one of our country's highest civilian honours! I couldn't think of anyone who is more deserving.

Geraldine is being recognized for her commitment to Yukon as its 15th commissioner, and for her role in the development of the territory's tourism industry.

Born and raised in Dawson, Geraldine served as Commissioner of Yukon from 2005 to 2010 and was instrumental in founding the Yukon First Nation Culture & Tourism Association.

She is also the current chancellor of Yukon College, is Dame of the Order of St. John, and has served as a director of many important organizations here in Yukon.

**Alexander Gardner Haddock**

June 14th 1906 Regimental #2836 Corporal Alexander Gardner Haddock age 45 drowned in the Yukon River, 5 miles north of Ogilvie, Y.T

Corporal Alexander Haddock was the detachment commander in charge of Stewart River Detachment. That day he and Regimental #4043 Constable Arthur Allen set out in an 18 foot canoe paddling up the Yukon River to arrest an insane person at the community of

Ogilvie. Near midnight they encountered some driftwood and rammed into a submerged log and tipped their canoe. Corporal Haddock couldn't swim and tried to cling to the overturned canoe. Constable Allen decided to swim to shore and suggested Haddock hang on to his coattail. When Haddock attempted to grab onto Allen's coat he missed and sank below the surface. Allen attempted to find his partner but finally exhausted he laid on the riverbank until the steamer "Whitehorse" picked him up. A search party was then organized and they scoured the banks of the river but Corporal Haddock's body was never found. Born in Belfast Ireland, Haddock lived a life full of adventure. He served in the Canadian Dragoons for 14 years before he enlisted in the NWMP in 1892. After returning to Ireland for four years he returned to Canada and re-enlisted with the Mounted Police in 1898. He served for a year with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War and continued on with his career in the NWMP and was promoted to Corporal in 1904.

### **A Note from Gus and Blanche Barrett**

Hi Sherron,

Would very much appreciate you putting a note in the next MocTel to let our friends know Gus will be in Victoria at the Cancer Lodge July 5 to 29th. He will be having radiation for lung cancer. He is in good spirits and after many tests pleased to reach this stage. I will be staying at the lodge also and we will come home to Port Alberni on weekends. Would love a visit if any one happens to be in this beautiful city in July.

Blanche Barrett [yukongal@shaw.ca](mailto:yukongal@shaw.ca) (In Port Alberni BC)

### **Innovators speak at Communications Museum**

Taken this past Wed night at the MacBride Museum....part of the Innovators Session Speaking about long ago types of communication and Tim and I explained how the radio and TV equipment CBC/CKRW functioned in the exhibit.

Ron McFadyen (In Whitehorse)



Jack Cable, Doug Bell, Ron McFadyen  
 Photo courtesy Tim Kinvig (In Whitehorse)

## Canada Day July 1st, 2016 Hastings Race Course

I sang O' Canada.. it was a cold and sometimes windy Day, but a Great Day too.

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Gillian preparing to sign Oh Canada, July 1st Hastings Park Vancouver, BC  
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Edward and friends at Hastings Park July 1, 2016.  
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## Retreating Yukon glacier makes river disappear A valley of mud and dust where Slims River used to flow into Kluane Lake

By Paul Tukker, [CBC News](#) Posted: Jun 17, 2016 7:00 AM CT Last Updated: Jun 17, 2016 7:00 AM CT



Looking up the Slims River Valley, from the south end of Kluane Lake. The river used to flow down the valley from the Kaskawulsh glacier. (Sue Thomas)

It's been the main source of water into Yukon's Kluane Lake for centuries, but now the Slims River has suddenly slimmed down — to nothing.

"What folks have noticed this spring is that it's essentially dried up," said Jeff Bond of the Yukon Geological Survey.

"That's the first time that's happened, as far as we know, in the last 350 years."

What's happened is some basic glacier hydrology, Bond says — essentially, the Kaskawulsh Glacier has retreated to the point where its melt water is now going in a completely different direction, away from the Slims Valley.

Instead of flowing north 19 kilometres from the glacier's toe into Kluane Lake (and ultimately, the Bering Sea), that melt water is now draining eastward via the Kaskawulsh River towards the Pacific Ocean off the Alaska panhandle.

It's a reminder that glacier-caused change is not always glacial-paced. Last year, the Slims River was still a potentially [dangerous waterway](#), now the area is more prone to dust storms.

"It's certainly not unusual to see rapid drainage changes in and around these glaciers. It's a common situation," Bond said.

"Until vegetation really starts to stabilize that floodplain, it's going to be a dusty place, I'd imagine ... It will be a really interesting study to see how that floodplain evolves in the next ten years or so."



Melt water from the Kaskawulsh glacier now flows down the Kaskawulsh River toward the Pacific, instead of northward to the Bering Sea via Kluane Lake. (CBC)

### **Kluane Lake water level expected to drop**

It's possible the Slims River was only ever just a temporary variance in the landscape — a 300-odd year hydrological whim.

Scientists say it only began flowing around the year 1700, when the so-called "Little Ice Age" caused the Kaskawulsh glacier to advance, and then divert most of its melt water from the Kaskawulsh River to the Slims Valley.

As a result, Kluane Lake grew.

Now, with the Slims River gone, hydrologists are expecting the lake level to drop.

"How much that lowers kind of depends on the outlet, the depth of the water at the outlet right now. I'm predicting it could be at least a meter," Bond said.



'It's certainly not unusual to see rapid drainage changes in and around these glaciers. It's a common situation,' said Jeff Bond of the Yukon Geological Survey. (Vic Istchenko/CBC)

### **MocTel 424 and Yukon Visitors – Karina and Lee from Faro**

Hi Sherron SO VERY interesting... we LOVE History.....wow Doug Bell doing Morse code..he never changes...jaunty Hat on as usual... such a nice chap.. Thank you.

Also we had Karina R.C.M.P. from Yukon...now in Faro..... who made First Princess... February..... here this Last Saturday and her husband LEE. They stayed with us.

They brought the BBQ with them.. and she invited some of their RCMP friends from here .

As she used to work in New Westminster .....we added some of our friends too.....60 plus people were here and it was so HOT

Would you like me to send some pics of them cooking etc....the BBQ was huge.. Lee built it....they were married 2 Years ago...in Dawson City

WE have the Yukon Flag up as well..... Hugs Edward & Gillian Campbell xox



Lee checking the barby.

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



Karina with Ray Buchanan & Yukon Flag  
Photos courtesy Edward & Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate\\*shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)



Lee.. and Ray Buchanan who is my Costume designer



Karina with her friends

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Karina with Sue and Sam...her friends



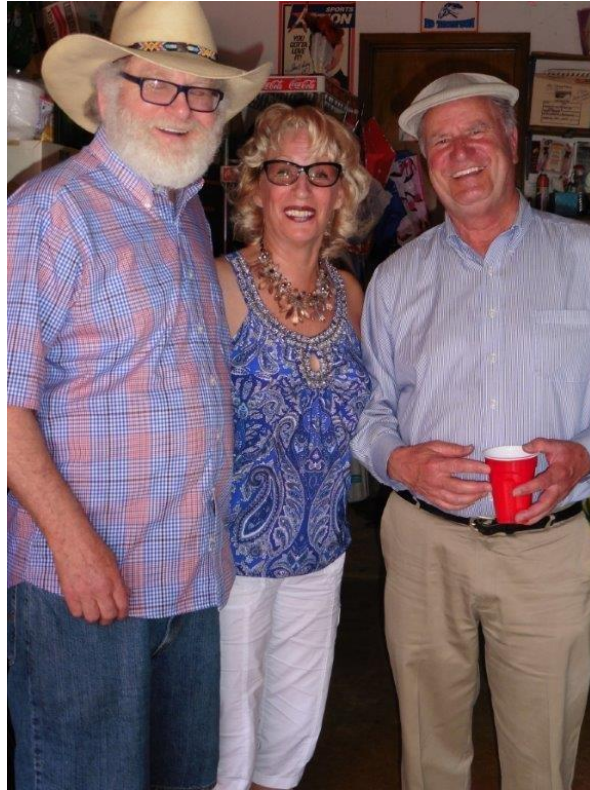
Karina and friend

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Lee Stevens & RCMP buddy.  
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Edward, Gale Honey, Mike McCardell

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Edward relaxing in the Secret Garden, after the company had gone home.



This is Richard.. havn't seen him for 68 Years.....found me on the Internet.. and my Darling Edward.... they are best of Buds the first Love we were 7.. and my Last Love Ed said HOPE so hahaha

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## **The final sign off**

**Genesee Keevil** Friday May 1, 2009

*Chris Colbourne/Yukon News*

You can hear a smile on the radio.

It's a secret Ron McFadyen learned after a lifetime in broadcasting.

The CKRW news anchor is retiring, but his radio won't be.

"I'm going to have a hard time turning it off," he said, sitting in his cluttered office on Tuesday.

A 2006 snow-carving poster was on the wall, hanging beside a Run For Mum placard and territorial election results that were three years old.



**CKRW long-time radio personality Ron McFadyen is hanging up his microphone as he looks forward to retirement.**

“I think I could have just put this off forever,” said McFadyen.

“But the stars aligned. I was tired, and I want to be out in the sun walking my dog Bailey.”

The job was stressful, he said.

“Every job has stress, but our stress is different—your head always has to be in the game.”

McFadyen was on his way home from work one evening and saw a rip in the wall tent that sits in front of the SS Klondike during the summer.

“If you wonder why, it means there’s probably a story there,” he said.

The next morning, he called Parks Canada.

There’d been thousands of dollars worth of damage by vandals.

McFadyen broke the story.

“You have to have a nose for news,” he said.

McFadyen’s been in the business for 51 years.

“I built a complete communication receiver when I was 13,” he said.

“I’ve always been interested in electronics and radios.”

McFadyen credits his father—a Second World War Spitfire pilot—for his mechanical bent.

He actually wanted to be a pilot himself, but at 15 started wearing glasses, and the dream disappeared.

By that time, McFadyen had already started working at the local Cranbrook, BC, radio station on weekends and after school, playing music and reading the weather.

Three years later, he was pilfered.

A radio producer in Lethbridge, Alberta, heard the youngster on air and called him up.

“Normally, you go to a station and you’re on air the next day,” said McFadyen.

But the manager took the teenager under his wing and taught him the ropes.

“I went to the school of hard knocks,” he said.

A couple years later, he was doing radio and TV in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, then moved on to work in Regina.

That’s when he got wind of a radio station starting up in Whitehorse.

“I had no idea where Whitehorse was,” he said.

But in November 1969, McFadyen came north and helped put CKRW on air.

Supporting the fledgling station took a lot of work, and by 1971 McFadyen needed a break.

He went to work for a friend at Murdoch’s Gem Shop, and ended up making gold nugget jewelry.

“I visited mine fields all over this territory, and saw jars of gold nuggets that were so heavy you could barely lift them,” he said.

Tripping over mastodon tusks was common back then, and McFayden saw plenty of them washed out of hillsides through hydraulic mining.

Although the new job was an adventure, McFadyen couldn’t shake the crackle and static of broadcasting.

In 1973, he started working for the CBC.

“It was something I always wanted to do,” he said.

“I’ve been to every Yukon community, and covered the Arctic Winter Games from the mid-1970s until 1996.

“I learned how to interview sports people, and that’s not an easy thing to do.”

McFadyen was so good at “getting behind the game,” CBC made him its sports reporter in the mid-‘80s.

“I found a niche market speaking to children,” he said.

McFayden pulled up an audio file and handed me some headphones.

A little girl was talking about building birdhouses with her dad at Swan Haven on the weekend; there was hammering in the background.

“I like chickadees and magpies,” she said.

McFayden was beaming.

“Kids know what they’re talking about,” he said.

“Often people ask them ‘yes’ or ‘no’ questions, but I want to hear what they have to say.”

McFadyen has been back at CKRW for the last nine years.

He still does sports, but he also got into news.

“Live radio is so interesting,” he said, remembering a teachers’ protest in front of the territorial government building.

McFadyen had just interviewed the premier and came out and played it live for the teacher’s union president.

With jeering and cheering in the background, he got the union’s live response.

“That was cool,” he said.

“But you have to be on.”

And you need to be in the right place at the right time.

“You have to be at the ballpark and hear that final ball thud,” he said.

Covering the territory’s news and sports didn’t leave McFadyen much time for his wife and two kids.

“I missed my children growing up,” he said.

“I was in town, but I wasn’t home.”

Now his daughter is living in BC with a family of her own, and his son is in Toronto.

“Sometimes they’d come to watch games with me, but I was always working,” he said.

McFadyen’s work ethic was passed on through his father.

“He always said, ‘If you’re going to do a job, do it right,’” he said.

McFadyen is going to “have trouble letting go” of radio.

But he’s not fully out of it yet.

The founder of the Yukon Amateur Radio Association will continue to ham it up on air.

Always interested in radio’s technical side, McFadyen and his ham-radio friends put their first receiver up on Haeckel Hill in the 1970s.

“There are 19 in the Yukon now,” said McFadyen.

“I even have one in my house.”

McFadyen has flown into Mount Decoli slinging receiver equipment up 2,500 metres.

And he's hiked up Montana Mountain with a 27-kilogram pack full of receiver parts on his back.  
It was all worth it.

When forest fires were ravaging the territory several years ago, McFadyen was contacted by Yukon emergency measures.  
They needed to contact a microwave station near Swift River, and they needed to do it immediately.

McFadyen got on his handheld radio, copied a few codes and had the guy on the receiver.  
"When they needed us, we were there," he said.

McFadyen was awarded a volunteer award this month for his work with the amateur radio association.

Although ham radio will keep him on the airwaves, McFadyen is going to miss the news.  
It will be hard to sit and just listen, he said.  
And his watch is not coming off yet.

"It's always on, and it's accurate to the second," said McFadyen with a smile.  
"It's also going to be difficult to go to a really big event and have to sit in the crowd, because I've always been down there where the action is," he added.  
"I guess I'll just have to volunteer."

## **REMOVED FROM THE LIST**

Eleanor Millard – unsubscribed  
Rick Griffiths – Passed away

## **OBIT**

Rick Griffiths died on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please do not send anymore telegraphs. Thank you .  
Diana Griffiths

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*A goal without a plan is simply a wish.*

## **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

From The Star Cook Book, The Women of Yukon Chapter No 1 order of Eastern Star, Dawson, Yukon Territory, for the Benefit of the War Work 1942.

### **Macaroni Loaf**

Cook ¼ cup macaroni (broken in small pieces) until tender.

Drain and rinse in cold water.

Pour 1 cup of scalded cream over 1 cup soft bread crumbs.

Add ½ cup melted butter,

2 red peppers, chopped

1 tblsp chopped parsley,

½ tsp salt,

½ cup grated cheese,

3 eggs, beaten slightly.

Mix with macaroni and bake in bread tin set in pan of water for 30 to 40 minutes.

Serve with tomato or mushroom sauce.

Ruth McFarlane

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

If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**.

The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

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