



Rings of Time

Skykomish Historical Society Newsletter

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Sky's Past Deserves an Exciting Future

The Skykomish Historical Society is dedicated to promoting a greater appreciation of our heritage and its importance in our lives today through education, research, and documentation of the history of the upper Skykomish Valley.

And we have a very rich heritage.

In an ongoing and relentless effort to capture, understand, and display this rich heritage we are very busy and need your involvement and financial support.... particularly right now.

Here's what we are doing:

1. **A New Museum.** We are currently almost complete in the remodel of the 2nd floor of the Old Fire Hall (Town Maintenance Building). This is where we will catalog and archive our collections. We will also offer rotating exhibits here beginning next year. You should also know we are working with the Town and Burlington Northern Railroad to acquire the depot as our permanent museum.

2. **New Collections.** Noted regional historian Bob Kelly has accepted the position as Curator of the Skykomish Historical Society. He is extremely knowledgeable about the history of the area and how to manage and store collections. We have engaged a professional grants coordinator to assist us in identifying and obtaining grants to help with the resources we need. You can now pass along your special collections and history of the area to Skykomish Historical Society and be assured they will be safely stored and properly displayed. As you may know we have received an extensive collection from Bob Norton's estate and most recently, a collection from the McCausland family.

3. **The Skykomish Centennial.** It's happening in 2009 and we have already started to plan for a year long event. Pat and Warren Carlson are co-chairing. Please see the notice on page 3 for how you can help.

4. **A new Identity.** As you can see we have a new logo and identity program. The logo, using the stylized rings of a tree as a metaphor for history, will give a distinctive, gallery feel to our communications. We are calling the logo, Rings of Time. Pretty cute, eh? The logo was designed by Andie Brown, art teacher at Skykomish School. Way to go Andie!

5. **Program Development.** We must get to the business of developing programs to enlighten us all about the wonderful history of the area. Please contact us if you have a special interest and/or knowledge of our history that could be developed into a program.

6. **Oral History.** Nancy Cleveland has taken on the task of completing an oral history book and program featuring the older multi-generational families of upper Sky valley. If you know anyone you think should be included, please call Nancy (360 677 2591) Anne Sekor is ably assisting Nancy with this worthwhile project.

7. **The Newsletter.** "Rings of Time" is intended to keep you up to date and part of the process.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone who has joined our little club and especially those who have worked so hard to make things happen. We are now over 100 members and would love if everyone could pitch in a little bit on their time. If you don't have time, please send money.

Hank Barber
President, Skykomish Historical Society

Historical Society Receives Bob Norton Collection

The Bob Norton collection, now the property of Skykomish Historical Society, consists of materials focused on the history of Skykomish, the Great Northern Railway, the Pacific Crest Trail, the Scenic Hot Springs Hotel, his career in the US Forest Service, and his love of postcard collecting.



Bob with his pipe enjoying an Old Timer's Picnic.

The Skykomish related materials consist of postcards, photographs, memorabilia and items from his home.

An extensive postcard and photograph collection make up the Great Northern Railway elements along with calendars and railroad related items.

After graduating from Ranger School in New York in 1947 and working briefly as a timber cruiser in Canada, Bob began a 36 year career with the US Forest Service where he took part in all aspects of the service, however trail building was his love. He maintained a life long commitment to the Pacific Crest Trail and helped start work on the Iron Goat Trail as well as extensive trail work in the USFS. His collection includes materials from all three.

Located just up the pass from Skykomish the history of the Scenic Hot Springs Hotel became an interest of Bob's research and the collection contains photographs, postcards and numerous artifacts from the hotel.

Bob donated the collection to the Skykomish Historical Society, through his estate, in the Summer of 2005.

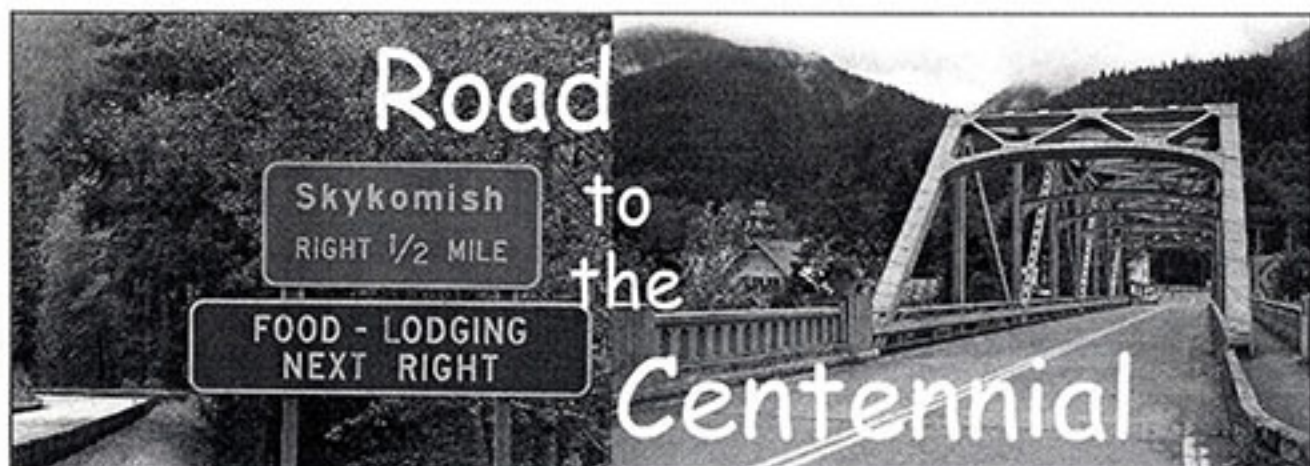
Bob Kelly

It Takes a Valley ...and beyond

Now that we have secure space and professional archiving capability please consider donating those items of valley history to SHS. We'll protect and treasure them, display them, and credit your family.

Breaking News

At press time we learned SHS has been chosen by Stuart and Bonnie McCausland and family to receive the extensive collection of Norm and Clarice McCausland. As Stu put it, "If us kids kept it, it would most likely end up in a closet somewhere. With the Historical Society keeping it everyone can have a look." Expect more about his wonderful development in our next issue.



Sky Officially Turns 100 on June 5, 2009

From an early King County History which, aside from having the town on the wrong side of the river, offers interesting information. Given the school most of us remember, it is hard to imagine a student/teacher ratio of 29 to 1 in Sky.

Skykomish, on the north bank of the river of the same name, was platted on August 11, 1899 by John Maloney and Louisa J. Maloney. The town site is on the Great Northern Railroad. The Maloneys platted an addition on November 29, 1904. The town name comes from the Indian words *skaikh* meaning "island" and *mish*, "people" the designation of the tribe whose name was taken for both river and town. Among the many spellings of the word has been "Skywhamish," which was employed by Capt. George B. McClellan.

The town of Skykomish was incorporated on June 5, 1909, with John Maloney, mayor, D.J. Manning, treasurer and the following councilmen: Andrew Polick, P. McEvoy, Andrew Pasco, George Pierce, and Oliver Dean. Certain adjacent territory was annexed on April 2, 1913, when C.E. Greason was town clerk. The population in 1929 was estimated at 944.

Skykomish school district, No. 192, covers a large territory including Skykomish, Scenic, Alpine, Miller

River and Wellington. Miller River was known as Berlin before the United States entered the European war. The district includes a high and grade school in Skykomish and the Scenic, Alpine, and Miller River schools as well as the Tye school at Wellington. In 1929 D.H. Johnston was superintendent, Leonard S. Eckman, principal of the high school, and Marie Reese the grade school principal. There were 319 children in attendance and two high school and nine grade school teachers.

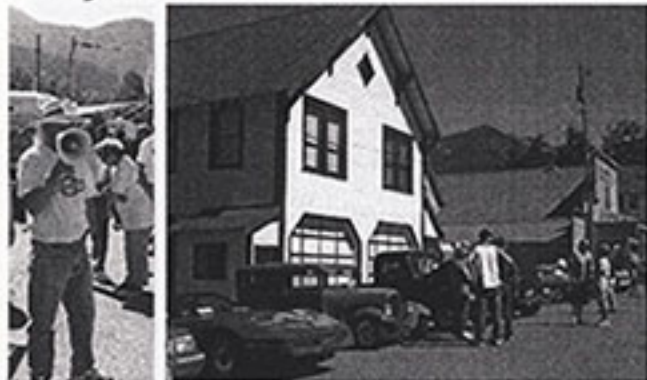
Skykomish has a Masonic Lodge, No. 259 F. and A.M., chartered June 11, 1924. Asa H. Smith was first worshipful master, Jasper W. Gould, senior warden and Chester W. Miller, junior warden.

Please Be a Part of It!

The businesses in town, the town itself, and the Historical Society will be planning together toward a year of celebration and events in 2009. Burlington Northern and Department of Ecology tell us the oil spill clean-up should be completed by then as well, so there will be all kinds of reasons for celebration and excitement. Pat & Warren Carlson are coordinating the Historical Society's role in the festivities. Please send any ideas for activities, events, decorations or whatever to: slowdrifters@comcast.net.

Did you know: *Early names for Baring were Cosco and Salmon? Salmon seems a particularly odd moniker to those of us who grew up believing salmon couldn't make it past Sunset Falls before fish ladders.*

Skykomish Show-n-Shine



SHS "sponsored" the Skykomish Show-n-Shine Car Show August 27th, but Andrea and Jerry Dinsmore again did the heavy lifting in making the 3rd. Annual S-n-S another run-away success.

Pic: Raffle chair Tom Averill announces winning numbers. Cool rods grace the street in front of our new museum and archive space. More street rods in front of the school. It was either the prizes or the good looks of the raffle ticket sales team which created over \$1000 in ticket sales.

SHS Announces New Membership Categories

Heritage Lifetime Membership (single or family)	\$1000
Patron	500
Benefactor	100
Family	35
Individual	20
Senior/junior (60+ and under 18)	15

Category benefits:

Members receive free museum admission, a calendar, newsletters, recognition, and discounts at events and on all items for sale.

Benefactors receive all of the above plus "History of Skykomish" DVD.

Patrons receive all of the above plus a framed historical print.

Heritage Lifetime members receive all of the above plus a permanent plaque in the museum and no annual dues.

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