



Rings of Time

Skykomish Historical Society Newsletter

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well attended and well received...

Museum Opening Grand!

More than 200 interested citizens joined SHS for our museum Grand Opening weekend in mid-July. The ribbon cutting ceremony Friday evening filled our space with happy people who also enjoyed wine, munchies, and live music next door at the Community Center as part of the festivities.

The opening was planned to coincide with the annual Old Timers' Picnic on Saturday which brought many additional visitors.

The opening culminates years of effort and hours of hard work on the part of a great many caring citizens both in town and far away.

We offer research opportunities in addition to displays so visitors can pore over copies of our collection to make their visit specifically meaningful.

Our initial operating hours are 12-4 Saturdays, and Tuesdays by appointment. As our volunteer list grows the goal is to be open more days.



Clockwise from center top: Board Chair Pat Gallagher-Carlson & VP Henry Stadek cut the opening ribbon. Tireless volunteer Mike Moore and Darlene (Holdridge) Waite enjoy music on the lawn in front of the Community Center. Rose Marie Williams, Sharon Lochmann, & Warren Carlson compare answers for the "historical quiz." Alan Kausal and Isla Ross entertain as the group "Alan." Skip & Bob Mackner review photos at one of the "book" tables as Jerry Dinsmore looks on.

SHS hosts GN-Day In Sky

In September the first-ever joint SHS/GNRHS (Great Northern Railroad Historical Society) event was held at our museum, with roughly 40 railfans in attendance.

There were scheduled presentations as well as time to visit and enjoy the historical displays. Among the attendees were GN veterans Ted Cleveland, Walt Grecula, Dave Jouppe, and Bob Miller, who were given time to offer up tales of how it really was. Other topics included the oil spill clean-up, a viewing of the new DVD: *The Cascade Division – A Young Operator Remembers*, and Winold Reiss – GN Artist.

Attendees brought displays, including models, artwork, and

GN memorabilia.

A drawing was held for a 5 ft. section of GN rail stamped 1892.

Attendees also received a photo of GN 5018 (the last electric) including her crew, clearance form and Train Order.

The event was organized and presented by our collection manager Bob Kelly and GNRHS board member Lindsay Korst. It is our hope this will become an annual event.



GN veterans Bob Miller and Ted Cleveland holding forth with tales of how it was in the good old days on the Great Northern Line.

SHS Meeting Schedule:

Mar 31	Regular
May 19	Regular
Sep 29	Annual Membership
Nov 3	Planning

Iron Goat Trail Opens Trailhead at Scenic

In an exciting public-private partnership, Volunteers of WA (& Iron Goat Trail) teamed with the Dept. of Transportation to create the Scenic IGT Trailhead and Reststop. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the site 14 Oct. followed by a celebration dinner at the Masonic Hall in Sky attended by more than 100 invitees. Skykomish and SHS have been a part of this project from the beginning. By offering a reststop and an IGT interpretive center along the highway the goal is to increase highway safety and inform the public about IGT and valley history.



Jerry Dinsmore (on trailer) and Mike Sharpe (on ground) help to load the IGT caboose in front of the Cascadia for its move to the Scenic Trailhead.

Show-n-Shine Car Show Shines at Ballpark

Due to oil spill clean-up chaos in town, the annual Show-n-Shine Car Show was moved to the ballpark. By all accounts the Aug 24 event was highly successful and a great day. The weather was good, the crowd was happy, and the cars and trucks were beautiful. At the SHS booth we sold every Show-n-Shine t-shirt and hat we were given to sell, as well as a few items of our own. Many attendees spent a lot of time poring over the books of photographs on display at our booth. (Information about the oil clean-up is available at: www.skykomishcleanup.com)



Spurred by \$4,000 from 4Culture, we begin:

Making Our Collection Available to the World

The SHS "Making Our Collection Available to the World" project has moved into full swing this fall upon receiving a \$4,000 Heritage Special Project Grant from King County 4Culture.

The goals of the project are: 1. Acquire and learn professional museum software (PastPerfect); 2. Catalog and cross-reference important items of our collection; 3. Make them available to the public both at our museum and our redesigned website; and 4. Create a policy and procedures manual so cataloging and cross-referencing will be consistent and done to a professional standard.

In November collection manager Bob Kelly attended an introductory class in a software program titled: Managing Collections Using PastPerfect. This program is a standard in many small museums and provides for easy computerized collection and operations management. It has built in functions, easy to follow screens, and creates visual libraries that can be searched by key words. After we catalog a substantial number of items we will implement the online capability so anyone can search our collection via internet.

Bob reports the search capability of the software is amazing. When we have it implemented anyone may type a key word like "Depot" and every photograph, document, or object we have cataloged relating to a depot will be listed in seconds. Then by clicking on any listing, the item will appear.

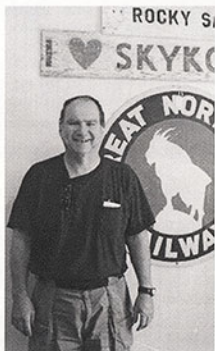
Volunteers will be needed to learn the cataloging process and inputting into PastPerfect. Fred Cruger from Granite Falls Historical Society will be teaching us, thus we can leverage the successful implementation at their museum. We will provide more communication as we begin to implement and will call for volunteers to attend the training.

Sun & Fun at Old Timers' Picnic



Charlie Brown presents the "honored oldtimers" award to Jackie Kennedy Jones, Wayne Jones, Daryle Jones, and Sis Kennedy Javier, all seated. Old Timers' Picnic committee co-chair Phyllis Freestad looks on.

Mother Nature once again smiled on Sky old timers by delivering a perfect summer day for the annual picnic. A happy mix of people again made their pilgrimage to reconnect with their roots, old friends, or at least a meaningful time and place in their personal history. The SHS booth was well attended and appreciated, and we were able to use 21st. century technology, in conjunction with our museum opening, to make copies of old meaningful photos promptly available for those who wanted them.



Collection manager Bob Kelly heads up the project to catalog our collection and make it available. He works at the museum most Tuesdays. Please contact Bob if you'd like to help.

Oral History Project

If you or your relatives walked this valley let us add you to the list for our Oral History Project in which we interview people, young and old, who have stories, history, or remembrances of Skykomish. The interviews will be transcribed and be placed in an SHS Skykomish Oral History Book. We anticipate volume one will be published in 2007. Nancy Cleveland and Ann Sekor are managing the project for SHS. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Ann Sekor at: asekor@w-link.net, or P.O. Box 285, Skykomish, WA 98288.

New SHS Officers Appointed

The SHS Board of Directors has appointed Kevin Wiedersrom to fill the vacant presidency, and Dorothy Beck as treasurer to replace Skip Mackner who has wanted to leave due to her other obligations.

Boeing employee Kevin says, "As a kid the GN was the only railroad that existed in my mind. When Dad took my brother and me to the mountains, Skykomish was always a favorite stop. The only reason I went to Woodland Park as a kid was to see Engine 1246, and now I'm interested in bringing it back to Sky. I joined SHS because I want to be part of preserving history before it is gone."

Dorothy lives in Baring with her husband Dick and both are active in the Riverwood Community. She began working for Seattle First National Bank in Shelton and later at the Main Office of Seattle First as a teller and then Head Cashier. She took time out to raise her two young children then returned to Seattle First's South Center Branch and was ultimately promoted to manager. Upon moving to Baring she continued to work part time as a bank teller in Sultan.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

It has been a wonderful quarter for acquisitions. Here follows only partial listings and descriptions:

Darlene Holdridge Waite donated four large volumes of research about Skykomish people. Two books cover Skykomish School from 1899 to 1969. Items included are articles, identifications, news clippings, obits, census records, and photos. A book titled *Skykomish Upper Valley Families* provides information on 14 area families. The book *Census* includes the federal census for 1920 and 1930 for seven upper valley communities. These books are tremendous resources.

GN veteran Walt Grecula donated information and photos of those who worked on electrification and load dispatching in the Sky area, including a 7/1/74 GN engineers seniority list.

Donna Gibson donated her and Earl's photos of early logging and mill operations in Skykomish. Nancy and Ted Cleveland donated a collection of family photos. Kathryn Valentine Henry donated a book she created titled *Grotto - Remembrances of Days Gone By*. Gaye Harris donated a copy of her book *The Family History of Henry G. Timpe and Bessie Brown Timpe*. Bob & Skip Mackner donated a book about early baseball teams in the region and several old bottles.

Mike Shawver continues to donate an amazing array of GN memorabilia including some original rail date stamped 1892 and a leather post card which seems exceedingly rare.

And thanks to all who send additional donations when paying their annual membership dues.

At press time we learned a King County Council "Cultural Development Authority" appropriation for \$5000 has been allocated to SHS.

SHS 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 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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Historical Society Membership

Susan Aker	Charles Hall Sr	Rosalind Philbrick
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