

# Skykomish Historical Society Will Capture History

Aided by a grant from King County 4Culture, SHS is creating a video and DVD of Phase One of the Oil Clean-up. Repeating a recipe which produced two award winning documentaries in the past, SHS is again partnering with Skykomish School and Seattle film makers Malory Graham and Michael Cross to create this production.

A key part of the \$17,000 project budget is the \$7262 grant from 4Culture which will be used acquire a

dedicated computer, video hardware and software, and to pay the professionals. Most the remaining amount will be made up of donated time by Michael Moore, Tony Grider, school students, and Warren Carlson.

In a note from 4Culture we were told this project was identified as a high priority because it "links the history of an environmental issue to the current and on-going history of Skykomish." History continues to happen in Sky, and SHS is proud and pleased to be recording it.

## Important Acquisition:

### Maloney Store Items Purchased by SHS

The Society has recently acquired a number of articles of historical interest from Maloney's Store which include a large original Maloney's Store sign, the tall, rolling ladder and its rail along the ceiling the length of the store, some original display cases; the old store safe, and other historical and nostalgic articles of importance to the building and the community.

The opportunity to purchase arose when the building owners were selling it to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The SHS Board had to act quickly to preserve and protect these historic items which are an important bit of history to our town. BNSF has graciously allowed us to keep the items in the building.

We would also like to thank all those who contributed funds to help us make this important acquisition.



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Celebrating the acquisition of the old "bean counter" (behind each of those white windows is a bin for beans or whatever), meat scale, and ligament puller are SHS members Kevin Wiederstrom, Joanne Boggs, Henry Sladek, Tom Averill, Dorothy Beck, Skip Mackner, Eileen Averil, and Linda Averil. Photo by Pat Gallagher-Carlson

## Keep Your Priceless Photos and Donate Them, Too!

Many recent photograph donations have been digital scans. People attending GN Day in September donated photos including inside views of the Skykomish and Scenic depots, Scenic depot being dismantled, and building photos of Sky in the early '80's. A unique set of scanned photos showing Boy Scouts using the Tye Depot in 1930 has been donated through our contacts with the Great Northern Railway Historical Society. All of these photos were scanned into a computer and the originals returned to the donors. You can bring your priceless photos to the museum and have them scanned and returned to you while you watch. Please contact Bob Kelly; home phone: 452 432 3884;

email: [mvmvmv@comcast.net](mailto:mvmvmv@comcast.net); or at the museum most Tuesdays.

## Many Old Timers Turn Out and Enjoy

Attendance at the Annual Old Timers' Picnic in July was excellent and by all accounts people enjoyed the event and the sunny day. In a departure from other years two sets of brothers, Bud & Don Burdick, and Chuck and John Tuft, were jointly named "Mister Skykomish." The binders filled with old photographs and other memorabilia on display as the SHS booth were pored over throughout the afternoon, as Old Timers and others reconnected with their memories and their roots.



The class of 1967 disregarding for the moment their "old timer" status: Margo Hornback, Jose Javier, Teddy Jo Ryder, Larry Stonehocker, Patsy Steele, Patricia Sullivan, Bev Faulkner (Lillihaug), Bob Douse (Harris), Nancy Haydock-Keck.

## Show-n-Shine Car Show

Although the weather in Sky turned out rather pleasant, rain "down below" somewhat dampened the turnout for the 5th Annual Show-n-Shine Car Show in late August; still 126 entrants brought their pride and joy vehicles to show. Railroad Ave fairly teemed with vintage cars, hot cars, happy people, concession stands, and bustling activity. Skykomish Fire Dept. won the Fire Truck Class, and Kim Bird won the Sky Harley Class.

Photo looking east from atop the high ladder of the Last Resort Fire Department ladder truck, a popular demonstration at the car show.



## UW Class Visits Museum

Skykomish Historical Society Museum and collection manager Bob Kelly hosted an Environmental History class from University of Washington Nov. 20. Professor Dave Stokes and ten students were on a field trip studying the Skykomish Valley. The students were interested in collecting information about early native use of the area, the influence and impact of the Great Northern Railway, logging and mining as examples of resource extraction and how recreational use has evolved. The current oil remediation project was also of special interest to the group. The two hour session at Sky was followed by an afternoon visit to the Index Historical Society.

## Our Collection is Going Online

As the last phase of our grant to make our collection available to the world SHS has acquired the necessary software and collection manager Bob Kelly expects we will be "online" by April. Our webmaster Clarke Isackson has completed preliminary work on our web site to allow a direct link to the SHS catalog. This will make these items of our collection available to anyone as an easy download.

# Society Museum Hosts Great Northern Day in Sky

Over 40 happy railfans attended the 2nd. Annual GN Day in Skykomish in September, again co-hosted by SHS and the Great Northern Railway Historical Society. Veterans attending included Rick Bolger, David Hall, Bill Handley, Bob Miller, Dave Sprau and honorary veteran Tom Garrett who assisted his father at the Scenic depot as a child.

During the informal day at the museum major highlights were stories, photographs and demonstrations of depot operations by the Veterans. Informational topics covered in the morning included updates on the Sky museum, GNRHS activities, the Iron Goat Trail and a recent collapse inside the disused 2.6 mile Cascade Tunnel.

Additional afternoon sessions included presentations on the Jackson Street Roundhouse, in St. Paul, MN, where the GNRHS houses their extensive archives and a review of the GN's Mansfield Branch east of Wenatchee. The last portion of the day included an open house at Caboose X228 hosted by Fred Black in Skykomish and Mike Sharpe invited all to stop by Caboose X294 at Scenic.

People attending displayed a variety of items including several photo collections, the bell from an early High Car, an operating telegraph system, models of various kinds, a collection of Jim Jordan prints, train orders, a throttle handle from a GN locomotive, and a wonderful GN pin collection.

Possible topics identified for next year included: info about GN electric locomotives, conducting a show-and-tell with unique items for people's collections, and information about the GN line on the east side of the Cascades.

by Bob Kelly

Above right: Fred Black (center) leads a tour of his GN Caboose X228 in Sky. Right: Bob Kelly reviews the day's agenda for GN Day attendees at Skykomish Historical Society Museum.

Photos by Lindsay Korst



## *The White Cascade* by Gary Krist

In his first effort at non-fiction well-known novelist Gary Krist spins a compelling tale of the worst avalanche disaster in US history, the Wellington Slide. Calling on our own Bob Kelly and numerous other sources Krist spent four years collecting and consolidating knowledge about this disaster then used his fiction writing skills to lay out a gripping tale. David Brinkley said of the book, "You almost feel like you're a Great Northern Railway passenger in 1910, coping with the blizzard from hell." The Washington Post said, "In the hands of such a skilled and respectful writer, a week-long, late-winter snowstorm, stalled trains, and a cast of ordinary, unlucky people are more than enough to keep us turning pages." A wonderful read.

## SHS Signs Book Contract

Arcadia Publishing, the leading local history publisher in United States, has signed a contract with SHS to publish a book called Upper Skykomish Valley as part of its "Images of America" series. The book is due out next summer well in time for the Centennial of the incorporation of Sky. Using the well-tested Arcadia formula and photos largely from the SHS collection, the story of human activity in the valley starting about 1890 will unfold in pictures and narratives about those pictures. If you have photos of life in the early days in the valley and stories to go with them, this may be the time to get them into a permanent published record. The author will be Warren Carlson.

## Oral History Book Project

The oral history book announced in the last issue of *Rings of Time* is in the final stages of completion. We will notify the membership when orders may be placed.



## An Interesting Acquisition

SHS has happily received a Bridge Crane donated by retired railroader Bob Newell. It is about 8 feet long and 6 feet wide, with a small hand powered crane mounted on it. It has no power, but is like a cart that ran on the rails. It is for now on "informal display" behind the phone building by the Cascadia where restoration work can be done on it. Once this work is complete we will seek a more prominent place to display it.

## SHS Board Elections:

At the September Annual Meeting the following members were elected to the SHS Board: Desiree Gould was re-elected for a second three year term. Charlotte Mackner was elected to replace Bob Mackner whose term expired. Bob Kelly, Gary West, and Pat Gallagher-Carlson continue to serve their unexpired terms on the Board.

## 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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