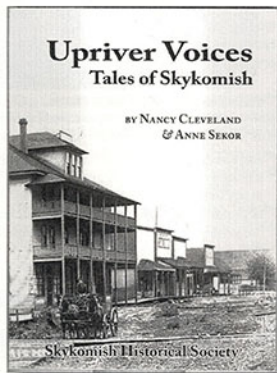


# Preparations Are Happening for Skykomish Centennial

On 5 June 2009 Skykomish will turn 100. Get your 1909 wardrobe assembled early and be prepared to celebrate. (Full length dresses were still "in" ladies, but you do get a break, corsets were on the way out.) The plans are for Centennial events and recognition throughout the year, but the three-day weekend 5-7 June will be specifically devoted to celebration and revelry. Events are still in the planning stages, but tentatively on Friday there will be a ceremony with dignitaries from all over.

Saturday there will be fun and games suitable for people attired in 1909 garb, and on Sunday there will be Jack and Jill softball at the ballpark. It is customary during centennial years for all males in town to grow beards, and for women long, softer hair styles were "in." As may be readily seen from old photos, everyone in Sky wore a hat with a brim when outdoors in those days, so be thinking about a really good hat for this celebration. Pat Carlson & Larry Johnson are chairing the Centennial Committee.



## Oil Spill Clean-up Continues in Town



## In Print and Available

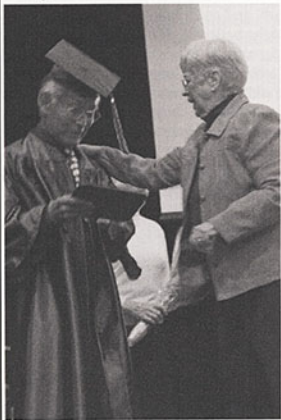
SHS's first "Oral History" book *Upriver Voices, Tales of Skykomish* is out and has been wonderfully received.

Nancy Cleveland and Anne Sekor worked for over two years collecting and refining the stories of Skykomish old timers and have produced a delightful collection of memories from people for whom Skykomish is a special place.

Member price is \$12. It is available at our museum or can be ordered via email at [skykomishhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:skykomishhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com), or mail to SHS, c/o Dorothy Beck, Box 66 Baring, WA 98288.

Call it Railroad Avenue or Main St., the street in front of the museum and the rest of "town" was a construction site throughout the summer and fall. The standing "pillar" to the right of the museum is about to be driven down as part of the underground wall that now runs from the school past Cascadia Inn. It is designed to prevent oil from seeping under the rest of the town and into the river. The Whistling Post and the Depot were moved and the dirt beneath cleaned. The Whistling Post is again in business, but the Depot remains on blocks, its ultimate disposition undecided.

## Japanese-American Patriot Returns



On Veterans' Day 200 people turned out at the school to greet and hear the story of Sam Mitsui, a Skykomish lad his entire life until the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, at which time he and other Japanese-Americans were rounded up and taken away to concentration camps. At Sky he had been a basketball star and a regular guy until then. To prove their loyalty to United States Sam and other Nisei (2nd generation Japanese-American) volunteered to fight in the war, and the 442nd Bn became the most decorated unit of its size and length of service in US Military History. Over 40 Nisei Veterans Committee members and the Nisei Color Guard accompanied Mitsui for his presentation.

Although he holds a degree from UW, Sam Mitsui receives his high school diploma from Skykomish Mayor Charlotte Mackner 65 years after he would have graduated, had he and his family not been taken away to concentration camps during WWII.

## Over 2000 Items Searchable On Line



Faithful cataloger Rose Marie Williams spends nearly every Tuesday morning at the SHS Museum entering items into Past Perfect.

Anyone can now go on line and search from among over 2000 items from our collection at any time. Under "collections" at [www.skykomishhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.skykomishhistoricalsociety.com) just click on "searching" and plug in a keyword subject at the prompt to see what is available.

## Calendar of Events

Feb 21: Homecoming dinner/dance for alumni at school

Jun 5: School Graduation

Jun 5-6-7: Centennial Weekend

Jul 4: Community Event

Jul 18: Old Timers' Picnic

Aug 22: Show-n-Shine Car Show

Sep 12: GN Day in Sky

Dec 5: Holiday Market

### Farmers' Markets will be:

June 6  
July 25  
August 22  
September 19



Having left 90° Wenatchee only to discover Sky was having a chilly Summer day, GNRHSers Lindsay Korst, Bob Page, Scott Tanner and Dr. Greer Nielsen were among the many who bought out every SHS sweatshirt we had.

## GNRHS Visits Skykomish

As an excursion from the Great Northern Railroad Historical Society Convention in Wenatchee, four bus loads of serious railfans came to Skykomish 22 July. They visited Wellington, lunched at the Ballpark, and spent an exciting few hours at the museum poring over books and photos and collections of rail memorabilia. They also bought items of interest... and sweatshirts.

## Oil Clean-up Video Nears Completion

All clean-up footage and all but two interviews are done for the *Under Sky, in our back yard* video project being done by the school and SHS. The interviews are scheduled for January. The video documents the first phase of the oil-spill clean-up. Major funding for the project comes from a grant from 4Culture as part of the King County lodging tax support for culture and the arts.

# Great Northern Day at Skykomish Museum

Those who were lucky enough to be in Skykomish on September 13, 2008 enjoyed lovely Fall weather, good friends, good food, and engaging information at the 3rd. annual GN Day in Skykomish. Forty-five enthusiasts came to the party ready to tell stories, show items from their collections, share information, and enjoy railroad tales.

Starting off, Lindsay Korst reviewed Great Northern Society activity including this past July's Wenatchee convention. Next, the Sky Historical Society report focused on activities in the last year, the Iron Goat Trail, and new photo collections at the museum.

In the morning presentation Bob Kelly took the group on a Trip Up the East-side of the Cascades on the Great Northern Railway. Starting at Monitor and proceeding station-by-station all the way to Stevens Pass. During discussion, GN veteran Bill Handley also interjected stories about operating some of the depots.

The afternoon session began with a presentation about Icing Facilities in the Wenatchee area with John Langlot and Mike Bartenstein. John used his on-site trainman's experience to describe the ice facilities and Mike discussed his family entering into the ice business, the building of the ice plants and providing ice for GN.

During the afternoon Show-and-Tell the group saw a very old GNNY lock shown by GN veteran Dave Hall, a collection of railroad swizzle sticks from Andy's Diner in Seattle, photos of old GN equipment located in Idaho, heard a couple of enthusiastic stories and saw a large trophy presented by the GN for the best potatoes at a 1912 county fair. This 3rd Annual event was Co-Sponsored by the Skykomish Historical Society and the Great Northern Railway Historical Society.

-- by Bob Kelly



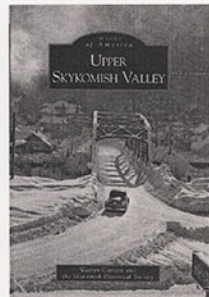
Above: Bob Kelly reviews the day's agenda for GN Day attendees at the SHS Museum. Right: The very old GNNY lock brought by Dave Hall was one of many highlights of the afternoon Show-and-Tell at GN Day.



Photos by Lindsay Korst

## Arcadia Book Due Out in April

The manuscript for *Upper Skykomish Valley* is complete and at Arcadia Publishing Co. They have projected a publication date of 20 April. The book consists of photos and captions of photos about all manner of valley life between Index and Stevens Pass beginning when John F. Stevens first chose Skykomish Valley as the route for the Great Northern Railroad.



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## Donate Your Photos and Keep Them, Too!

You can donate your priceless photographs to Skykomish Historical Society and still keep them in the family by bringing them to the museum to be scanned and returned to you while you watch. We can also put the scans on disks so you can share with family members. Please contact Bob Kelly: home phone: 452 432 3884; email: mvmvmv@comcast.net; or bring them to the museum most Tuesdays.

## SHS Board Elections

At the September Annual Meeting the following members were elected to the SHS Board: Fred Black was elected to replace Pat Gallagher-Carlson whose term had expired. Bob Kelly was re-elected to a second three year term. Fred was named board chair to replace Pat. Desiree Gould, Gary West, and Skip Mackner continue to serve their unexpired terms on the Board. Pat Carlson was named president to replace Kevin Weiderstrom who cited other obligations as his reason for stepping down. Missy Long was appointed secretary and Dorothy Beck continues to serve as treasurer.



# Important Acquisitions

SHS has received extensive collections from Ruth Ittner, James Mattson, and the grandson of Charles J. Tegeler. Ms. Ittner, a founding force in Volunteers for Outdoor Washington, has been the key player in establishing the Iron Goat Trail. The collection consists of her administrative records and over 2000 photographs documenting the planning, funding, partnering, and construction of the Iron Goat Trail. The Mattson donation consists of a database over 600 photographs taken during the Iron Goat Trail construction which we were able to bring directly into our Past Perfect database. Charles Tegeler lived in Sky starting in 1911 through the mid 1920's. While working for the Great Northern he took a large number of photos in and around Skykomish at a most interesting time.

SHS is particularly indebted to Lorna Goebel and Leonard Farlow for keeping the Museum open Saturdays, and to all volunteers who work Saturdays and inventory the Ittner collection.

## 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

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Wayne Jones

Darrel Joselyn

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David & Frances Jouppe

Glen Katzenberger

Bob & Pam Kelly

Don & Bertha Kopitz

Lindsay Kost

Russell Kvam

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