

Happy Celebration of Sky's First 100 Years

Just about anywhere anyone looked in Skykomish early afternoon Saturday June 6th. people were smiling. It is hard to beat a home-made parade for finding something to smile about; both the paraders and the audience seemed to sincerely be having a great time. There were reports of rain



Left: SHS members JoAnne Boggs, Kevin Wiederstrom, Sharon Reynolds, Dorothy Beck, & Warren Carlson attend the opening ceremony dressed appropriately for the occasion. Above: The Centennial Pictorial Postmark. Special June 5th stamped, canceled envelopes with the postmark may be purchased at the museum.



Clean-up Video Now Available

The SHS produced documentary CD *Under Skykomish: In Our Backyard* has been completed and is available. Scenes from the video may be seen on our web site www.skykomishhistoricalsociety.org.

Produced in collaboration with Sky School students and professional filmmakers, the film documents the first three years of massive oil-spill clean-up with exciting footage and on-point interviews.

Members may order for \$9 including postage. Non-members \$12. Write SHS c/o Dorothy Beck, P. O. Box 66, Baring, WA 98224



Car Show in Sky August 22nd.

Remember
The Old Timers' Picnic
at the Ballpark July 18th.

at Stevens Pass and as close as Gold Bar to the west, but in Sky the rain stayed away.

The entire three-day celebration was considered a grand success, beginning with a dignified opening ceremony in the school gym featuring dignitaries and well-wishers on Friday, the actual 100th. Anniversary of the incorporation of Skykomish.

This was followed by cake and coffee reception at the Community Center and wine and cheese at the Museum where the highlight attraction was Postmistress Sharon hand cancelling the one day only Skykomish Centennial Pictorial Postmark.

Saturday began with breakfast at the Masonic Lodge. The Museum and Open-Air Market began at 10 as well as vendors both on Railroad Ave. and in Maloney's Store.

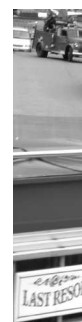
Thanks to Andrea Dinsmore's staging skills, the parade came off smoothly and smiles dominated the middle of the day. The happiness continued with kid's games at the school yard, a dunk tank by the tennis courts, live music by Blue-ize on the jetty, and information booths and vendors all around town.

With his rickshaw and coolie hat, Donnie Dinsmore seemed to be everywhere at once.

The SHS Museum offered book signings for both our new titles *Upriver Voices* and *Upper Skykomish Valley* and had dozens of visitors Friday and Saturday, enjoying our best retail week end ever, with roughly \$1800 in sales.

The Saturday Night Social at the Masonic Lodge brought a full house where a catered dinner was presented by the Cascadia Inn and music provided by The Golden Wannabes, The Far Shore Four, and folk song legends Viviana and Phil Williams.

The old-fashioned Sunday at the ball park brought a modest but enthusiastic crowd to hear gospel by Blue-ize, Cajun classics by Sacalait, and gypsy jazz by Seattle favorites Pearl Django. The PTSA food offerings and the SHS booth were both well supported, and later in the day a tug-of-war and pick-up softball game that ended a 10-8 thriller were enjoyed by all participants.



L to R, top: Dan Kristiansen 39th District Representative, SHS Historian Bob Kelly, Mayor Charlotte Mackner, Centennial Co-chair Pat Gallagher-Carlson, and County Commissioner Kathy Lambert at podium. Vintage parade rides for the Mayor and each former mayor in attendance. Last Resort Fire Department. Puget Sound Military Vehicle Collectors. Next row: SHS paraders: Dorothy Beck, Warren Carlson, Fred Black (partially obscured), Gary West, Bob Boggs, & Pat Gallagher-Carlson. Rickshaw, vendors, & old-timers. Smokey & friend. Rockets Rule. Pat catches a ride. Right: Centennial Co-chairs Pat Gallagher-Carlson & Larry Johnson played many roles and made it all happen. The almost world famous Baring Store & Eatery float. Street minstrels Rick Aydelotte & Leonard Farlow. George Simanis (waving) & Jerry Childs on horses. Shelly and Larry at the Saturday Night Social. Vintage motorcycle. Below: Long time Sky entertainers Blue-ize, who drove from Utah to be part of the celebration, perform on the levee. Popular Seattle Gypsy Jazz group Pearl Django entertain at the Ballpark on Sunday. Adults versus kids tug-of-war.





Great Northern Day

The annual "GN Day in Sky" will be Sep 19th. at the museum 10 to 4. The informal event will include presentations on the West-Side GN Stations from Stevens Pass to Monroe and a review of the GN's Empire Builder radio program. People attending are encouraged to bring a favorite item from their collection for a Show-and Tell. A few tables will be set up for displays by people attending for an informal swap and trade. We anticipate several past GN employees attending, so time will be set aside for a few good stories, too. Lunch will be available.

The oil-spill clean-up in Sky, continues, so look for detour and directional signs as you enter town. For information contact Bob Kelly at mvmmvm@comcast.net or 425-432-3884

Upper Skykomish Valley Book

Published in April our book *Upper Skykomish Valley* chronicles life between Index and Stevens Pass beginning when John F. Stevens first chose Skykomish Valley as the route for the Great Northern Railroad up through the present oil-spill clean-up. People who have an interest in the valley will find a lot to enjoy in this book.

Available to SHS members for \$21.95. Non-members add \$2 postage. Send orders to SHS c/o Dorothy Beck, Box 66, Baring, WA 98224.

Oil-Spill Clean-up Update

After a slightly slow start this spring to accommodate the Centennial, clean-up activities in Sky are moving quickly again. By the time this newsletter is in print the Sky River Inn and office, and the Post Office building will have been demolished (both will be built anew in 2012). A temporary P.O. will open across the tracks near the old Forest Service compound, and the Bishop house will have been moved across the tracks to a different, permanent location. Maloney's Store will have been lifted and moved to the vacated Sky River Inn area, after which the earth beneath where it has been for 105 years will be cleaned and/or replaced. Archeologists will be allowed under the store location to learn what they can before the dirt is excavated.

Important Acquisitons Continue

A GN Baggage Cart has been donated by Chuck Strawn. He owned it for about 40 years and used it as an advertising sign at his business. The cart was used at the depot in Wenatchee and dates circa 1910.

Donna Gibson donated a large brass locomotive bell on a stand and it is now on display in the museum. Members are welcome to ring the bell when visiting. The bell is from the Bloedel Donovan Climax locomotive. Thanks to Ted Cleveland for assisting with the donation.

Ted has donated his "engineers grip". A "grip" is a small suitcase carried by each train crew and in addition to fresh socks it contained such things as



Great Northern Baggage cart circa 1910.

timetables, railroad operating rules, certifications, and keys to unlock the many kinds of switch locks. We have produced a photo book showing the grip and its contents.

Open-Air Markets in Sky:

July 25
August 22
September 19
Special Holiday Market: Dec 5

Remember the
Skykomish Historical Society
Annual Meeting
will be 26 September at the
Community Center at 1 p.m.

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