



## CLINTON CREEK, YUKON.

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### “30 Plus 1” Clinton Creek Reunion 5 Months Away

Can you believe it --- it was 31 years ago that the Cassiar Asbestos Mine in Clinton Creek, Yukon shut down and the community of Clinton Creek became a ghost town?? Although the mine has been closed and the town deserted for 31 years the memories of living in that community have stayed alive and vibrant in the hearts and minds of many people.

There was a fabulous reunion held in 1990, 12 years after the mine shut down. About 375 people came to the Yukon for that reunion and we all had a great time. It was so great in fact that we have been afraid to try it again in case no-one wanted to come to a second reunion. It appears that those fears were groundless - --- when we started thinking about number 2 we sent out an email to as many Clintonites as we could to get some idea

whether there would be any interest --- it quickly became clear to us that there was interest so we got down to some serious planning.

The first job was to pick a time and a location. In 1990, we had asked Morris Kostiuk, whether we could use his recreation centre at the Pioneer RV Park and Campground just south of Whitehorse as a location for most of the reunion events. Morris agreed. The venue was perfect --- so naturally when we started thinking about where it could be this time – our first option was to ask Morris if we could “do it again”. He enthusiastically agreed.

So the time is **July 24, 25, and 26, 2009** and the location is the **Pioneer RV and Campground**, just south of Whitehorse.

#### “30 plus 1” Clinton Creek Reunion Schedule- July 24, 25, & 26, 2009

<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 pm to midnight</b>	<b>Reception and Registration</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 am to 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Breakfast and Visiting</b>
	<b>1:00 pm to 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Remembering and Laughing</b>
	<b>6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Steak Supper</b>
	<b>8:00 pm to late</b>	<b>Open Mike &amp; Entertainment</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am to 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Breakfast and Visiting</b>
	<b>1:00 pm to 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Remembering and Laughing</b>
	<b>4:00 pm to 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Food and Fond Good-Byes!!</b>

Registration cost will be a maximum of \$60.00 per person and will include breakfast/brunch on both Saturday and Sunday as well as the steak supper Saturday night. Children under 12 years of age will not be charged.

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## Where Is Everyone?

We started working with the data base that we had set up for the 1990 reunion and by getting current names and addresses and email addresses from everyone on the reunion planning committee. The committee has been contacting people and searching for current addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for the past few months. We now have a list of 728 names – of those we have about 304 “good” addresses or contact information – so you can see there are still a lot of people who likely don’t know about the “30 plus 1” Reunion.

Now as the time is getting closer we are on our last push to locate as many people as we can who lived and worked in Clinton Creek, who did business with Clinton Creek, who worked at the Transport Division in Whitehorse ---- and we would also like to invite anyone who lived or worked at our sister mine in Cassiar, BC.

We are trying to strike a balance between getting all the names and addresses we can and respecting people’s privacy ---- so if you are keeping in touch with someone from the “Clinton Creek” days --- tell them about the reunion, give them a copy of this newsletter and ask them to contact us so we can add their names into our data base or ask them if you can send us their name and address.

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## Organizing The Reunion – Who, What, When Where!!!

Back in 1990 we dug in our pockets and threw about \$20.00 each into a pot to help pay for the costs of forming a society and to start the planning of the reunion. The Clinton Creek Reunion Society was formed in 1989 has since morphed into the Friends of Clinton Creek Society (FOCCS for short). In 1990, we started the weekend thousands of dollars in debt, hoping against hope that we would not end up paying those bills out of our own pockets. It was a wonderful turnout and a wonderful weekend and overall we more than broke even on the weekend.

Since 1990, we have made some donations in the name of the Clinton Creek Reunion Society (there is a seat in the Yukon Arts Centre with our name on it!). We contributed to farewell parties for some Clintonites like Lloyd and Linda Schille and Doris and Howie Gates when they decided to leave the Yukon and for the past 6 years or so been holding yearly mini-reunions --- and there is still money left to kick-start the planning of our upcoming reunion.

There are a few things that are quite different as we work on planning the “30 plus 1” Clinton Creek Reunion - we are all quite a bit older and in some cases smarter - we don’t have the same money pressures - we are starting off with about \$3,000.00 left from the 1990 reunion - and there have been huge changes in the technology and communications available to us. Computers are so much easier to use to write and format newsletters etc. Databases don’t need a computer whiz to set up. Many people have email and this makes communication much easier and even if people don't have email — long distance phone calls are now a fraction of the cost they were in 1990.

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## Getting Here, Staying Here and Getting Around

There are 2 airlines flying into Whitehorse regularly from Edmonton and Vancouver.

Air North is a Yukon based airline. Information about their flight schedule, rates and reservations can be found at [www.flyairnorth.com](http://www.flyairnorth.com) or their toll free number is 1-800-661-0407. We are going to ask about a special rate for individuals booking flights to come to the reunions so ask about a special rate when you call about your reservation.

Air Canada also flies into the Yukon and information about their flights can be found at [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com).

The Yukon Government's Department of Tourism maintains a very good website full of information about things to do and places to stay. It is at [www.travel yukon.com](http://www.travel yukon.com).

The reunion itself will be at the Pioneer RV Park & Campground which is about 10 minutes south of Whitehorse. We are looking into arranging to operate a shuttle services between Whitehorse and the reunion site.

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## Clinton Creek Trip

If there is interest, we will try to plan a bus trip to Clinton Creek. We have been in contact with the folks who now own and live at the old Clinton Creek townsite. They have said that we are welcome to come and see the site of our old home, although you have to look closely to see any sign that there was a town there. So please let us know if this is a trip you would be interested in.

Alternately you may wish to plan a trip to Dawson City and beyond as part of your Yukon adventure. The drive along the Top of The World highway to Clinton Creek and beyond is still some of the most spectacular scenery you will ever see.

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## Cassiar Website & Clinton Creek Mine Reunion Facebook Group

Herb Daum has created and maintains a fabulous website about Cassiar, BC at [www.cassiar.ca](http://www.cassiar.ca). There is a section at this website about Clinton Creek and information about the reunion is posted there as well. Herb maintains an on-line Address Book for former Cassiar and Clinton Creek residents. You can check the website for information on how to access the Address Book.

In addition to the Cassiar Website, if you are a Facebook user, search for “**Clinton Creek Mine Reunion**” on Facebook. This is another way to contact with other ex-clintonites.

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## What Do We Need From You Now?

What we need to know from you now or as soon as possible:

1. Can you come to the “30 plus 1 Clinton Creek Reunion on July 24, 25, & 26, 2009?
2. How many will be in your party?
3. Do we have their names and contact information --- email, addresses, and phone numbers?
4. Are you in touch with folks that worked at Clinton Creek, Transport or Cassiar? Would you please help us by passing on the information about the reunion to all of them?
5. Are there any souvenirs or memorabilia you would be most interested in?

If you have pictures of Clinton Creek, the people and places ---- we would love to have them. If they are digital, you can email them to us or bring them with you on a USB Drive. We are planning to have several computers running all weekend with pictures and slide shows running almost continuously.

If you have other memorabilia --- please bring it with you or send it to us for display

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## Organizing Committee

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