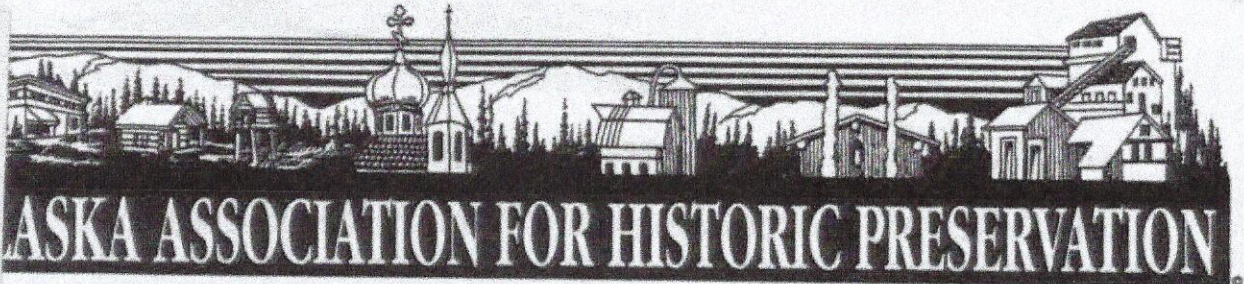


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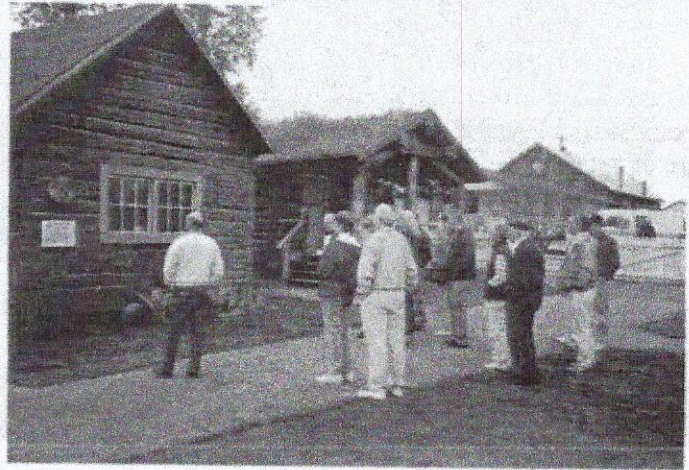
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AAHP CELEBRATES ANNUAL PICNIC IN WASILLA

On June 7th, AAHP held a successful annual picnic at Wasilla Townsite Park, adjacent to the Dorothy Page Museum in downtown Wasilla. More than 40 members and guests (including National Trust representatives Elizabeth Goldstein and Anthony Verkamp, from San Francisco) were in attendance. A good time was had by all.

The afternoon began with food—lots of it—thanks to Bill Coghill's expertise at the barbecue grill and the food brought by several AAHP members. As lunch was being completed, Bill made a few appropriate remarks. The remainder of the program was ably led by LeRoi Heaven, President of the Wasilla-Knik-Willow Creek His-



LeRoi Heaven (left, above) told many stories about the park structures. Teeland's store (below left) is almost restored.



torical Society. Mr. Heaven described the history of each of the Townsite Park buildings, including the remarkable restoration efforts that had been conducted by himself and other local historical society members. Picnic-goers were then shown through the nearby Teeland-Herning store. (Rehabilitation of the building is almost complete; when finished, two different commercial clients will rent space inside.) Many members also wandered through the Dorothy Page Museum and gained a new appreciation of Lower Susitna Valley history.

The AAHP wishes to extend a most heartfelt "thank you" to Mr. Heaven and to all those who made the picnic such a resounding success.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 1

On November 1, a day-long workshop will be held to re-evaluate AAHP's position as a statewide preservation organization. The workshop, which is held annually, will cover such topics as identifying the organization's goals and objectives, its effectiveness in reaching those goals and objectives, fundraising, and similar issues.

This workshop, which will be held at the Frontier Building in Anchorage, is primarily intended for members of either the Board of Directors or the Advisory Board. All members, however, are welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more, just call Bill Coghill, our executive director, at 333-4746 or editor Frank Norris at 257-2685.

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED BY AAHP ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

by Bill Coghill

Elva Scott, AAHP Advisory Board member and longtime stalwart of the Eagle Historical Society and Museums (EHSM), has recently published *Jewel on the Yukon: Eagle City*. This is a delightful collection of essays on historic Eagle and its people, all written by Ms. Scott. Her introduction says that the book is dedicated to the adventuresome spirit of the founder and early residents of beautiful Eagle City, so their stories and optimism, courage, hardships and pleasures may be preserved. Whether working on the creeks or living in town, they share their good and bad times.

Elva has presented AAHP with a copy inscribed on the inside front cover, "In appreciation of your continued interest and support in helping to preserve the historic structures in Eagle City and its residents and Alaska's real pioneers." The statement was signed by Ms. Scott and the rest of EHSM's board of directors. Thank you, Elva.

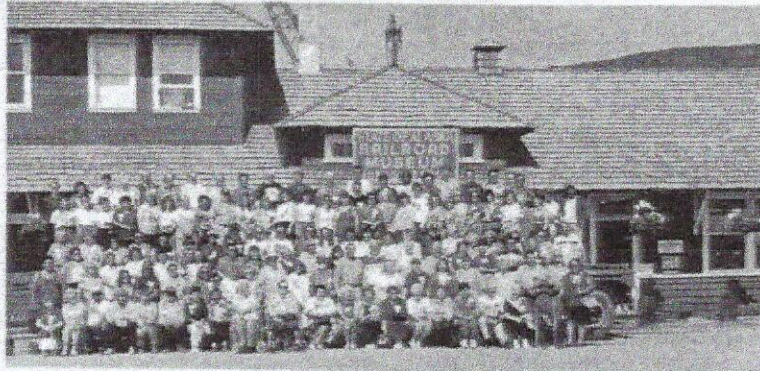
This book is Eagle City's Alaskan history lesson brought back to life. It begins before the gold rush and goes down through the years to a final chapter on Eagle City, 1997. While I have visited Eagle in recent years and especially enjoyed the historical buildings and nearby Fort Egbert, my first recollections go back to 1939. I was sixteen in my first job as head pantry man on the sternwheeler *Yukon*. I made ten round trips that year between Nenana and Dawson, thus stopping at Eagle twenty times that summer. I saw a small bit of Eagle then and recall only a few names, and for me that makes this book so fascinating now.

The Eagle Redmen Lodge, built in 1904, is one of AAHP's Ten Most Endangered Buildings and is receiving one of our two \$2,500 matching grants this year.

Copies of *Jewel on the Yukon: Eagle City* may be ordered directly with payment to: Eagle Historical Society and Museums, P.O. Box 23, Eagle City, Alaska 99738. Price is \$19.95 plus \$2.50 shipping & handling.

NENANA CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF EDUCATION

On Saturday, July 5, students and teachers that have attended the Franklin K. Lane and Nenana public schools gathered in front of the Nenana railroad depot (see photo). AAHP's executive director was one of the hosts and wore a white ribbon since he attended Franklin K. Lane school in the 1920s. (Attendees from each decade wore a different-colored ribbon.) When Bill graduated from Lane High School in 1941, he was the class's only graduate.



Each attendee received a struck lapel pin depicting the old school with the inscription, "The Franklin K. Lane - 80 Years of Education, 1917-1997."

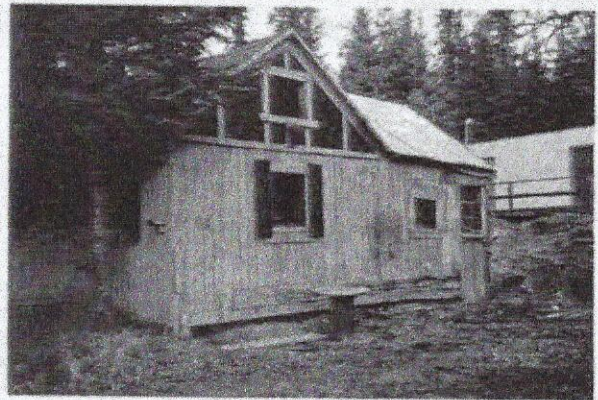
Following the traditional Fourth of July races in downtown Nenana, the reunion activities started with a pig roast followed by a street dance on Main Street. After registration at the civic center on July 5th, reunion chairman Jack Coghill and Mayor Bob Knight gave welcoming speeches. Assistant Pastor John Coghill, Jr. gave the invocation and Bill Coghill, in full colonial uniform, gave a salute to our flag using eight historic U.S. flags and our current 50-star emblem. Two groups of old cars motored down Main Street and were on display. At the railroad depot, the reunion members looked over a huge selection of old photographs contributed by reunion participants. Many attendees joined tours of the Nenana Public School. Later in the afternoon, a picnic barbecue and farewell dance were held in front of the civic center. Finally, a three-hour tour of the Clear Ballistic Missile Air Force Site was attended by some that stayed over until Sunday.

The reunion was well attended, many visiting from the Lower 48 states. Visiting part of their past, a joyous time was shared by all.

AAHP ACTIVE IN REHABILITATING ALASKA'S HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Sean Boily, our Projects and Issues chair, announced on May 14 that AAHP would give \$2,500 matching grants to two buildings on the Ten Endangered Buildings List this year: the Improved Order of Redmen Lodge in Eagle City and Alaska Nellie's Cabin in Lawing, north of Seward.

Over the summer, workers have been active in the restoration of both buildings. Elva Scott, coordinator for the Redmen Lodge project, notes that the Eagle Historical Society and Museums has spent \$19,200 on rehabilitating the flooring, walls, and roof. Regarding Alaska Nellie's cabin, workers had already spent \$2,700 on the project by late August; most work had involved foundation work and the demolition of recent (non-historic) building additions. More specific descriptions of project accomplishments will be provided when reports are submitted to our organization this fall.



AAHP provided rehabilitation grants this year to the Red Men Lodge (left) and Alaska Nellie's Cabin.

Please check your mailing label. We lack twenty members from achieving the total paid membership we had last year. For those that do not have a "97" after their name on the mailing label, please join now and send in your \$15 or even more. Membership is our major source of funding to do our preservation tasks. **Thank you!**

JOIN US AND PRESERVE ALASKA'S HISTORY!

Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. Benefits include...

- * the quarterly AAHP newsletter
- * workshops and seminars
- * annual meeting
- * historic preservation advocacy

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Check enclosed for \$_____. **WE THANK YOU!**

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FIRST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

AAHP took a bold new step this year and agreed to fund, on an annual basis, a scholarship for an Alaskan who is attending a college-level program in historic preservation or a closely related field. The deadline for the first year's scholarship was in May. The scholarship winner was Karen Bretz, who is attending a historic preservation program at Gaucher College in Baltimore, Maryland.

BOARD MEMBER TERRI CARTER WINS NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

Terri Carter, who joined AAHP's Board of Directors two years ago, is a first-grade teacher at Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School in Soldotna. This summer, she was awarded "what amounts to an educator's rookie-of-the-year award" when she was selected as a Sallie Mae First-Class Teacher, the only one to be selected in Alaska and one of only 53 nationwide. The award comes with a \$1,500 check. As part of her award, she'll fly to Washington, D.C. where she'll meet with the other 52 award winners.

An August 31 *Anchorage Daily News* article outlined her accomplishments. Way to go, Terri!

NATIONAL TRUST ANNOUNCES "ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES" LIST

In July, the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced its annual "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places" list. The list includes the following: 1) Cathedral of St. Vibiana, in Los Angeles, which is threatened by the archdiocese, 2) Flathead Indian Reservation, in Montana, threatened by a superhighway, 3) Stillwater Bridge, Minnesota, threatened by demands for a new, larger bridge, 4) Bridge of Lions, St. Augustine, Florida, also threatened by plans for a wider, modern bridge, 5) Vickburg Campaign Trail, threatened by a casino and other developments, 6) Historic Buildings in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast, threatened by Formosan termites, 7) Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., threatened by neglect and vandalism, 8) Ellis Island National Monument, in New York Harbor, threatened by neglect and water damage, 9) Cranston Street Armory, Providence, RI, threatened by neglect and vandalism, and 10) Montezuma Castle, Montezuma, NM, threatened by deferred maintenance and vandalism.

To find out more about these structures, or what you can do to save them, contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036, (202), 588-6000.

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