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The NWT Mining Heritage Society is a group dedicated to building a mining museum in Yellowknife. It was officially incorporated in July 2002.

The group owns several buildings at the old Giant Mine and plans on renovating the recreation hall first, followed by buildings at the A-shaft area.

The society has also begun development of outdoor displays at Giant, surrounding the public boat parking lot.



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Annual General Meeting



The 2008/2009 Annual General Meeting for the NWT Mining Heritage Society was held on July 29th at our outdoor display area of the Giant Mine Townsite. Approximately 25 people showed up for the BBQ and meeting.

President Walt Humphries and coordinator Stephen Clark provided updates on our work to date and financial statements. David Jessiman and Andy Hutchinson were nominated to the Board of Directors. We welcome them to the Society. A complete list of current Directors is on the next page.



Walt Humphries serves up watermelon at the AGM BBQ.

75th Homecoming a Success



Yellowknife's 75th birthday was a grand success! The Society took part in many events during the two-week celebration and heard many positive reviews from residents and visitors alike.

Our main event was the **Beer Barge BBQ** on June 20th. Dave Smith's barge docked at Wardair at 4:38, the music kicked in, the first beer was poured, and the party went until 9 o'clock. We raised nearly \$9,000 during the event on beer sales, merchandise sales, and an auction.

The Society also helped organize surface **bus tours of Giant Mine** during the Homecoming. Walt Humphries and Ryan Silke were tour

guides, Blair and Kelley Weatherby provided the bus, and Mike Borden at Giant Mine helped with logistics.

We also wish to thank Jean Piro, our **Golden Girl** contest sponsor, who raised \$3,900 for the Mining Museum!



The Beer Barge arriving in Yellowknife – Donna Lee photo

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More photos from the June 20th Event



Mildred Wilke, Ryan Silke, and BJ Miller in period costume
– Donna Lee photo



Live music included Pat Braden, Tracy Reilly, and Ted Wesley
– Ronne Heming photo



The girls start to dance
– Ryan Silke photo



The AD Williams Engineering staff kept the beer flowing all evening
– Tyler Heal photo

This newsletter is published periodically as events are planned and organized. Please contact Stephen Clark at info@nwtminingheritage.com if you'd like to contribute photos or stories.

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Museum Progress Updates

Many projects are on the go this summer and fall. Here is a synopsis.

Website Upgrades: The Society has obtained government funding, through the GNWT's Department of Education Culture and Employment to upgrade its website. A small committee has been working on the design and layout with a website consultant. The new site should be up and running by September. Until then, the Society's old website at www.nwtminingheritage.com is still active.

Log Cabin Re-Roofing: Yellowknife was hit by very stormy, wet weather during the month of July, during which time some of the tar-paper roofing of the tiny log cabin at Giant Townsite was blown off. A small work party replaced the damaged section during on July 15th. Thanks to Stephen Clark, Walt Humphries, Joe Chorostkowski, Wayne Bryant, Ryan Silke, and George Gibson for their assistance.



This WWII-era amphibious tank came to Yellowknife in 1948 as part of a mineral exploration campaign. It has been added to our collection and sits at the Giant Townsite Display.



New Flags Fly at Giant Mine

New Flags: Grant money supplied by the City of Yellowknife contributed to the erection of new 25-foot flag poles at the Giant Mine recreation hall, where a Canadian, Territorial, and City flag now proudly fly.

Foundation Work: A contractor is scheduled to repair a section of the recreation hall's foundation this month. A new concrete wall will be poured along the north-west corner of the building to replace a damaged part of the crawlspace wall and foundation beams.

Picnic Tables: Four new concrete picnic tables also now sit at the Outdoor Display area.



The Society's outdoor display becomes quite popular with tourists during the summer months. This hand-tramming ore car is popular. Those old miners had a tough job!

Board of Directors 2009-2010

- Walt Humphries ... President
- Mike Vaydik ... Vice President
- Yvonne Quick ... Secretary-Treasurer

Diane Baldwin, Mike Byrne, Ryan Silke, John Clark, Lorne Schollar, David Jessiman, Andy Hutchinson, Wayne Bryant

Stephen Clark ... Coordinator