

Black Diamond Historical Society



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STUDENTS TOUR MUSEUM



On Feb. 1st three classrooms from Sawyer Woods Elementary School took a tour of old Town Black Diamond. The three teachers, Mrs. Lodwick, Mrs. Larson, and Mrs. Roddy, brought 67 students and 19 parent chaperones. Museum docents, Don Mason, Howard Botts, and Beth Deady, guided the students through different parts of the Museum while Dee Israel took photographs of the different activities. The students were excited about all of the parts of the Museum and they especially liked climbing up in the ca-boose.

The classes also went into the Bookstore where they learned the history of that building and went to the Bakery where they were introduced to the famous oven and received baked goodies to eat.

It was a fun experience for all involved and we are hoping that we can do more of this in the future.

Beth Deady

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Don't miss the meeting Sunday April 14th at 1:30 PM! After the meeting we will be showing a 16 minute video "Black Diamond Memories" Steve Israel will be operating the model mining village after the video.

The Museum Is Located At

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(Many, but never enough.)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Don Mason

Our museum is getting to be quite well known.

Monday, March 25th, we had eighty-two people from Centralia and Lacey areas visit our museum, and in February we had sixty-seven students from Sawyer woods Elementary. These are only two of the many tours that we have.

We are sending fifty "Mining the Memories" books to the University of Missouri for a class in their history department.

On March 23rd, our tour of Franklin had a record number fifty-five people. **Bill Kombol**, the manager of Palmer Coking Coal Company, was along and added mining facts that went hand in hand with the history information.

I think much of our success is due to the volunteers that help us run the Museum. We have many projects to be done to keep this historic building in shape and no matter what skills are required we seem to have a volunteer to complete the task (not that we couldn't use more volunteers). The docents on weekends are a specialty that add a quality touch that makes our museum a place that visitors want to return to.

Thank you to all who volunteer their time to help make the Museum a valuable part of the Black Diamond community.

Don Mason

GUESTS

By: Don Botts

During the months of January, February and March we had **904** visitors to the Museum. There were visitors from 12 States: California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Wisconsin and here in Washington. There were also people visiting from Canada, England, and Germany.

Some of the comments made by the visitors were:

Everything is so clean - This is a Grandmas Attic Museum - It is a friendly little village; I wish we could stay longer - Everything is displayed so well - This is a beautiful museum - Very nice and interesting - Awesome - We learned so much! Thank you **Paul Botts** for answering our questions so well! - Wow! So much fun! - Great! I come all the time - We loved the descriptions and the local flavor! - Nicely organized - Great museum - and Great historical items.

PICTURES OF THE PAST

The above photograph is in the Society's collection as unidentified, and we need your help. Can anyone tell us who these lovely ladies are? Photographer W. F. Boyd in Seattle, WA. took this "Little Wonder Photo" at a cost of .50

cents a dozen & warranted not to fade in fifty years! Please write, call or e-mail your response to us. All information is gratefully appreciated and welcome. Thank you!!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT



For January, February and March, 2001

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 239 members. Since our last newsletter, I'm sorry to report that several have been

dropped due to death or non-payment of dues. However, we have had 7 new members join the Society. The new members are:

Robert R. Charles, John Herbert, Dave & Nancy Hester, David & Jane Jones and Daniel J. Miller.

We are happy you have all joined us and hope you are as excited as we are to share knowledge of this area's memories and people. We also want to thank those of you who have recently renewed your membership. The support of the members is what helps keep your museum alive.

On the page of this newsletter that has your mailing label, there is a square that reads: "**Red check on label indicates your membership is due**". Please look to see if your label has been checked. If it has, please send me your membership renewal form and your membership dues; or let me know why you feel it is in error. Otherwise, you may be dropped from our membership and I don't want that to happen anymore than you do.

Are you looking for a special gift for a close friend or relative? If they are interested in the history of Black Diamond and it's surrounding area, you can purchase a membership to the Black Diamond Historical Society as a gift for them.

Membership dues are as follows:

Individual = \$10.00

Family = \$15.00

Organization = \$30.00

Lifetime (Individual) = \$100.00

Dee Israel

FROM THE EDITOR



I want to thank all of you for your contributions to this publication. If it were not for your articles, poems, pictures and ideas of all kinds then I would have to make up stuff to write about.

If you have not contributed to the newsletter, and have something that may be of interest to our readers, then by all means send it along! Don't be shy!

I do my best to include everything that has been sent to me as long as I have the space available. We would like to have a variety of articles as well as our regular features for our readers. So with that said, keep those cards and letters coming!

Steve Israel

SNIPPETS 'N SMIDGENS

By JoAnne Matsumura

Did You Know:

THAT-We heard from Black Diamondite Lonnie McIntosh who now lives in Oklahoma. He is related to the Stellplue family.

THAT-Louis Murkowski was known as Radio K7PZQ (1961).

THAT-Descendants of the BALZARINI family recently visited the Museum and found the family name exhibited.

THAT-There was a Koerner's Drug Store #2 on Queen Anne Ave. Sundaes were 2 for .15 cents.

THAT-We have a new display of photographs of Bayne, WA., at the multiplex.

THAT-Steve Vernarelli delivered fruit and vegetables to your door on Wed. and Sat, in 1932.

THAT- In the not so distant past, lunch was supper.

THAT-Prior to 1945 miners paid \$1.00 per month to use the company miners Wash House.

THAT-We would like to know th company house number you use to live in for our Company Houses Index Log Book

THAT-Some visitors stopped by and gave us the pleasure of making them feel at home.

THAT-WITHOUT YOU THERE IS NO US!!

IN MEMORY

We were recently given a list of our friends and relatives that have passed away during the past 2 or 3 years. In past newsletters, we have acknowledged some of these deaths, but from this list we learned about others that had not been acknowledged. At this time we will print this list and The Black Diamond Historical Society would like to offer condolences to the families and friends of each and everyone listed:

Hayden Morgan
John C. Vieg
Carl Martin
Eugene (Gene) Emry ✕
Lena Church
Philip Raykovich
Mrs. Virgil Holman
Regina (Marckx) Whitehill
Rose Gauthier
Louie Albert Lucchesi ✕
Wanda Dell Walker
Norm Gumser
John B. Carnino
Eda Mariotti
John Louis Carnino
Dorothy Hedges
Roberta Balzatar Salinas
Tom Hawthorne

(Please send notices to the editor so we may extend sym-

Archives Wish List

Sauerkraut Stomper for exhibit
BDHS Calendars Series for a special project.
BDHS Class High School ring designs, or the donation of the ring form all years.

MONETARY DONATIONS

We wish to thank Mrs. Chris Pieren for her generous donation to our Memorial Fund, John Morris of TRM Wood Products Co. Inc. for lumber needed to repair the skids on the logging sled that is displayed in front of the museum, and to Green River Eagles Aux. and to Discovery Tours, LLC for their generous donations to the general fund.

The Black Diamond Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the Law. All donations are greatly appreciated.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In the name of Tom Hawthorne we have had Donation made by:

Mr. Robert M. Beers of Redmond, WA
Mr. Ramon Kravagna of Arcadia, CA
Ms. Jodie M. Olson of Marysville, WA
Ms. Priscilla M. Hill of Renton, WA
Ms. Mary E. Kell of Enumclaw, WA
Ms. Marlene McCauley Martin of Ellensburg, WA

1981 HANDSOME BD MEN IDENTIFIED

By JoAnne Matsumura

In the January 2002 newsletter we had included a 1981 picture of the BD Soccer Team Reunion. We heard from Anne Minaglia Duggan, granddaughter of Charles Minaglia who was able to identify three of the Unknowns. They are; Front Row, far right is Emmet Minaglia. Back Row, 2nd from left is Arne Peterson and 4th from left is Alex 'Scotty' Hutchinson. Thank you Anne Duggan. Can anyone else identify another unknown? Don't be shy, let us hear from you. Thank you!!

OUR HOME TOWN

**By Conrad (Coke) Roberts
and Gordon Roberts**

1923-1941

As we looked back on our "growing up" in Black Diamond here are our thoughts about the people and events who we felt had an effect on our lives.

People Who Made A Difference

First in our thoughts was Mr. Babb, who worked for the Pacific Coast Coal Company as the town maintenance manager. He was a real organizer who was friendly and caring with a special interest in helping kids. He had an enthusiasm that was contagious.

Obviously the school system and its teachers were along with our parents, a strong guiding force in our young lives. We remember very well Mr. Nelson who was the Superintendent. He set the tone not only for the kids but also his staff of teachers. He was always firm but fair. After leaving our school District in 1942 he went on to become Superintendent of the Mount Vernon School system.

Mr. Hogle was Vice Principal from 1938-1939 and Mr. Watson took over as Vice Principle in 1940-1941. Both men taught science and math plus being our basketball and baseball coach. Mr. Watson, who was son of the President of Seattle Pacific College, went from Black Diamond to the University of California at Berkley to become a Professor of Nuclear Science.

Mr. Ray and Mr. Norman were our first men teachers. They taught the 7th and 8th grade. Mr. Ray was also our first real coach. We soon learned when he yelled "move" at you, you moved and listened. Mr. Ray moved on to the Auburn school system and later became an Elementary School Principal and there is now a school named after him in Auburn.

Mr. Norman, first got us interested in U.S. History. We can still remember him telling us about the Oklahoma Land Rush. As a youngster he rode in his parents covered wagon as they rushed to claim land in the Oklahoma Land Rush.

Our woman teachers were all excellent, we especially remember Miss Hathaway, Miss Brodie, Miss Trotnik and Miss Gustafson. Disruptive behavior wasn't tolerated by any of them. We also remembered Mrs. Cobb who was not only a substitute teacher but also taught an evening class for adults who wanted to become Citizens of the United States. Both Dad and Mom took the class and what a wonderful day it was when in the

Federal Court house in Seattle, they passed the quiz by Judge Bolt and he swore them in as citizens.

Mr. Cobb was our History teacher and we will never forget the day he came into class wearing his soldiers uniform from the Spanish American War and told us about Teddy Roosevelt and the charge up San Juan Hill.

Before we leave our story of Teachers and Schools we would like to say how fortunate we were to have Mr. Carnino as custodian and bus driver. He was always helpful in fixing things we sometimes broke or damaged with our youthful exuberance.

A Community Blessed With Talent

Musical talent abounded in the "Diamond." We remembered Muriel Evens who was a tremendous piano player. She also led the choir in the Presbyterian Church. Ready to help at social affairs, we certainly owe her a debt of thanks for giving free dancing lessons at the High School for all the kids who just stood on the sidelines at dances.

Harold Parkinson and Fred Woods were trumpet player's who played in local dance bands. Helen Hammond played 3 or 4 instruments. Carl Unik was a beautiful violinist and gave lessons for kids.

One of the great events in town was the organization of a town band. Mr. Carrol was director with organizational help from Mr. Babb. There were also some beautiful singers who performed at programs in the Show Hall, at Lodge concerts or at School Assemblies. Glenn Merryfield, a Welsh tenor, had a beautiful voice as did his daughter Dorreen.

Athletics in the Diamond

We could fill pages noting all the outstanding soccer, baseball or football players who played on High School and Town teams. Athletics were a vital part of the Black Diamond experience.

Soccer in the 1920's and 30's was the major sport in the coal mining town like Carbonado, Newcastle, Wickenson and Black Diamond. Many of the "Diamond" soccer players were from Europe or Canada. Being a good player helped in getting a job in the mines. Or Dad (Vic) played on teams in England and Canada. In the museum are many soccer trophies carrying the names of many of the players. We remember in 1937 when Black Diamond youth team made up from players of High School age, won the Sir Thomas Lipton trophy emblematic of the State Championship. On that team were players Bill Parkinson, Phil Fowler and Ramo Paglia.

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In baseball we remember outstanding players who in High School were real "all-stars." We remember a double play combination like Jack Darby and Jack Mills. Or outstanding catchers like Louie Zumek or Ivor Merryfield. Great pitchers like the Brennan brothers Walt, Frank and Emmett. The "Diamond Town" team would draw huge crowds on a Sunday afternoon to play teams from Auburn, Renton or Roslyn.

When we discussed basketball we tended to concentrate on the old gym and the new gym built by the PWA in the late thirties. The old gym had a real low roof making long shots difficult. At one end of the old gym was a small stage and on the stage was a big old stove. To our knowledge that was the only heat in the gym. There were no showers in the old gym, players had to shower in the basement of the grade school.

The new gym had dressing rooms and showers. There was seating for about 100 people. Schools in our league in the late thirties included Tahoma, Meridian, Fall City, North Bend and Snoqualmie. All the schools had student bodies of about 100 to 150 students. One note on the new gym. Tom Zumek and Gordy Roberts built an electric scoreboard (the only one in the league.) The scoreboard is on display in the Museum.

Town and School Events

School events included plays using students as actors and directed by a member of the school teaching staff. The plays were presented in the High School auditorium and usually very well attended. Usually the plays were put on by a high school class and used as a fund raiser for class activities.

School dances were held in the Masonic Hall which was just across the street from the High School. The Junior Prom and the Senior Ball were dress-up affairs with bands hired out of Renton or Enumclaw.

A big special event for the school was the Black Diamond Day at the Puyallup Fair. I can remember Mr. Carnino driving a bus load of us to Puyallup. The day we remembered the most was when Hoot Gibson performed at the Fair. He was a big hero of many of the cowboy films we saw at the show hall.

One of the other big events we recalled was the 1932 Presidential Election. Before Election Day we could remember sitting on the fender of our car holding a flag and big sign calling for people to vote for F.D.R. We drove around Black Diamond and also paraded around Cumberland and Palmer (Dad was a staunch Democrat.)

We could remember Election Day when we went to the polling place at the Masonic Hall and Dad with Mom cast their first votes as American Citizens.

The biggest events were the Fourth of July and the Labor Day parades and celebrations. Food, pop, prizes fair games and races along with boxing matches.

And who can forget the Christmas Party at the show hall when the Community Club handed out presents to all the kids in town. Mr. Babb and Mr. Downey handout presents. There was group singing and candy was handed out.

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

By Enid A. Erickson (especially for us)

In the heart of this black coal country
Near the waters of Lake Twelve,
Live the people who once were miners,
The folks who dig and delve...

The city is small and quaintly,
Still straddles its ancient roads
Where log trucks dust and thunder.
Hauling their oversize loads..

Traditions and friendships flourish .
Transplanted from older shores
With a mixing and matching of customs'
And a welcome hand at their doors.

The names of the folks who live here
Have the sound of a folk dance chant
And it is better if you sing them to
Spell them, perhaps you can't.

There are Huniacks and Polacks and Norskis,
Czecks, Wops, Wasps, and Slavs,
Huns, Frogs, Spicks, and Okies, and also halves.

This Fourth again in wonder '
We will gaze at this flag of ours '
And know that someplace on it '
Our BLACK DIAMOND glints in it's star.

BDHS, William "Bob" Thompson collection.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

By JoAnne Matsumura

The society was the recipient of a generous monetary donation from member Marcia Lee Berg towards the Archives Preservation fund.

This funding was used to laminate a copy of a large Black Diamond Cemetery Plot map for public use and exhibit. By laminating a copy we have preserved and extended the life of the map in the Archives by restricting its handling and use.

From this same funding we were also able to copy two oversized Black Diamond Townsite maps that were becoming too delicate to handle.

We are also appreciative to the City of Black Diamond for providing the Society the copy from the original plot map. Also to **Dorothy Corlett** for making the large lettered signage. Thank you to all who made this project possible.

Donations designated for the Archives Preservation fund provides us with the opportunity for special preservation projects. The projects list just keeps growing and growing.

Since our last report the Society has received many treasured artifacts from its members and future members. These artifacts offer new discoveries of the history of our community; to research, opportunity to preserve the artifact depicting a moment in time, and to interpret and record it for future generations. We are genuinely appreciative to the following individuals for their donations.

Paul Botts-Lawson Agency Store Book, 1901, Time book, 1899 and Inventory book, 1901.

Wm. "Bob" Thompson-Traveling shoemakers tool box & tools.

Howard Botts-Newspaper Rotogravure,

October 1, 1939.

Jane Jones-Inkjet prints of Carbonado & Dr. F.G. Ulman & family.

Ior W. Davies-Cookbook "Good Eats", Alice Davies Collection.

Jackie Cedarholm-Tool Box with tools by Morgan W. Morgan & his reading books. Childs toy dish cupboard and dishes.

Beth & Tom Deady-Ceramic ink bottle and Umbrella ink well.

Esther Babb-Soccer Association card of Charter Member James Vernarelli.

Walter L. Fawver-1915 Kroll Map of King County.

Larry & Margaret Pearce-Two Historic Steam Railroad Videos.

Steve & Dee Israel-1928 Northern Electric Co. telephone, formally used by the BD Garage.

We also want to acknowledge our appreciation to the **Palmer /Coking Coal Co.**, for their donation of crushed gravel for the pathway to the Museum and Jail. To **Frank Grgurich** for his donation of old issues of the BDHS calendars for a special project, many thanks. And Kudos to **Steve Israel** for his labor and materials for making a large quantity of wooden signage display holders. Where would we be without the help from all of you! Thank you one and all.

DEAR ABBY: I am a bandleader who frequently gets requests to play a song in honor of a wedding anniversary. I always get a laugh when for the first anniversary I play "Night and Day." - For the fifth anniversary I play "Saturday Night." - For the 10th anniversary I play "Once in a While." - For the 25th anniversary I play "Now and Then." - For the 50th anniversary I play "Thanks for the Memories." - Any suggestions for anniversaries over 50? - OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS
DEAR OPEN: How about "We Did It Before and We Can Do It Again"? Or, "Never in a Million Years"?

WELSH PIONEERS

By JoAnne Matsumura

Morgan W. Morgan, Master Mechanic at Mine 14, arrived in Black Diamond about 1898 from Nortonville, CA. He brought his wife Elizabeth Davies and their three girls, Mary, Olive and Glen.

Mr. Morgan served 25 years as Master Mechanic for the Pacific Coast Coal Co. until about 1923. He then retired and moved to Auburn and built his home.

During his employment he was called from his evenings rest many times to return to work to attend to emergency situations.

Morgan and his family lived in a stately eight-room house known as company house #196, overlooking Jones Lake. It was the first house in Black Diamond known to have a plastered roof ceiling. In 1941 the house was demolished to provide for Black Diamonds newest housing project.

Mr. Morgan died December 23, 1943 and is entombed in Arcacia Mausoleum. His wife Elizabeth died in 1936 at Seattle, WA.

The Black Diamond Museum has among its' artifacts Mr. Morgan's toolbox and his tools as a carpenter craftsman. Also on exhibit are examples of his craftsmanship. These artifacts and others of Mr. Morgan have been generously donated by his granddaughter **Jacqueline "Jackie" Cedarholm**. The Society is gratefully appreciative for her generosity.



BDHS Photo #2000.12.1.33
Cedarholm Collection

Beginning in 1887, Washington's State Inspector of Coal Mines began issuing an annual report of their inspection of the coal mines and ventilation of coal mines. This series of articles for the Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter is a verbatim transcript of those portions of the annual reports dealing with the coal mines of Black Diamond and Franklin.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COAL MINE INSPECTORS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1894

by David Edmunds, Coal Mine Inspector, First District

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE MINES

FRANKLIN MINE

The north gangway was poorly ventilated during the fore part of the year. The ventilation was produced by natural means; the upcast air way being at a much higher elevation than the downcast, a very good current was obtained during the winter season, but as the weather became warm the air current became weak, and, to overcome this, they placed stoves in the upcast, a very primitive method of ventilating mines. As the law prohibits the use of furnaces, I concluded that it would apply to stoves as well, and requested that they be removed, and a fan substituted, which was done, and the result was very beneficial. The ventilation of the south side was good, it being ventilated by a separate fan. The air is well conducted through the face of the workings. Considerable fire damp is given off in that part of the mine. Drainage is very good.

GEM MINE

The ventilation and drainage is good. It is well timbered and safe. No fire damp is found in it.

NO. 7 MINE

This mine was closed down in the month of June. The drainage was good, but the ventilation was poor. I made a request that it be improved, but they decided to stop work for the time being. The machinery, ropes and boilers are reported in a safe condition. I visited these mines five times during the year.

BLACK DIAMOND MINES

No. 2 – The ventilation and drainage is good. The air is well conducted through the rooms. No standing gas or power smoke was found, and fire damp is given off.

No. 12 – The main slope has been sunk 400 feet deeper, and gangways are driven east and west. All the work is carried on in the lower level. The coal was all taken out from the upper levels, except the necessary pillars. The ventilation and drainage is good.

No. 14 – The subterranean slope has been sunk 400 feet and gangways turned. The ventilation and drainage is good. A new electrical pump was put in to drain the first level of the inside slope, and it works admirably. This is the first pump of this kind in use in the coal mines of this state. If electricity or compressed air was used instead of steam in all the mines there would be less liability of mine fires.

No fatal accidents have occurred in these mines during the year. I made five inspections of them. Certified copies of boiler reports duly received as required by law.

FRANKLIN MINE DISASTER

One of the most deplorable accidents that has ever occurred in the history of mining, by which thirty-seven persons lost their lives through suffocation by smoke from a mine fire in the above mine, occurred on August 24th. The fire originated in breast 62 of the north sixth level; how it did occur will remain a mystery. Two theories were advanced – incendiarism and spontaneous combustion. I believe in the latter. The gobs or refuse which is kept in the breasts are known to have been heated before and after the fire. Each of the old worked out levels have had fires from that source. The coroner's jury returned a verdict ascribing the cause to incendiarism without any evidence of that nature. The testimony of those that escaped proved that the men could have all gotten out safely, but it seems that they stopped for the purpose of extinguishing the fire; some of them had come from the south side with buckets so as to throw water on it. They would have been perfectly safe in doing so, had the fan remained in operation; but some one stopped it, thus compelling the men to retreat towards the bottom of the slope, and when they reached the rock tunnel leading to the fanway they encountered the smoke which came into the gangway when the fan stopped, thus their only means of escape was cut off, and they were suffocated in trying to go through it. Had this mine been worked by double entry system, or had two levels been connected at stated distances, this loss of life would not have occurred. This would have afforded another means of escape. This is a matter that should be provided for by statute.

This disaster emphasized the need of having competent men in charge of the ventilating apparatus, when so many lives are dependent upon them. Fourteen wives were left husbandless and thirty-eight children fatherless by the mistake or ignorance of the person who stopped the fan.

Two very disastrous fires have occurred in the mines of this district, one resulting in great loss of life, and the other in great loss of property; the first in the Franklin mine; the second in the Coal Creek mine, on the 18th day of December. The latter fire originated near the second level. The officials believe it to have been of incendiary origin, while many of the miners believe it to have been caused by an accumulation of fine coal near the steam pipes. The mine was totally destroyed. It was one of the best equipped and most productive mines in King County. The 160 persons that were employed in it were enabled to come out safely. The fire had burnt the stopings between the slope and east airway in a very short time, and only a small number had gotten out; this airway was provided with steps from the surface to the bottom of the slope, and was the regular traveling way. When this means of escape was destroyed, they had to travel up the west airway, and had to pull themselves up by means of a rope, as some parts of it had no steps. It was a very fortunate thing that two fanways had been made. Had there been but the east side one, nearly all of them would have perished. This is another object lesson that we should profit by. Although our law requires a second opening, this is not sufficient, as the experience at this mine proves. It is self-evident that a separate way should be made, independent of the downcast or upcast airways for escape in emergencies. An erroneous impression exists since the disaster at Franklin mine, that the fan should be kept in operation in all cases when a fire occurs in the mine. There may be instances when the fan should be stopped, while in others its velocity ought to be increased so as to save the lives of those in the mines. There are three points that ought to be considered in order to govern the action of those in charge when a fire occurs. (1) The location of the fire. (2) Whether the fan is an exhaust or a force. (3) The relative positions of the downcast and upcast airways, as to levels. We do hope that our legislators will revise and amend the present defective and incomplete law, so as to better protect the lives of those employed in and around the mines, which will also be a better protection to property. As the mines become deeper the danger increases, and for that reason greater safeguards should be thrown around them. Good laws and rules, strictly enforced, together with intelligent supervision, will greatly lessen the accidents in our mines. No coal field in the world requires this more than those of this state, and our past experience proves this assertion. If I did not call your attention to these matters, I would be conscious of being neglectful of my duties.

(Due to lack of space, this report will conclude

Application For Membership or Renewal



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Annual Membership Fees

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Signature _____ Date _____

Individual \$10.00

Family \$15.00

Organization \$30.00

Lifetime (Individual) \$100.00

Make Checks Payable To: BDHS

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Black Diamond, WA 98010-0232

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(For our bookkeeping records, on all checks please note what the check is for: Dues; Donation; Memorial; Etc.)

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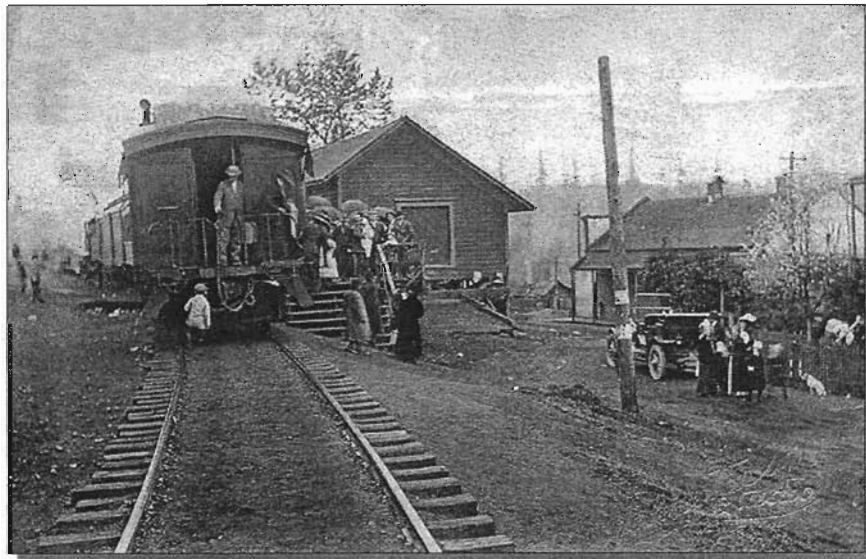
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AT THE MUSEUM



This old photo shows our Museum as it looked in the early days when it was the depot. The train is in nearly the same spot as the caboose sits now. There was a ramp at the end of the depot that led up to the large door. The door is still visible, but no longer used. The ramp is gone, and the ground level has been lowered in that location. Notice the old car?



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Address correction requested

**Red check on label indicates
your membership is due.**

**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

**1:30 PM
Sunday April 14**

We will be showing a 16 minute video after the meeting, followed by a demonstration of the model mining village.

**MONTHLY BOARD
MEETINGS**

**1:30 PM
3rd Sunday
Of each month**

**The Black Diamond
Historical Society**

is a non profit organization. Our funding comes mainly from donations, dues, and some grants.

The restoration and maintenance of the Museum and its contents are done by volunteers.

To donate your time or money would be a great way for you to help preserve our history.