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*This photo, taken in 1948, courtesy of Jack Sperry, shows his father, also Jack, driving a Zipper speedboat on Lake Sawyer.*

### *Sperry Cabin on Lake Sawyer*

# Lakeside vacation home harbors more than 65 years of memories

**H**AVE YOU EVER SAT THROUGH one of those vacation slide shows with a friend or relative? You know what I'm talking about ... the lights are down low and you're desperately trying to keep your eyes open while feigning interest at the same time. Well, this was *not* one of those times. **Keith Watson,**

**Bob Dobson,** and I were captivated when we met **Jack Sperry** at the museum to see his family's photos of Lake Sawyer.

I couldn't imagine a better way to view the evolution of the lake from logging camp to rustic resort cabins to an upscale bedroom community. And it didn't hurt that Jack's parents were pretty handy with a camera.

Jack grew up in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle. His family's next-door neighbors were

the **Leon Williams** family, owners of the Williams Potato Chip Company. The Williams had already built a cabin in 1939 at the north end of the lake next to **John Neukirchen's** property, who was one of the three brothers who owned and operated the Lake Sawyer Lumber Company.





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# Who's in your family tree?

## A MESSAGE from the EDITOR



**KEN  
JENSEN**

A few days before I interviewed **Jack Sperry** for our featured story, BDHS Secretary **Karen Meador** mentioned to me that Jack is a “Colman.”

“Like **James Colman**?” I asked, referring to the turn-of-the-20th-century business tycoon for whom Colman Dock (Pier 52), Colman Park (on Lake Washington), and the Colman Building (on 1st Avenue) in Seattle are named.

“That’s what I’ve heard,” she said.

Turns out that Jack’s middle initial, “C,” is for Colman. His Scottish-born great-great grandfather was **Peter Colman**, James’ older brother—which makes James Colman Jack’s great-great granduncle. “We came from the ‘poor’ side of the family,” laughed Jack.

But what gives this story an added twist is that Jack’s “Colman connection” played an indirect role in the history of Black Diamond and our depot museum.

When the Northern Pacific decided to place its terminus in Tacoma instead of Seattle in 1873, James Colman helped organize the Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad. Although the road never made it east, Colman did construct a branch line from Seattle to the coal mines in Newcastle in 1878.

The Seattle & Walla Walla was purchased in 1880 by the Oregon Improvement Co.—the parent of the Northern Pacific at that time—and was renamed the Columbia and Puget Sound (C&PS) Railroad. The C&PS then began building a branch line



*Peter, David, John, and James Colman, circa 1900.*

to Franklin through Black Diamond in 1882, which it completed in 1885. It was also the C&PS that built the depot that’s now home to our museum.

And along the branch line and the Cedar River arose several small communities. One of these, nestled between Renton and Maple Valley, was where Jack Sperry’s great-grandparents settled. It was here, at Cedar Mountain, in 1884, that James Colman enters the picture again, mining the area for coal and, with the help of his family, starting a town.

So what’s Cedar Mountain have to do with Black Diamond?

When the Pacific Coast Coal Co. needed to find a new location for its coal mining operations with the pending closure of Mine 11 in Black Diamond, it developed and then opened the Indian Mine in 1925—also known as *New Black Diamond*—at Cedar Mountain!



— Ken

# Whew! What a quarter!

*Miners memorial, fire truck restoration, school reunion, and Welsh Day*

**Y**our society has been busy establishing the design and location for the Coal Miners Memorial Wall and Statue. The memorial will be located on the grounds of the museum and will feature a cascading wall with a life-size bronze coal miner statue surrounded by a paver walkway.

More than 1,100 Washington state coal miners were killed underground

## A MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



**KEITH  
WATSON**

in the coal mines, and we wish to remember them by engraving their names on the granite memorial wall. The bronze coal miner statue will be in front of the wall on top of a granite

pedestal.

Around the base of the pedestal and wall will be 4- by 8-inch stone memorial pavers. This is your opportunity to remember the coal miners who were killed or injured on the job and the people who helped establish the towns that supported coal mining.

The pavers are \$100 each, and the proceeds will help support the memorial project. You can purchase as many pavers as you wish and larger displays of gratitude also will be available.



*Sculptor Paul Crites has been commissioned to design the statue. This artist's rendering also shows the memorial wall. The height of the pedestal and statue will be 12 ½ feet to the top of the pick.*



*Right: As a young lad I was able to sit on our back fence and wave to the engineer of the coal train. You can see the smoke from the locomotive to my left and the Pacific Coast Coal Co. store to my right on Railroad Avenue.*

This is a project of *love*—many people have fond memories of coal miners and the people and the hard work it took to establish communities in and around the coal mines in this state.

Some of my first memories are of the coal trains that came into Black

Diamond along Railroad Avenue. My dad, Warren, was the principal of the Black Diamond High School from 1939 to 1941, and we lived on First Avenue in a teachers' cottage with Main Street alongside our backyard.

**PRESIDENT**, *continued next page*





PHOTO: ROBERT DOBSON

*Top left: Joe Androsko and his group of helpers have taken the fire truck apart for sand blasting and are busy repairing and restoring parts and pieces of the truck.*

*Bottom left: Mayor Rebecca Olnes (with Gomer Evans) begins Welsh Heritage Day and the 30th anniversary of the museum with a blast from the Mine 11 whistle.*

*Above: Labor Day Queen Melissa Metschan cuts the anniversary cake while Welsh maidens Kaelene Guillidge, at left, and Alyssa Enders assist.*

speaker **Brian Parry** and the live music provided by **Steve Israel** and **Fran Wold** were outstanding.

I want to thank the volunteers who make the many projects at the historical society a reality. And a special thanks to you readers who have the interest in coal mining history and the communities that surrounded the mines.



— Keith

## In our community



PHOTO: KEITH WATSON

*Helping prepare food for this year's Black Diamond School Reunion were, from left to right, Jude Irish, BDHS Director Susie Thompson (with knife!), Dorothy Botts, Elsie Parkin, and Joan Malgarini. The reunion is for students who attended the high school, which closed in 1943, or the elementary school.*

# Hanson family

*The first family of Lake Sawyer, led by patriarch Carl Magnus Hanson*



*The Hanson family home on Lake Sawyer, built in 1926, remained in the family until 1998. This December 20, 1939, photo is courtesy King County Assessor Property Record Card collection, Washington State Archives, Puget Sound Branch.*

**T**he first cabin on the lake was built by **Carl Magnus Hanson**, upon homesteading 160 acres for which a deed was received 7 years later.

The property encompassed an area that now stretches from the boat launch park, west to the Lake Sawyer Road, north to S.E. 288th Street, and then east to the site of the historic Hanson family home on the most prominent peninsula in the northwest quadrant of the lake.

Carl (1839-1906) was born in Sweden where he and his wife, **Anna Sofia Gustafson** (1841-1923), operated a small sawmill and hotel

## 1887 photo shows the first cabin built on Lake Sawyer (in 1884)

According to Selma Hanson Smith's son, **Rufus**, her mother, **Anna (Gustafson) Hanson**, hated coming to America and never did learn English.

In a 1976 interview, Rufus relates the following story about his grandmother.

"As I said, she didn't care for the place here. She was scared stiff of the Indians, especially there at the cabin where they were around her all the time.

"One particular day this big buck Indian came to the cabin and knocked on the door. My grandmother threw her hands up in the air and said, 'We've had it now! It's all over with! They've come here

to kill us! The boys will come home and find us all dead!'

"She knew there was no use hiding because the Indian knew they were in there so she told the kids to open the door. The Indian couldn't talk with her so he motioned her to come outside. So she went on out and he wanted her to turn the grindstone. He had this great big knife so she was sure, she was certain that this was the end of the road.

"The Indian sharpened his knife and left, and about two hours later he came back and knocked on the door again. 'Well,' she said, 'he finally came back. He's made up his mind.' So they went to the door again and opened it and here was the Indian alright and he had a half a venison for her."



*The two girls standing in front are Anna (12) and Olga (10). Standing in the doorway are Ellen (8) and Selma (6).*



*This 1891 deed was signed by President Benjamin Harrison and granted Carl M. Hanson the 160 acres that he had settled upon in 1884 pursuant to the Homestead Act of 1862. The property generally encompasses the northwest portion of Lake Sawyer.*

near Fristad. They had seven children, all born in Sweden, and all of whom achieved prominence in America: **Axel George, Charles S., Frank G., Anna Elizabeth** (Anderson), **Olga Olivia** (McKinnon), **Ellen Thyra Maria** (Olson), and **Selma Victoria** (Smith).

In 1883, Carl and his two sons, Axel and Charles, emigrated to the U.S. The two sons stayed in Northampton, Massachusetts, for their education, while Carl crossed the continent, arriving at Lake Sawyer in 1884 where he took up his homestead. Anna and the other five children came a year later.

Carl and his sons first operated a sawmill on Lake Wilderness until 1899. They disposed of that mill and moved to Enumclaw, where the family purchased the White River Lumber Company. For decades the Hanson family mill, forest holdings, and the small town of Enumclaw grew and prospered.

In 1930 the Hanson's White River Lumber Company was consolidated by merger into **George Weyerhaeuser's** company, which continued to operate the mill and forests upon which the two families' fortunes were built.

Rather than establish a company town, which was often the model in the early years of lumbering, the Hanson family never opened a store, but encouraged individual merchants to help make Enumclaw an independent and prosperous community.

Note: These photos, except where noted, are courtesy of the Carl M. and Anna (Gustafson) Hanson family. A copy is held at the Enumclaw Historical Society. ❖

– Bill Kombol

*Bill Kombol manages Palmer Coking Coal Company and writes a weekly photo column, "When Coal Was King," for the Voice of the Valley.*

## Axel G. Hanson

*Axel Hanson (1864-1943) was one of the pioneer lumbermen of King County, whose progressive spirit placed him among the industrial leaders of Western Washington.*

*Born in Sweden, he was educated at the University of Gottenburg before coming to America. He spent two years in Northampton, Massachusetts, where he learned English and telegraphy.*



*With that skill Axel secured a position as railway agent for the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company, a position he held for 8 years.*

*During this time he helped build the family mill at Lake Wilderness and later led the family when they purchased the White River Lumber Company in Enumclaw.*

*He served as vice president and general manager of the mill and timberlands even after the company's merger with Weyerhaeuser.*

*In 1922 he built one of the grandest homes in Enumclaw, one that still stands at 1600 Griffin Avenue near the center of town.*

*A year later Axel married Miss Edna Stewart, but they had no children.*



*Under construction: The siding for the cabin was sawn at a mill at Henry's Switch, near where the Millwork Outlet is located today on SR 169. The siding is a "raked" cedar and almost impossible to replace, says Jack.*



*This photo shows the finished cabin in the summer of 1947. One neighbor "witched" the well while another, Joe Ponchart, dug the well and hit water at 20 feet. The well is still used for cleaning and irrigation today.*

## SPERRY CABIN

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"The two families were almost like one," remembered Jack. "We did everything together," which included frequent trips to the Williams' cabin.

Following Jack's father's service in World War II, the Sperrys decided that they too would like to buy a lot on the lake. Jack recalls his parents agonizing over whether to purchase the lot with a view of Mount Rainier for \$600 or one without a view for \$300.

Economics being what they were, they chose the latter option and started building their cabin in late 1946.

With the cabin completed in 1947, the Sperry and Williams families began a run of Lake Sawyer "firsts."

They were the first on the lake with a speedboat. In fact the boat's engine (on page 1) was a post-war monster, weighing almost 400 pounds.

They were also the first to waterski



on the lake. One of Jack's father's friends took some fir planks down to the Williams' potato chip factory and put them in a steam box to bend them. He then nailed tennis shoes to the planks and voilà, waterskis!

The lake made for a great summer playground. Jack remembers using what he called a "surfboard"—little more than a ¾-inch piece of plywood—to circumnavigate the lake.

"We used to go up Rock Creek, down Covington Creek. We could go just about anywhere," he said.

Diving for hidden treasures, exploring the old logging railroad grade ... summer days were truly endless.

Today, Jack's family spends from June until September at the cabin as its single-wall construction isn't practical for year-round living.





*Jack's mother never liked to cut anything down and by 1965, the water iris had taken over. When the 1,250-square-foot cabin and property were passed down to Jack, he started "cleaning the place up."*



*Here's the cabin today. The inside is basically the same as it was when it was built. The outside has been tidied up some, says Jack, but other than a new dock, the property is relatively unchanged.*

*Left: Jack and his mother, Ellen, on a frozen Lake Sawyer, January 1950, one of the coldest winters on record in the Puget Sound. People actually drove their cars on the lake. Top right: Linda Williams and Jack in 1947.*



*Right: Jack and his father waterskiing in 1955.*

*Bottom right: "The fishing used to be fantastic," remembers Jack, here in 1950. He tells a story about getting his line tangled up and in frustration, slamming his bass plug, or lure, on the water only to hook a bass. He then did it a second time to prove it wasn't a fluke!*



When the slide show was over and the lights turned back on, we knew we had just seen an amazing collection of photos perfectly preserving Lake Sawyer as it was in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

It also got me to thinking ... who else has family photos of Black Diamond or the surrounding communities that they'd be willing to share with us here at the *Black*

*Diamond Bulletin?* Let me know. You pick the time and place and I'll bring the popcorn!



— Ken Jensen

# Local man perishes in pursuit of coal near Lake Sawyer

## *Father of 10 dies in cave-in*

Those were the horrifying words in the title of a small article on page 1 of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* that ushered in the new year of 1939.

**Victor Malgarini**, a miner who lived and worked in Black Diamond, knew the area well. From a conversation with his friend, **Mr. Gattavara**, who owned a store in Morganville, he decided to search for

coal at Lake Sawyer.

### A PIONEER *family* ALBUM



**FRANK  
HAMMOCK**

In 1938, Victor—along with son, **Victor Jr.**, and two companions, **Walter Bartoluzzi** and **Jack**

**Jones**—started a new slope in a wooded

area about 1,000 yards west of Lake Sawyer. The goal was to tap into the huge McKay coal deposits that lay underneath.

On January 2, 1939, this small group was working at the new slope, which was around 12 to 15 feet deep and dug into mostly sand and dirt. Because the new slope was still fairly shallow, it had not yet been shored up. It had also been raining that day and the ground was saturated.

Victor was working at the bottom of the slope, kneeling down, while



his three companions worked topside doing other tasks. Suddenly the

of dampened sand and dirt. He had no time to react.

Walter jumped in immediately to render aid, but found himself buried instantly up to his chest. Victor Jr. pulled Walter out and together, combined with the efforts of Jack, they frantically worked for 2 hours until they were able to free Victor's lifeless

body from the icy, wet grave.

The town's doctor, **H.L. Botts**, pronounced Victor dead from suffocation. The family, which resided in a small house in Morganville near the Gattavara store, was devastated.

**Born September 2, 1890, Victor hailed from the small village of Arsiero in northern Italy. The village had little to offer him and the prospering United States presented the promise of a good life in a growing industrial age.**



surrounding earth gave way. Victor was immediately engulfed by the mass



Left: Victor, second to left, became a state-certified fire boss in 1932, having previously worked in the machine shop and workings at Mine 11, as well as being a miner at the nearby Indian and Cedar Mountain mines. Above: Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, Inspection Card, shows 14 days were marked off with a note, “To be punched by ship’s surgeon at daily inspection.” Right: The ship’s manifest for the SS St.

Laurent shows a Vittorio Malgarini’s purpose for travel under the heading, “Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.” The handwritten response reads, “Black Diamond mine Seattle Wash.”

On March 16, 1907, 17-year-old Vittorio Malgarin sailed on the steamship SS *St. Laurent*, which departed from the port of Le Havre, a city on the English Channel in northern France. Bound for New York City’s Ellis Island, the journey across the Atlantic Ocean would take 14 days. Waiting for him in Black Diamond was an uncle, **Santo Meneghini**.

Standing all of 5 feet 5 inches, Victor was a stocky man with dark brown eyes and hair, and a dark complexion. He was a hard worker with a congenial personality. He eventually met and married **Esther Bartoluzzi**, the sister of Walter Bartoluzzi—one of the three companions who was with him on that fateful day in 1939. Together they started a family that would

ultimately number 11 children (the last was born after his passing).

On September 28, 1917, Vittorio Malgarin was sworn in as Vitorio Malgarini, a naturalized citizen of the United States, which he later changed to Victor Malgarini, the name he had intended to carry into old age. The story goes that the Italians residing in Morganville wouldn’t allow him and his family to live there among them unless he added an “i” to the end of his surname, making it more “Italian.”

In the aftermath of that ill-fated accident in 1939, the family struggled for years to survive with little income. Two brothers joined the war effort in 1942, leaving current BDHS Treasurer **Don Malgarini**, who was 8 years old at the time, to help support the family.

They kept a garden during the spring and summer months as well as a cow and pigs. Don had a paper route that had him up at 4:30 a.m. to deliver the daily and Sunday editions of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* on foot until he could earn the money to buy a bicycle. When he reached his teen years, he worked around the local mines wherever work was available.

The Malgarini children would all send some of their paychecks to the family whenever they could. And Esther washed clothes for miners, which helped to supplement their income.

Victor is buried in the Black Diamond Cemetery along with Esther, who passed away in 1963. ☒

— Frank

*Local historian Frank Hammock makes his home in Maple Valley.*

# Coke Roberts will be missed

*Long-time director never saw a worthwhile project that couldn't be done*

**C**onrad “Coke” Roberts passed away June 13 at the age of 88 after being ill for several years.

My father, **Warren Watson**, was Coke’s principal, teacher, and coach at Black Diamond High School during 1939-41, where he graduated at the top of his class. Coke would sometimes refer to the life lessons that my Dad taught him in school.

I was privileged to work with Coke at the Black Diamond Museum. He was a straight shooter—you always knew where he stood on any subject.

He was also a family man who loved his wife **Marge**, parents, brother, kids, grand kids, and great-grandkids. He was very proud of all of them.

Coke was drafted into the Navy during World War II and led a large group men who repaired damaged naval vessels in the waters of the South Pacific.



After the war, he attended the University of Washington, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He was an educator for 59 years and in his retirement years was a member of the



*Coke Roberts, Keith Watson, and Howard Botts on the day the locomotive arrived at the museum. Gomer Evans, who managed the locomotive’s restoration, is next to the semaphore. (Photo: Judy Watson)*

historical society’s board of directors and the chairman of the high school reunion committee.

As many of you know, Coke would dress up as coal miner for children

**“[Coke] had that ability to tell a tale—sometimes a tall one—and educate and entertain at the same time. He loved history and that love rubbed off on people.”**

and tell stories about working in the mines and growing up in a coal mining town like Black Diamond. He

would usually wear a fake mustache that would often come loose, but he would just laugh and continue on.

He had that ability to tell a tale—sometimes a tall one—and educate and entertain at the same time. He loved history and that love rubbed off on people.

Coke was also a fine leader who inspired others with his ideas—like acquiring the 25-ton locomotive for display at the museum. Many said it could not be done. That’s all Coke needed to make him even more determined to get the locomotive and have it restored.

I enjoyed Coke’s outlook on life and I will miss him. Thanks for the memories, Coke!

— Keith Watson

# In memoriam

*Gone but not forgotten*

**J**erold (Jerry) Leroy “Fuzzy” Thompson, a Ravensdale resident and society member since 2004, passed away May 1, 2012, at the age of 80. He was born May 5, 1931, in Seattle.

Jerry served his country in the U. S. Navy and retired from the Seattle Fire Department. He volunteered with the Maple Valley VFW at Tahoma National Cemetery.



Jerry is survived by his wife Gloria, children Dan, Sherry Daniel, and Lori; step-children George Litras and Kristina Michaelson; and brother Jack Thompson.

Jerry was inurned at Tahoma National Cemetery.

**E**nrico (Henry) DeLauro, a society member since 2002, passed away March 23, 2012, in Seattle at the age of 94.

Henry was born March 12, 1918, in Black Diamond to John and Anna Ciacello DeLauro, from Abruzzi, Italy. The family lived for a time in company house #334, across from the Pagani family—commonly known as “Lower Dago Town.”

Because of the statewide 1921 miners’ strike, the family moved to the Maple Valley-Hobart area. Henry was a 1936 graduate of Tahoma High School.

The society is appreciative of Henry’s contributions and donation of artifacts.

We will miss Henry’s happy spirit and his annual visit to the museum with his family for his birthday.

**M**aryLou Carl Toth, a regular museum visitor, passed away October 18, 2011. She was born to William and Helene Carl on November 10, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio.



After graduating from the University of Toledo, she secured a position with IBM where she met Richard Toth. They were married October 19, 1957, and soon began their family. In 1974 a career change brought them to Tacoma.

MaryLou and Richard enjoyed volunteering at the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts in Tacoma with other volunteers and lovers of the theater.

She is survived by her children, Claire, Liz, Catherine, and Casey. Her husband passed away in 2009.

MaryLou’s remembrance service was held at the Tacoma Mansion November 12, 2011.

# Thanks for the memories

**Alice Lillian Fletcher**  
October 5, 1921 – April 20, 2012  
*Daughter of John and Mary Tost*

**Gerald “Jerry” Gauthier, Sr.**  
April 12, 1931 – June 3, 2012  
*Husband of Donna Gauthier*

**Janice Carolyn Graham**  
December 20, 1932 – June 1, 2012  
*Mother of Jill Sena*

**Norene Fredericksen Lundberg**  
February 9, 1925 – April 5, 2012  
*Mother of Kristine, Nancy, Sandy, and Don*

**Gary Theodore Sambila**  
December 1, 1932 – May 15, 2012  
*Born in Cumberland, Washington*

**June Semprimoznik**  
June 5, 1926 – April 1, 2012  
*Enumclaw class of 1943*

**Dana Kombol Zaputil**  
March 12, 1918 – May 9, 2012  
*Sister of Nola Fontana and Nadine Silvestri*

## On the grounds



PHOTO: KEITH WATSON

*Over the winter BDHS member Steve Israel rebuilt the front porches of both the museum (shown here) and the jail. Thanks, Steve. Thanks also to Kathryn Daniels for planting the flowers and shrubs around the jail, bell tower, and museum porch, and to Tom Daniels and Gomer Evans for painting the outbuildings.*

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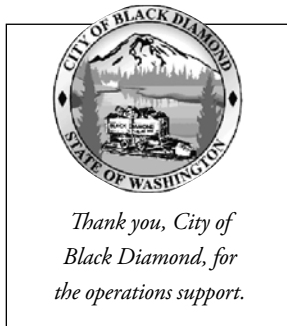
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**1,025**

**Number of guests visiting  
the museum in the second  
quarter of 2012.**

## Be our guest

During the months of March, April, and May, the museum had 1,025 guests. Visitors hailed from 11 states—Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, and, of course, Washington—as well as Amsterdam, the Netherlands; British Columbia, Canada; the Republic of Slovenia; and Ukraine.

Here are a few of the nice comments that were in our guest book this quarter:



Great museum  
Fascinating to see  
local history on  
display  
You have interesting  
displays  
A step back in time &  
place

Very cool coin  
collection  
Amazingly interesting  
We love it here  
Love the history of  
this area  
Love the tools

Thank you, Clayton,  
for showing us the  
coal car  
Always some new  
project done here  
Great experience  
Great to relive  
memories

Cool place  
Wonderful  
A lot of great artifacts  
Awesome history  
The place is amazing  
This is my favorite  
museum

# Welcome new and renewing members

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 335 members. We're pleased to welcome our newest members this quarter:

- Donna Marie Bortko*
- Debby Campbell*
- Dave Evans*
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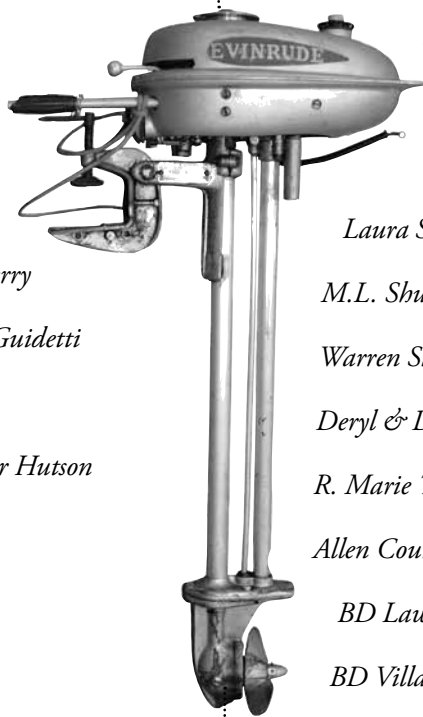


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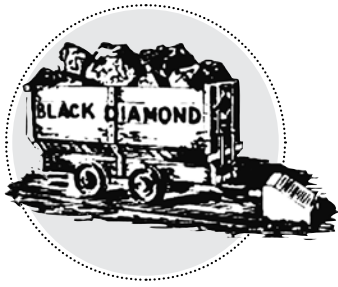
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## Black Diamond Labor Day Celebration is just around the corner

*Saturday, Sunday,  
and Monday,  
September 1, 2 & 3*

The museum will be open  
all weekend, too, including  
Monday.

Check the web site for details.

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*The 1948 "Costumed Kiddies Parade," a part of Labor Day Celebrations past, has just rounded the corner of Lawson Street and Third Avenue (SR 169). Note the Shell service station in the background—Eve Thomas and Arvid Larson opened it in 1942 and its head mechanic was none other than BDHS co-founder Carl Steiert. Today the building is the home of Black Diamond Automotive.*