

Fort St. John in

'92

Join the enthusiasm at Mile 49 for the

ALASKA HIGHWAY 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



ALASKA HIGHWAY
Rendezvous '92

Canada  *125*

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR THE F.S.J. INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW



GATES OPEN AT 9:00 A.M. JULY 19 - F.S.J. AIRPORT

THE HISTORY OF FORT ST. JOHN

Fort St. John traces its roots back to the end of the 18th century, when in 1793 Alexander MacKenzie noted several spots that would make suitable fort sites. Simon Fraser was rumoured to have been involved in building the first "Fort St. John" in 1806. Over the years, the community has been located at a number of sites, moving from one side of the Peace River to the other. History records the present site as the fifth site.

An appreciable settling of the area occurred during the late 20's and 30's as impoverished Prairie farmers were driven westward to the fertile agricultural lands of the Peace River area.

In 1942, the Alcan Military Road was completed in a mere nine months. Fort St. John's population swelled to 2,000.

With the completion of the Alcan through to Fairbanks, Alaska, more than 1500 miles of road was completed in 1944. In 1944, the American troops left and the population dipped to some 700, only to rise less than a decade later to more than 2,000 again with the discovery of oil.

The Highway opened up the North for all kinds of industry and after the momentous discovery of oil at Leduc in 1947, the city became a base for oil exploration in Northern British Columbia.

A population of 10,000 was reached and incorporation as a city took place on July 1, 1975.

Fort St. John lays claim to the "Oldest Settlement in British Columbia", "Land of the New Totems", and "Energy Capital of British Columbia".

1992 SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ JUNE ◆

- 3 Up With People
- 4 B.C. Heart Fund Celebrity Golf Tourney
- 5 - 7 Historical Legacy Tour at Derrick
- 10 - 13 Annual Oilmen's Golf Tournament
- 11 - 12 * Army Motors Convoy - Overnight
- 12 - 13 Peace River Bison Assoc. Convention
- 15 - 30 Doin's at the Derrick
- 18 - 20 Fort St. John Children's Festival
- 19 - 20 Grad Fest '92
- 19 - 21 Gospel Music Celebration
- 20 Museum Community Picnic and Yard Sale
- 21 Father's Day Fishing Derby
- 27 Annual North Peace Horse Show
- 26 - 27 Opening - North Peace Cultural Centre

◆ JULY ◆

- 1 Canada Day Celebrations
- 1 Historical Society Canada Day Pie Sale
- 1 Soap Box Derby
- 1 - 31 Doin's at the Derrick
- 3 - 5 Bantam Boys 'C' Provincials Baseball
- 4 - 5 * Alaska Highway Trailblazers
- 4 - 5 Fort St. John Rodeo
- 11 - 12 Country Music Festival
- 11 - 12 F.S.J. Remote Control Club War Bird Fun Fly
- 17 - 19 Pomeroy Reunion
- 19 * Fort St. John International Airshow
- 19 Horseshoe Tourney
- 25 - 26 Mens & Ladies Slowpitch Open Tourney
- 31 - Aug. 2 North Peace Goldpanning Championship
- 31 - Aug. 3 Fort St. John RCMP Reunion
- 31 - Aug. 3 Firefighters 50th Anniversary Homecoming
- 31 - Aug. 3 Trapper's Rendezvous

◆ AUGUST ◆

- 1 - 3 Mixed Open Softball Tourney
- 1 - 15 Doin's at the Derrick
- 6 - 8 Class of '62 Reunion
- 6 - 8 Range Management Section Tour
- 8 - 9 North Peace Fall Fair
- 8 - 9 Antique Car Show
- 10 Alaska Highway Square Dancers
- 11 - 12 Science Squad Tour
- 15 Chamber of Commerce Community BBQ
- 16 Demolition Derby
- 22 Motocross Assoc. Race

◆ SEPTEMBER ◆

- 3 - 5 Shrine Club Ceremonial
- 18 Ducks' Unlimited Dinner Auction
- 19 Big Brothers Kite Festival
- 19 - 22 * Rallye Alaska Highway '92
- 20 Motorcycle Club Toy Run
- 26 Community Christmas Hamper Kick-off

◆ OCTOBER ◆

- 2 - 4 Northline Credit Union Conference
- 4 - 11 Fire Prevention Week
- 15 - 17 Assoc. of Oil Wives 36th Annual Convention

* INTERNATIONAL EVENTS *

JUNE 11-12
Alcan
Convoy

JULY 4-5
Alaska Highway
Trailblazers

JULY 19
F.S.J. International
Airshow

SEPT. 19-22
Rallye
Alaska Highway '92

TRAVEL PLANNER

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HAPPENING IN FORT ST. JOHN

DOIN'S AT THE DERRICK

June 15 - 30, July 1 - 31, August 1 - 15

Daily Local Entertainment

TRAVEL INFOCENTRE

Totally unique tent set-up. Conveniently located in the Museum Complex under the Derrick.

RENDEZVOUS '92 REUNION CENTRE

Workers and Oldtimers sign up and meet once again. Located in the Travel InfoCentre.

LEGION REUNION CENTRE

Open daily. Located at 10103 - 105 Ave.

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays through the Summer and Fall. Located at the Co-op Mall.

Fort St. John '92 Committee is planning the exciting celebrations of 1992 in Fort St. John. The committee is dedicated to co-ordinating local '92 events and promoting Fort St. John as a welcoming tourist stop along the Alaska Highway.

FORT ST. JOHN '92 COMMITTEE

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