



**Pat Johnson was well known in  
the Elk Point area.**



Pat was born on April 7, 1926 at Isert's house. His early days were in a time before trains, good roads or any services.



An adventurous Pat

<b>The Year's Top Story</b>			
Byrd flies over the North Pole.			
<b>News of the Month</b>			
Advisory Board on tariff and taxation appointed by Order-in-Council. France agrees to repay war debt to the United States. Political and economic conditions in Philippines to be investigated by U.S.			
<b>People Who Share Your Birthday</b>		<b>PRIME MINISTER</b> Mackenzie King <b>U. S. PRESIDENT</b> Calvin Coolidge	
1928	James Garner	<b>And the Winner Is...</b>	
	Actor		
1923	Aba Bayefsky	Best Movie	Ben Hur
	Artist, teacher	Best Actor	Ramon Navarro
1925	William Ewen	Best Actress	Evelyn Brent
	Painter	Queen's Plate	Haplite
1908	Percy Faith	Canadian Open	Macdonald Smith
	Conductor, composer	Grey Cup	Ott. Senators 10, U. of Toronto 7
1939	Francis Ford Coppola	Stanley Cup	Montreal Maroons over Victoria
	Dir., producer, writer	Boxing (Heavyweight)	Gene Tunney
1860	Will Keith Kellogg	<b>Tunes of the Times</b>	
	W.K. Kellogg Co.	Do Do Do ... Are You Lonesome Tonight ... Baby	
<b>People Your Age</b>		Face ... Birth of the Blues ... Bye Bye	
.....	Dorothy Collins.....	Blackbird ... 'Deed I Do ... Someone to	
.....	Queen Elizabeth II.....	Watch Over Me ... Gimme a Little Kiss, Will	
.....	Leslie Nielsen.....	Ya, Huh? ... Muskrat Ramble ... One Alone	
.....	Colleen Dewhurst.....	<b>Life in Canada - Then &amp; Now</b>	
<b>Famous Firsts</b>		1926	1988
John Baird demonstrated TV in		Population	
London ... Auto developments:		9,451,000	26,530,000
headlight dimmers, shockproof glass			





**Sue and Pat**



**Pat takes the wheel**



**A little guy on a big horse**



**Pat begins school walking 1 mile**





**Family is complete with little Tommy.**



**4 Johnson kids grow up**









Fun trips taking Pat back to school - we took turns skiing behind the sleigh







Calgary Technical School 1945



Lindbergh School





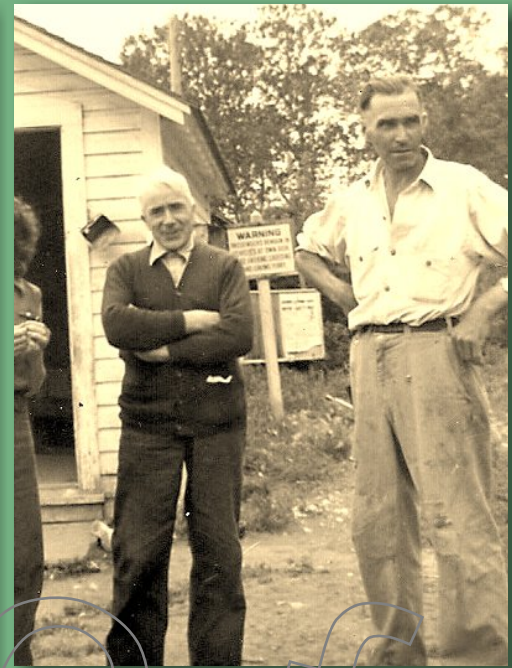
**Air Cadets during high school**







**Marion visits the boys on the farm**



**Pat and Fred took over the farm. Here Dad visits them and the neighbours about 1954.**

**Right: Pat visits his dad on Vancouver Island 1970s.**







**Last Trip For Pat**

**Pat Johnson:  
Farmer, Mechanic,  
Bus Driver  
1951 - 1990**







## **Canoeing and Kayaking Early 1980s**



**Crew sets up camp at Drum Rapids on the Churchill River,  
Northern Saskatchewan, 1981**

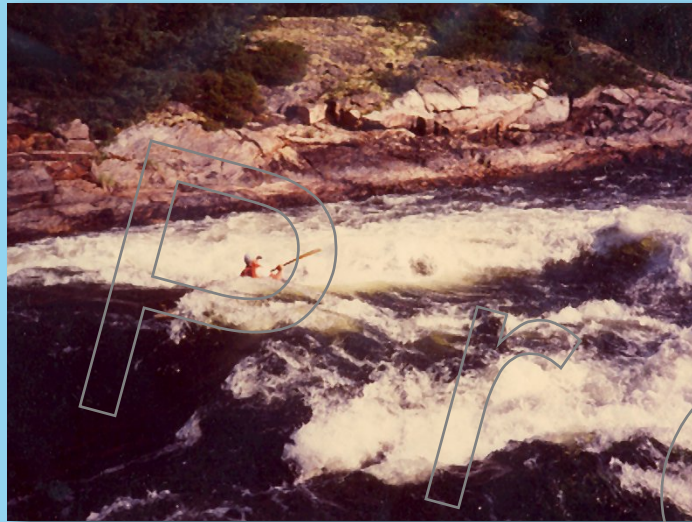






Pat loved kayaking in rapids





"You just had to have presence of mind"



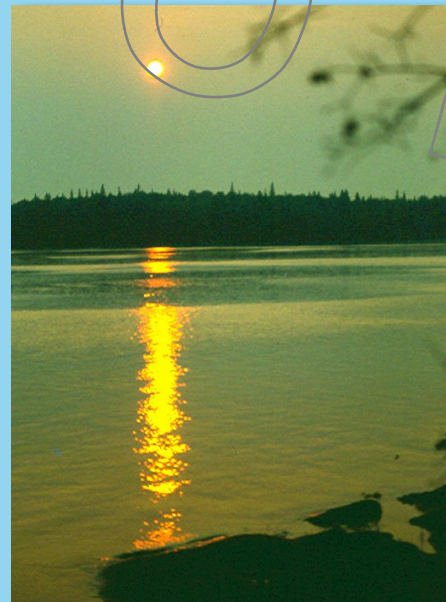




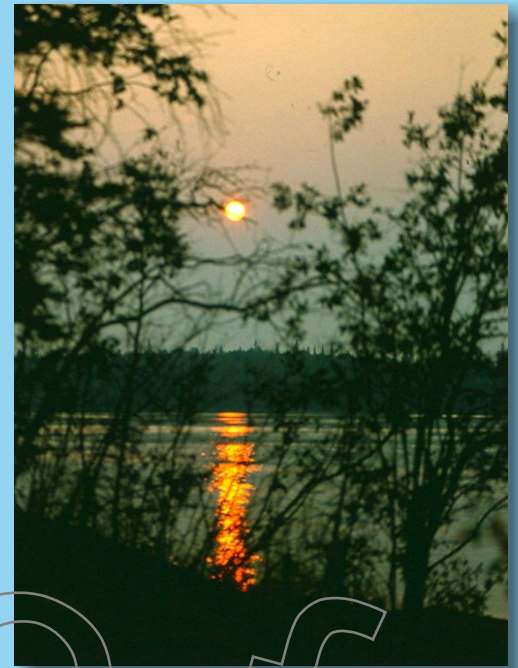
**Pat cooking breakfast**



**The end of a long day**







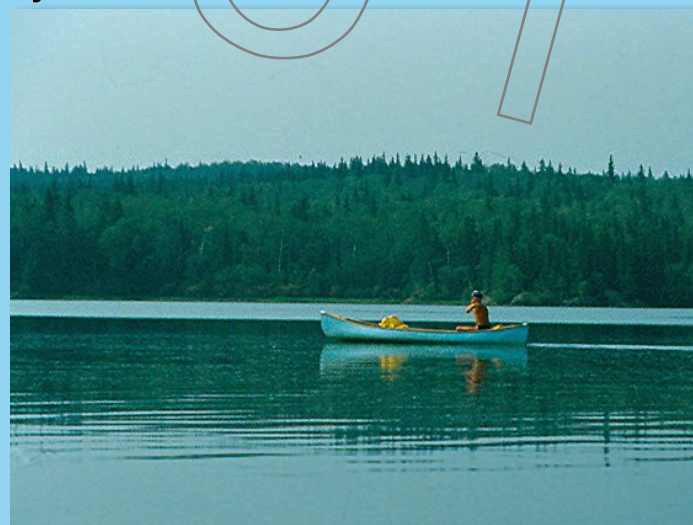
**Dishwashing too!**







**2 poles and a tent fly made for sailing,  
Pat's favorite way to canoe**



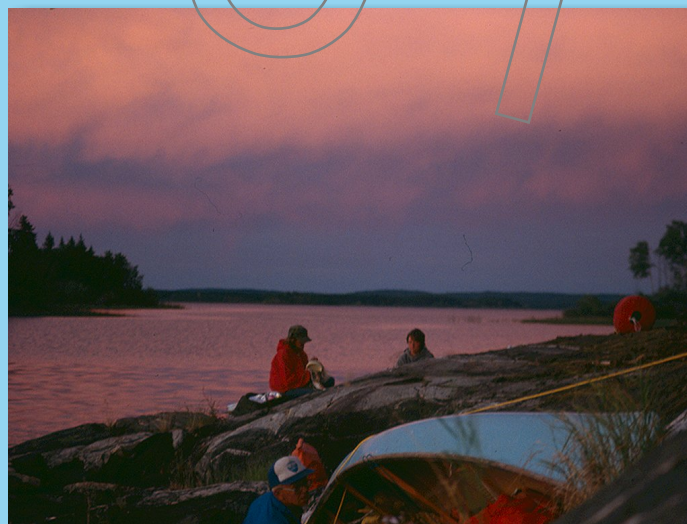




**Crazy marbles was always driving Pat around the bend**



**Many portages!**



**Making camp secure at night**





**Pat was always ready for rainy weather**



**Getting a fire going in a rainstorm**





Canoeing was always endless daily adventures





## Pat's Life with Heather and Marvin Bjornstad



We skied a lot before and after we built our house



Pat was at our wedding in 1975







**We went on many short weekend trips - 1984**



**Pat helped us build our house in 1985.**



**When our kids came he was a part of the family**

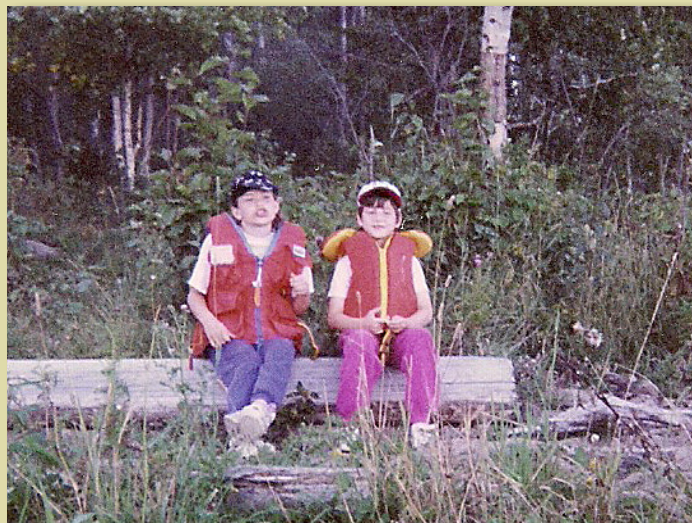


**View of our place from Pat's house after 1990.**





Pat was always around as our girls grew up.











Pat teaching climbing skills to Kara





## Pat's Yard and Lifestyle



**Pat had a very simple lifestyle with everything he wanted close at hand. His little shack held a 13' holiday trailer.**

**He spent little time there, preferring to be out and about with friends. He was often found at the St Paul A & W or the swimming pool or in a restaurant in Elk Point.**

**He moved here in 1990 and moved to the lodge around New Years Day in 2010.**







**Pat's most well know vehicle which made many miles on canoe trips**



**85 Eurosport**

## **Pat's Vehicles**

**Pat, a long time mechanic, always kept his vehicles going, but often had to fix them on the road. They would often be left for days in some isolated location until he came back by bus or bicycle to get them.**

**He was known by his vehicle, which was how everyone tracked him down. They would check the restaurant parking lots and if the vehicle was there so was Pat.**



**His Ford half-ton**





**Pat owned 2 green Windstars**



**His most memorable car went up in smoke one morning**

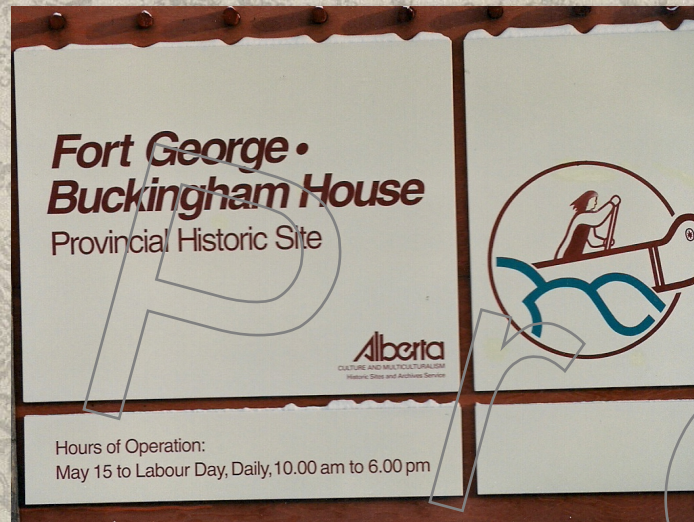


**Fred's car that Pat used into his 80s**



**Pat's last vehicle**





## Pat and Fort George Buckingham House

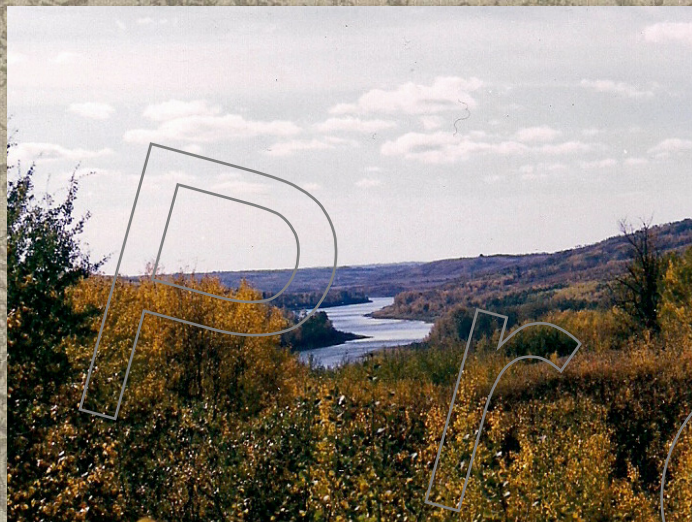


View of Interpretive Center from the river



Down river from the site -  
Pat kept these sitelines clear





**Up river from the site**



**Toilets installed after many years of effort on site**



**Annual Jamboree where Pat often volunteered**



**Pat developed a sign for the canoe landing**





**Later sign**



**Staff training - Pat was often one of many trainers**

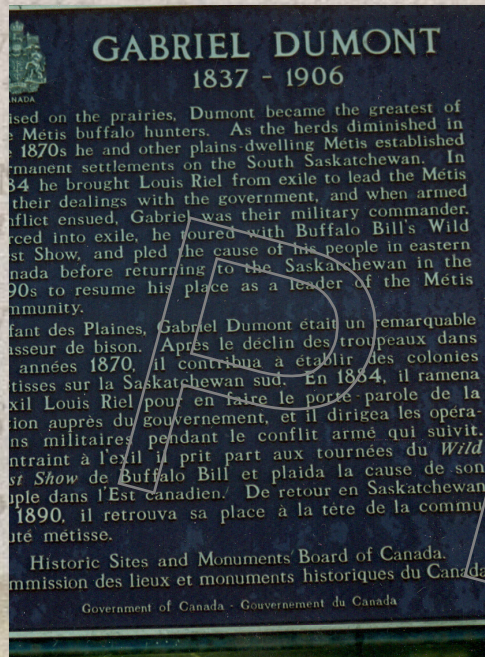


**Map of where visitors came from - one of Pat's ideas for improvement**

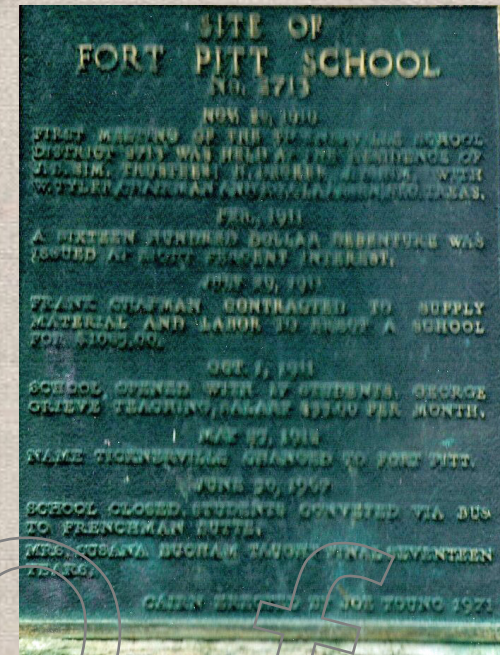


**Visitors heading down river**





Re-enactment of Beaver River  
Fur Trade - Lac La Biche 1984



York Boat at Fort Edmonton

## Pat's Interest in History





**Grey Owl's Cabin - Prince Albert National Park**



**Interpretive signage at Grey Owls cabin**



**Beaver house inside the cabin**



**Homesteader's cabin with many additions,  
Pat loved to explore old home sites**



## Pat as Scout Master









# Winter Camping

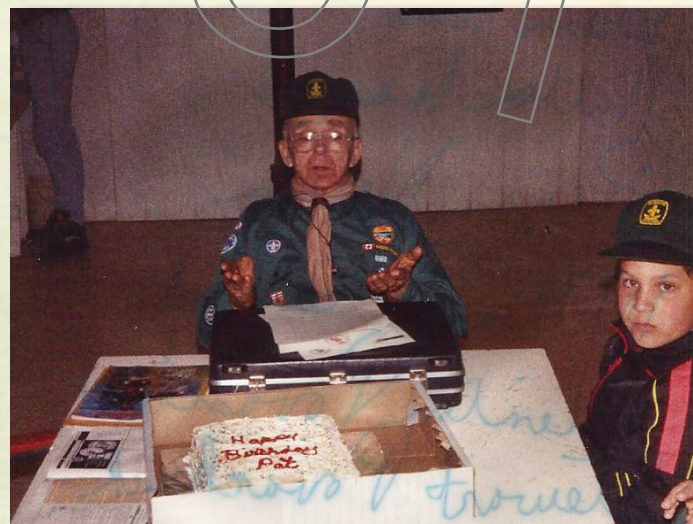


Two snow shelters -  
lean-to and quinzee





**With Scouter Ed at Alberta Jamboree**



**How many scoutmasters celebrate their 65th birthday with the scouts?**



# Pat canoes with many groups over the years

Elk Point Elementary Outdoor Ed Camp  
at Whitney Lake







**Families on Lakes**



**Families on the Saskatchewan**



**Families on the Red Deer**





Katimivik 1984







Pat often guided seniors to historic sites







**Teaching at Goodfish Lake**



**Teaching Canoe over Canoe Rescue**



**All girls fall canoe trip**







## German Tourists

This group kept in touch with Pat with letters he had to get translated







**Having some fishing fun**



**Metis Brigade traveling with Pat**







Big Parties and small







**Riverboat 2000**

**Pat was interested in large events as a volunteer, participant or bystander**



**Boy Scout Games**



**Elk Point Bicentennial Dog Sled Race 1991**





**Malliag 2005 Re-enactment of 1905 settlers coming into the country**



**Pat journeyed most of the way with them from Edmonton to Elk Point in his canoe**





**Metis Brigade**



**Many events with horse groups were favorites of Pat's.**





**Annual Haying in the 30s - Pat built a model ferry for display**



**David Thompson Re-enactment 2007**





**St Paul Swimming Pool**

**Pat many diverse  
interests and  
mystifying projects**



**All his life he was interested in flight  
especially ultra lites**





Pat was always interested in discussing ferrys.

Who has not heard the story of the day the jet broke his leg?



Pat built a model ferry





**With Rob Holliday surveying the drop in the river**



**Taking many canoes to the home dug into the bank near Myrnam bridge**



**Helping Marvin pull the handpump from the well**





**Studying Mistletoe and Witch's broom**



**Photographing the power of the river breaking up**







Pat said he was in Love this morning!

Pat's love of photos of the strange and interesting



Interesting river rocks



A car and bus jumping over the moon?







**Fossils of all kinds**



**Can they grow corn in this country?**



**Natural Hoodoos**



**New technology in the south**





**New ways to move canoes in the park**



**Did you know Sam McGee lived in Ferguson Flats?**



**What are our neighbours doing this week?**



**Elk Point had bomb shelters in the 1950s?**





**Eagle Cliff, Pat's source of fossils**



**Tent atop Kehewin Hill**



**Massive moving objects on the highway  
were a favorite photo op.**





## Pat's Later Canoe Trips - often alone



Pat's camping gear had "everthing handy."





**Pat was very patient with bad weather, often being windbound for days at a time when alone**





**Sometimes a traveller cannot be fussy about the campsite, or the weather.**



**Pat often checked the sky and made weather predictions.**



**A bumpy campsite**



## Later Family Events



Visiting his dad 1972



Allan and Marion's 40th Anniversary



Pat at his place of birth



Pat visiting Duncan in 1990s





Pat arrive unexpectedly to bring the old piano down from the farm so Marion's daughter, Laurel, could learn to play. It is now 110 years old.



With Fred in Hospital



Stories of the past shared with nephew Don at this site





He shared history and was very much a part of the fabric of the beautiful area that surrounds Lindbergh, Elk Point and Ft. George / Buckingham House.

Dave, Don, Mark, Laurel and Wade all married and produced 12 great nephews and nieces for Uncle Pat







## **Pat at Heritage Lodge**

**In 2009 Pat moved into the lodge temporarily to remedy some vehicle and heating problems.**

**To his surprise he loved living there. He kept his spartan ways and felt very well treated.**

**He knew many of the residents. He still moved about in the community, albeit less often.**







**Saying our last goodbyes**



**A final voyage on the Saskatchewan**







**Boy Scout leaders in attendance**



**Friends from Heritage Lodge attended**



**Long time Lindbergh and Elk Point neighbours were there**

