

# Filming journey continues with tour of lake

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The death nearly 80 years ago of a German doctor close by today's Hay River Golf Course is in part responsible for a special summer trip on our big lakes and rivers being made by **Chris Breier** of Datteln, Germany and **Dan Pahman** of Michigan (see *Getting Personal*, May 11 issue of *The Hub*).

Aboard their 22-foot C-dorey, the *Orca*, the two men have been travelling ancient passages of the north western part of the continent, hitting many of the old fur trade routes at the same time.

Both men are long-time paddlers: Breier has been down the Yukon at least half a dozen times, Pahman has done it too, and has years of experience on Lake Superior and environs; the trip they're on this summer is a little different though, as there's not much paddling involved this time.

"One of the sponsors of this trip of which parts are being filmed for German television - a two-part adventure film and a single travelogue - heard the story of Dr. Kurt Faber who died near here in 1929 or 1930: this person is a distant relative of Dr. Faber. It was thought it would be nice if they were to film where he came and also, they had heard his grave was washed away, so they wanted to confirm this or see if we could find it," Chris Breier explains. "They thought there would be nothing left - however, we, Dan and I, found the grave in St. Peter's cemetery. So we



have done this part of what we intended for the trip. Next, we go around Great Slave Lake."

Dan Pahman relates that the trip from just outside Fort McMurray down the Athabasca River to Lake Athabasca and eventually into Fort Chipewyan took a bit longer than they had first anticipated, but they were able to do some circumnavigating of the lake. They went through the Peace/Athabasca Delta and onto the Slave River as far as Fort Fitzgerald.

"The original plan," says Dan, "was to portage to Fort Smith and then come down the Slave to the lake, but we decided to just keep the vessel on her trailer which we pull with my truck and come straight in to Hay River where all our supplies are. We did this and made one trip by air to visit Yellowknife."

"We plan now to go along the lake to Lutselk'e," says Chris Breier, "from there to Reliance for the Dene gathering there where the crew from Germany will fly in

and do filming again. Then we'll go along the East Arm to Yellowknife, then follow the north shore a while and cross again to Hay River to pick up supplies again - and finally on down the Mackenzie."

"One of the things that is very different using a vessel like the *Orca*," Dan notes, "is that you're not able to slip up along the shore quietly as you can paddling: you don't see as much wildlife."

"We will just keep going on down to the Mackenzie Delta and then on to Tuktoyaktuk across the Beaufort Sea," Chris says. "We expect to be back finally in Hay River in the first week of October."

"This vessel is real luxury compared to a kayak and we know we may have some poor weather to deal with. We have two points at which we can come out - come off the water - if we have problems. But we expect to be back here in October - and we'll be looking to sell the vessel then most probably."

# Tamerlane changes mine's power plan and the way it will discharge water

The company hoping to mine lead and zinc near Polar Lake has made some substantial changes to its pilot project plans.

Tamerlane Ventures Inc. says it will pump water back into the ground via injection wells, rather than using an infiltration basin in a nearby gravel pit. They've also decided to tap into Northland Utilities power lines, which will result in much less diesel being used for power generation.

The decisions followed two days of technical hearings in Hay River July 17-18 before the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

"In an effort to continue improving the project, Tamerlane has recognized some key aspects that will further enhance the project both operationally and environmentally," company vice-president and senior project manager David Swisher told *The Hub*.

"Utilizing unused power from the

Talston dam allows us to minimize the required diesel generation power thus further reducing on-site emissions."

"Utilizing the injection well allows us to return all water back into the aquifer without any environmental impacts and also minimizes the already small project footprint," he said.

It will be an underground mine, with a dense media separator on site to separate the ore from the rest of the rock.

The pilot project proposes to install a freeze perimeter around the mine site, using pipes in the ground to create a curtain of frozen ground and water to keep groundwater from seeping into the mine.

Tamerlane hopes to start drilling for that freeze perimeter before the end of the year, and have the ring frozen by next summer, and start taking our ore at the beginning of 2009. Permits for the project have yet to be granted.

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