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***SaveTheTartans* kicked off on St. Andrew's Day; Expanded exhibits open December 16th**

Scottish Tartans Museum Unveils Expansion Amidst Fundraiser to Purchase Building

Diane E. Curtis

FRANKLIN, NC—Since its inception in 1988, the story of the Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center has been one of steady growth and expansion. What began in a small corner of the Highland Inn in Highlands, NC now occupies several stories of an historic building in Downtown Franklin, and—once again—the Museum is poised for growth.

On Saturday, December 16th, the Museum will cut the ribbon and open the doors to the public its latest project—expanded exhibits, updated accessibility, and state of the art archival display cases to preserve fragile artifacts for generations to come.

All of this is happening during a time of increased interest in Scottish heritage as several Highland Games and heritage festivals throughout the Southeast have experienced record-breaking attendance in recent years.

The necessity of the Museum and the services it provides are more important and in-demand than ever, and both the expansion project and the Building Fund Capital Campaign are reflections of that. On Thursday, November 30th—St. Andrew's Day—



Above: Jamie Tyson, a member of the museum's living history group, Breacan Clann; Daniel Williamson, volunteer curator and member of Breacan Clann and Jim Atkins, president of the Board of Directors and operator of the museum and gift shop.

the Museum launched *SaveTheTartans* to raise much-needed funds quickly, as an opportunity to purchase the building it has rented for the past eighteen years has come before the Board of Directors.

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Christmas Greetings

*And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup,
And surely I'll be mine;
Ane we'll take a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne*

Beth, Tom and Alastair



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A letter from your editor...

Amongst the most important words we ever say in our lives...

Sometimes small things in our lives are like sandspurs in our heads...they stick tight and are never lost.

I can remember, so many years ago when my Aunt Mildred and I went to the golden wedding anniversary of Uncle Oscar and Aunt Edna Mae - to be held at their very nice home on Cherry Lake, near Madison, Florida.

It was to be a very large celebration with over five hundred guests invited.

Aunt Mildred was so important in my life for my entire life. She died two years ago at 107 - still beautiful and still sharp as a tack. I am the only failure in her life. She never could convince me to burn all of my denim clothing and to always wear ruffles.

I must tell you a tiny bit more about my Aunt Mildred (the sister of my mother). At that time, she lived in Live Oak, Florida in a Victorian home that had been built for her husband's parents a hundred and something years before this event. It was completely furnished with lovely antiques and in the epitome of good taste

I once asked her what she would call her decorating style and she grinned at me and said, "Old money!"

She was a Lifetime Flower Show Judge and so very active in the Garden Clubs of Florida and beyond. She lectured on artistic flower arranging at the university level in New Jersey, Florida and all over the United States. She wrote an informative and interesting book on artistic flower arrangement and lived the life of somewhat of a celebrity

in Live Oak.

She always had help in her home and never did any real "housework." She was a "Southern Lady" in every sense, always elegant, always kind, always poised, always well dressed - never going outside without her hat, white gloves and her inherited string of real pearls.

So, here we are at the site of the upcoming celebration. As we walked to the entrance of the home, Aunt Mildred looked at me...and I looked at her and we said, "Oh, my."

We went inside ourselves as both Uncle Oscar and Aunt Edna Mae were "busy in town", we were told.

Once again, our eyes got very big. There were sacks of cattle feed leaning against the china cabinet in the dining room...with sacks of chicken feed and assorted bits of mule harness here and there.

Dust was thickly abundant and their home was cluttered with the debris of living - dirty socks on the floor along with other farm-chore-dirty really scary laundry and the kitchen - "OH MY," we both said at once. There was not a square foot of counter top visible in the big kitchen under the dishes and pots and pans and things we were sort of afraid of.

It was ONE day before the anniversary party. "Let's get to work," said Auntie M.

We did. We asked some of the farm hands to



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The Skye Boat Song: Facts, Legends & Trivia

St. Andrew Society of
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The Isle of Skye is the largest of just over 70 islands that make up the group called the Inner Hebrides. For centuries there have been rowing crews that shuttled both residents and visitors from island to island often singing in Gaelic as they rowed.

Not long after the American Civil War, Miss Annie MacLeod, a talented musician, was reputed to be a passenger on one of these and made some notes after hearing “*Cuchag nan Craobh*” (*The Cuckoo of the Grove*) which she later included in her writings.

The *Skye Boat Song* emanates from one of these old lullabies. Although several sets of lyrics have been written, from about the late nineteenth century to the present all of them focus upon the last Jacobite rebellion, Bonnie Prince Charlie and his escape from Scotland after the battle at Culloden.

Before the smoke of gunpowder had cleared the air above Culloden on April 16, 1746, Charles Edward Stuart galloped away.

There was a large bounty on his head for leading the Jacobite rebellion and he desperately needed help in hiding and subsequently fleeing the highlands.

After clandestinely working his way to the west coast Bonnie Prince Charlie is said to have been introduced to Flora MacDonald. With Bonnie Prince Charlie disguised as a woman the two of them travelled together in late June of 1746. As the story goes, Flora took a leadership role in aiding his escape from the British government via row-boat to Skye.

Subsequent to her trip to Skye, Miss Annie MacLeod was joined by Sir Harold Boulton in the Inverness area and the two began collaboration to produce a book.

Sir Harold penned the familiar lyrics that became part of their book, *Songs of the North*. Its first printing was published in London in the mid 1880s. The following is believed to be his first verse;

*Speed bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing,
Onward! The sailors cry
Carry the bairn that is born to be king,
Over the sea to Skye.*

Sources state the last verse reads as follows;
*Burned are the homes, exile and death
Scatter the loyal men
Yet e'er the sword cool in the sheath
Charlie will come again.*

The famous Scottish writer, Robert Louis Stevenson, wrote an alternative set of lyrics not long before in death in 1894. His poem was titled “*Sing me a Song of a Lad that is Gone*”. Three of the stanzas are hereby presented;

*Sing me a song of a lad that is gone,
Say, could that lad be I?
Merry of soul he sailed on a day
Over the sea to Skye.
Mull was astern, Rum on the port,
Eigg on the starboard bow;
Glory of youth glowed in his soul
Where is that glory now?
Billow and breeze, islands and seas,*

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Skye Boat Song, *continued from page 5*

*Mountains of rain and sun
All that was good, all that was fair,
All that was me is gone.*

Note that Stevenson's second stanza provides the reader with a geography lesson that not only identifies Hebridean islands but also reveals the direction of the boat ride. Robert Louis Stevenson remains consistent with the popular 'theme' of other sets of late nineteenth century lyrics which was the flight of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Rapidly moving forward through time, as Diana Gabaldon does in her historical novels, we land in the twenty-first century. The *Skye Boat Song* lyrics have been slightly modified by Bear McCreary for the British-American television series *Outlander* which is now in its third season.

The opening song relies primarily upon the Stevenson lyrics but makes an important change as to gender. By doing so *Outlander* focuses upon one of its main characters, Claire (Randall) Fraser. With a little imagination one could picture Claire actually singing the chorus which reads as follows;

*Sing me a song of a lass that is gone
Say, could that lass be I?
Merry of soul she sailed on a day
Over the sea to Skye.*

By changing "lad" to "lass" McCreary blends the music with the travels of Claire. The *Outlander* theme song uses another Stevenson verse verbatim.

Bear McCreary may never be as well-known as Robert Louis Stevenson but remembering his name may be worth a cash prize should you ever find yourself a contestant on my favorite and long running television quiz show, *Jeopardy*. Some of our SAST members will also recall that Charlie Zahm included this song when he last performed at our Tartan Day Dinner.

If you wish to hear this beautiful song please tune in to *Outlander* on the STARZ channel on Sunday evening. Otherwise, a variety of versions are available via YouTube on your home computer.

With thanks to the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee: <www.saintandrewtallahassee.org>



Annual Winter Solstice Celebration

The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library invite you to their Annual Winter Solstice Celebration on Thursday, December 21, 2017, 4PM – 11PM with the gates opening at 3:30PM”

You're invited to come and be part of our annual Winter Solstice Celebration.

Solstice marks the longest night of the year when the sun is at its lowest elevation in the sky. The return of the sun from its most southern position on the horizon has always been of great ceremonial significance, in addition to serving as a celestial clock. Here in Phoenix the annual winter solstice begins at 5:15 with poetry, music and crafts.

Food and both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase.

The event will be at the Irish Cultural Center & McClelland Library, 1106 North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Registration ends December 20, 2017. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and children 12 and under are free.

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The Fairy Tree is safe!

Savvy visitors to Mannin are well advised to pause and greet the fairies when crossing the Fairy Bridge on the road to Douglas, and, in an echo of the old Celtic custom of leaving “cloodies” at sacred springs, many visitors also leave notes and offerings stuck in the Fairy Tree overlooking the bridge.

Consternation flashed around the island a few months ago, over a report that the Fairy Tree had fallen, something that would surely bode no good for anybody. It was only a big limb that had fallen from the old tree, leaving plenty of space for your offerings.

Scottish Tartans Museum, *continued from page 1*

“It is hard to justify the expenditure of expanding and upgrading the Museum galleries and gift shop with an uncertainty hanging over us as to where we will be in five, ten, or twenty years from now,” said Board President Jim Akins. “This has been home for eighteen years and we want and need to make it permanent.”

Being able to purchase the building, to be in control of future renovations, improvements, and expansions would move the Museum into its next phase of growth. Current educational programming, preservation efforts, and member services would expand within a permanent, stable home – the only

one of its kind outside of Scotland, and located in a state that boasts more people of Scottish heritage than currently reside in Scotland.

Contributions made in the past are included in the fund for the museum to purchase the building.

The Museum belongs to, and is at the service of, everyone of Scottish ancestry and those interested in the history of the Highland way of life. If we all come together to #SaveTheTartans, we can ensure a permanent home for our history and heritage for decades to come. Please make your tax-deductible donation at tinyurl.com/SaveTartans and help spread the word!



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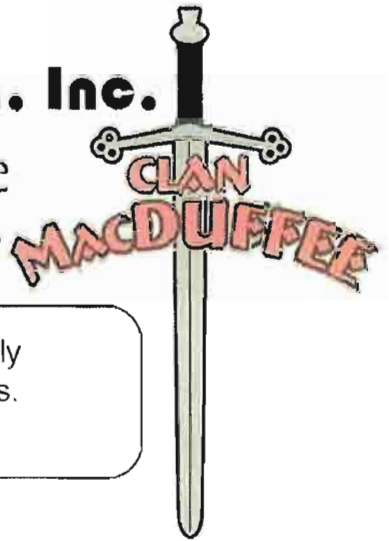
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FLOWER OF THE FOREST ASTRONAUT DICK GORDON



Richard "Dick" Gordon, an Apollo-era NASA astronaut who became the fourth American to walk in space and one of 24 humans to fly to the moon, died on Monday (Nov. 6) at the age of 88.

Gordon's death was confirmed by NASA and the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. A cause of death was not stated.

"We lost a good friend and former director," Tammy Sudler, president and CEO of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, wrote in an email to supporters on Tuesday afternoon. "Dick always did everything in

style and his way. He was loved by many and will be missed by all."

Gordon was chosen with NASA's third group of astronauts in 1963. He flew two times to space: first as pilot of Gemini 11 in 1966 and then as Apollo 12 command module pilot in 1969.

In total, Gordon logged 13 days, 3 hours and 53 minutes in space, including 2 hours, 41 minutes on two extravehicular activities (EVAs, or spacewalks) and 88 hours, 58 minutes in orbit around the moon.

"NASA and the nation have lost one of our early space pioneers," said acting NASA Administrator Robert Lightfoot in a statement. "Dick will be fondly remembered as one of our nation's bold-est flyers, a man who added to our own nation's capabilities by challenging his own."

Gordon's first launch into space came on Sept. 12, 1966, on board NASA's ninth and second to last Gemini crewed mission. Lifting off on a Titan II rocket from Complex 19 at Cape Canaveral, Gordon flew with Gemini 11 commander Charles "Pete" Conrad, his former roommate from his days as a naval aviator on the aircraft carrier *USS Ranger*.

"Pete and I could communicate without talking. We trusted each other. We thought alike," said Gordon in a NASA oral history. "We reacted to the same stimuli the same."



He received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Washington in 1951.

Gordon received his wings as a naval aviator in 1953. He attended all-weather flight school and jet training and was assigned to a fighter squadron in Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1957, Gordon attended the Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Maryland, and served as a flight test pilot until 1960, working on the F8U Crusader, F11F Tigercat, FJ Fury and A4D Skyhawk and he was the first project test pilot for the F4H Phantom II.

Gordon served with Fighter Squadron 121 at the Miramar, California, Naval Air Station as a flight instructor in the F4H and participated in the intro-

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Clan Rattray



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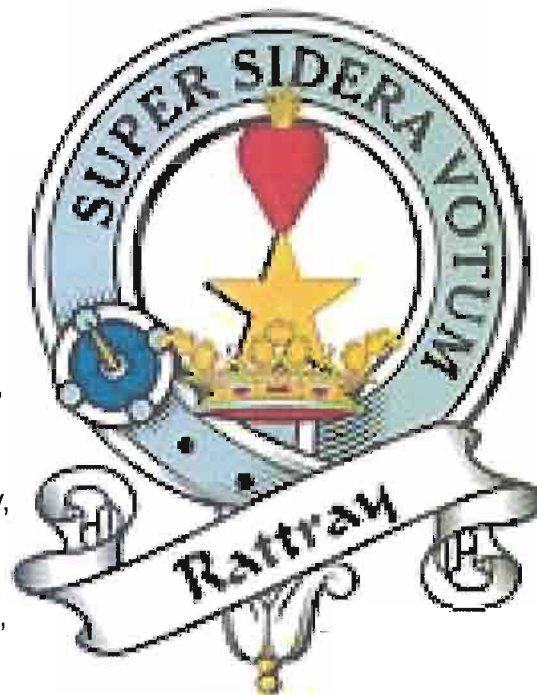
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Septs: Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.





The frilled shark (*Chlamydoselachus anguineus*) is a rare, deep-water shark that sports rows of three-pointed holding teeth. Credit: Kelvin Aitken/VWPics/AP

Forget about the minuscule odds of spotting Ahab's white whale: Sightings of the frilled shark, a so-called "living fossil" that has elusively swum around Earth's deep waters since the age of the dinosaurs, may have been an even rarer find.

Deep-sea fishermen recently spotted the snake-like shark in a pile of fish that were unintentionally caught, known as bycatch, while they were fishing off the coast of Portugal. The shark died, but the fishermen handed it over to a research vessel, where scientists could study it, according to *Boy Genius Report* (BGR), a news site.

The examination gave scientists a close-up look at the shark's roughly 300 three-pointed teeth, which it uses to grab and kill prey, including fish, squid and other sharks.

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duction of that aircraft to the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. He was also flight safety officer, assistant operations officer, and ground training officer for Fighter Squadron 96 at Miramar.

Winning the Bendix Trophy Race from Los Angeles to New York in 1961, Gordon set a speed record of 869.74 miles per hour (1,399 kp/h) and a transcontinental speed record of 2 hours and 47 minutes.

In total, Gordon logged more than 4,500 hours flying time, 3,500 hours in jet aircraft.

After his selection by NASA but prior to his first spaceflight, Gordon served as backup to David Scott on the Gemini 8 mission in 1966. He similarly served as Scott's backup for Apollo 9 between his own Gemini 11 and Apollo 12 flights, and then again for Scott on Apollo 15 in 1971.

Based on the normal crew rotation schedule, Gordon was expected to command Apollo 18, getting a chance to walk on the moon, but the mission was canceled due to budget cutbacks in September 1970.

Gordon subsequently became the executive vice president for the New Orleans Saints professional football team and later held executive positions at several companies in the oil and gas, engi-

neering and technology industries.

Gordon also volunteered his time as chairman and director of several charitable groups, including the Louisiana Heart Fund, the March of Dimes (Mother's March), the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Boy Scouts of America and Boys' Club of Greater New Orleans, as well as a member of the board for the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.

He was inducted into the International Space Hall of Fame at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in 1982 and in the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in Florida in 1993.

Gordon served as a technical advisor for the 1985 made-for-TV miniseries "Space," based on the novel by James Michener, and appeared as a capcom in Mission Control in two of the episodes. He was later portrayed by actor Tom Verica in the 1998 HBO miniseries, "From the Earth to the Moon."

Gordon is survived by his six children: Carleen, Richard, Lawrence, Thomas, James and Diane from his first wife, Barbara, who died in 2012; his two stepchildren: Traci and Christopher, from his wife, Linda, who died in September 2017; and five grandchildren: Madison, Sean, Ryan, Lea and David.

The Clan Macneil Association of America

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you have come.

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please remove the feed and harness bits from the house and take them to the barn.

We swept and mopped and washed, dried and put away dishes ...we did laundry and dusted and dusted and then polished the furniture. We polished glass and polished Aunt Edna Mae's silver service and all her silver pretties.

We arranged furniture so that a party could take place. We changed linens on all the beds.

We vacuumed drapes and washed windows. We took out trash from every room and worked for hours and hours until our tongues were literally hanging out.

At that point, we went outside and tackled making the entrance to their house ready for company. There were spider webs and weeds and bits of farm trash everywhere...torn parts of feed sacks and pairs of "feed-up" boots on the porch.

We swept the steps and porch and then scrubbed them. We pulled weeds and trimmed bushes and, on hands and knees, got all of the trash cleaned up.

We raked leaves which were falling like snow.

About that time, Aunt Edna Mae pulled up from town in her gorgeous pink Cadillac.

She drove into the garage and went through the house on the way to come out and greet Aunt Mildred and me.

"Well," she said. "There's brass polish under the sink. Go get it and clean the door knob."

This brings me, finally, to those important words.

She never, ever said "Thank you."

Neither did Uncle Oscar when he arrived

home. He wanted to know what we had done with his cattle feed.

Everyone involved is gone now...so, I can write about this experience. Aunt Mildred and I laughed about this for the rest of her life.

If we worked hard to help someone...we'd, at some point, look at each other and say, "Where's the brass cleaner?"

It costs nothing to say "thank you."

I've sent gifts which were more expensive than I could really afford - and never received a thank you - nor any acknowledgement.

Have you?

I've worked on things that I've been asked to do that were extra and took time and effort to do...and have not been thanked.

Gee whiz, it would take pages to list all the things I have done - and do - with no thanks.

Why do I continue to do things I know I will not be thanked for? I don't know...just seems like the right thing to do somehow.

My Aunt Mildred, along with my grandmother, made sure it was engrained in my soul...say "Thank you."

In this season of gifting, please remember to say thank you when folks have been kind.

In this season of visiting friends and families, there are other very important words to say, too.

I've learned that there are as many kinds and varieties of love as there are people. You can love someone without having - for want of better words - designs on them.

If you truly love someone as a friend, don't wait to tell them...let them know by saying, "I love you."

You never know if you will ever have another opportunity to tell your friend or your family member that you care deeply about them.

You'll someday be happy you did.

Beth

Merry Christmas



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Wallace's connect via amateur radio

Jim "Bowie" Wallace

Many Clan Wallace Society (CWS) members keep in touch about current events by using CWS's Facebook group. We text messages and post pictures of games & festivals we go to, interesting things about William Wallace and Scottish history, etc.

Some of us are Amateur Radio operators (Hams).

I know of four CWS members that have their FCC Amateur Radio license: W4KTJ – Larry Slight of FL; KI7NTD; Darrell Wallace of WA; WI4F – William "Wally" Wallace of GA; and me, N3ADF – Jim "Bowie" Wallace of MD.

Wally and I have chatted many times between his home in Georgia and mine in Maryland, via radio using Morse Code.

I wonder how many other CWS members are Hams operators?

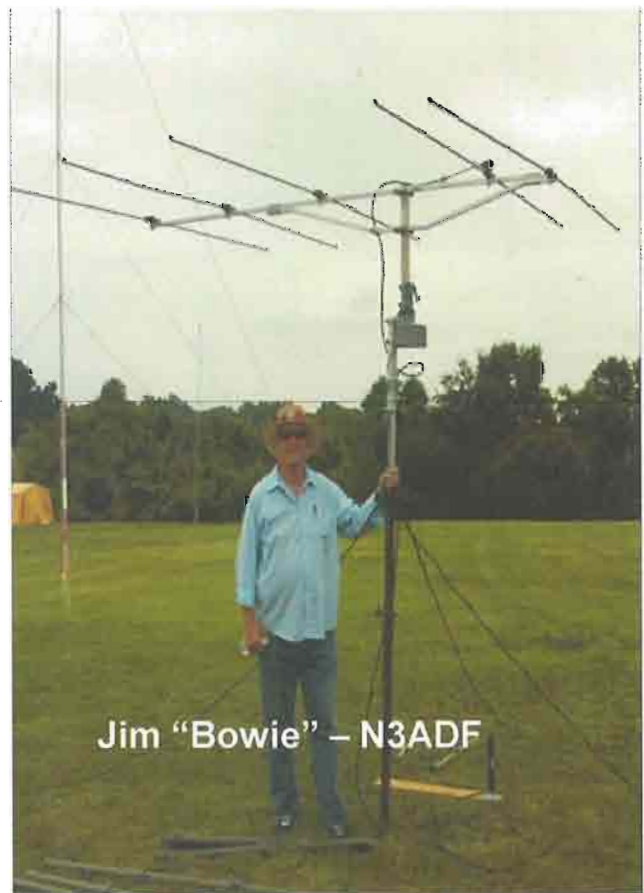
Did you know that "Hams" were texting each other over 100 years ago? It wasn't with smart phones but by radio using International Morse Code or "CW."

Yeah, it's sort of like CB radio, but licensed Hams can use

many more frequencies and modes (voice, digital and Morse Code or CW.) We're allowed to use up to 1500 watts of power.

We communicate with people all over the world, even if they don't speak English and we don't speak their language. But we both know International Morse Code, which is mostly abbreviations for words.

You've heard of the CB'ers using 10-4 for yes and 10-20 for their location, etc. Well, hams use



"Q" codes in a similar way. So, we can at least exchange call sign, name and location. And then we will exchange QSL cards (a post card with all contact info) for proof that we made contact via radio.

I have cards from almost 200 foreign countries.

I've met many Wallace's on the "air" but rarely ask if they are a member of the Clan Wallace Society. But some that I do, don't even know about the Society. I "pounded" brass (used Morse Code) with a Wallace in Nova Scotia for almost one hour. I told him about the CWS and he was very interested but he said he was in his 70s and didn't even own a computer. So, we talked about his ancestry going back to Scotland and I told him about mine, all using Morse Code.

If you are a CWS member and a Ham, please email me at n3adf@arrl.net and we can schedule a QSO on the air.

I haven't got into digital, yet, but I'm good for all bands and both SSB & CW modes. "Hope to CU" on the airwaves!

73 & Yours, Aye!



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The Clan Wallace Society lost another good friend when **Ben Ray Howard** passed away on June 18, 2017 at the age of 76.

Ben was born in Talladega, AL. Ben attended Auburn University and received two AA degrees in Aircraft Maintenance and Instructor of Technology.

He graduated from Park College in Parkville, MO with a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Human Resources. He then graduated from Golden Gate University with a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Human Resources.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961, serving on Air Force bases in Kansas to New York, New Hampshire, California and Arizona.

Overseas duty included the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Korea, Thailand and Williams Air Force Base in 1971.

When he drove through the main gate he felt he was "home" because of the special vibe at "Willie."

He began as a reciprocating engine mechanic, cross-trained into jet engines, became a Quality Control Inspector, and the last 4-years as a Field Training Master Instructor.

He retired from active duty at Williams Air Force Base in 1981 as a Master Sergeant. He greatly enjoyed his 11 years there.

Ben returned to Williams AFB in 1982 as a Civil Service employee. Ten years later Williams AFB closed and Ben transferred to Luke AFB, AZ

where he retired in 2007 as Chief of Resources for the 56th Civil Engineering Squadron.

He worked for the Department of the Air Force for over 44 years.

Ben loved all things Scottish and aviation and military history. He was a lifetime member of Clan Wallace International through his great-grandmother, Bertha Wallace Howard, and of the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), where for 3-years he served as Commander of the SAMS Color Guard.

He was affectionately known as "Bubba". He supported Clan Wallace Society by helping conveners at many southwest Scottish Games, and attending many CWS Gatherings.

Ben was a devoted family man and enjoyed being with his children and grandchildren whenever possible, phoning them frequently.

He is survived by the love of his life, Mary Kathryn Murray; daughters Lisa Dianne Herren and Lori Lynn Miller; son, Scott G. Howard; daughter, Elizabeth Sheldon; stepson, David Ryan Murray; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was truly blessed. Ben will be dearly missed by his immediate family, and greatly missed by his Clan Wallace Society family.

Ben requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Heal the Hero Foundation.



Kathy and Ben in Scotland 2009

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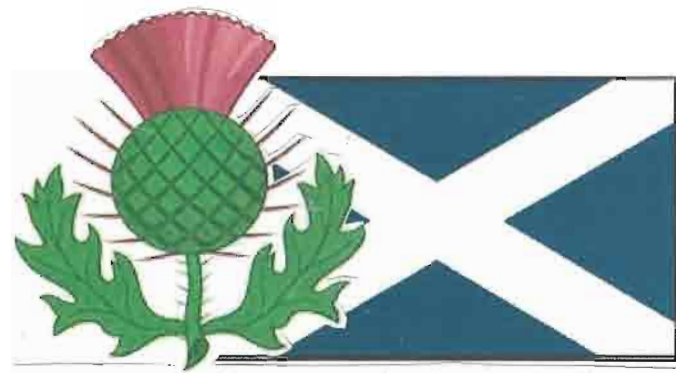


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Cars, Castles, Chapels & Cathedrals

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I spent a weekend at Scotland's premier racing circuit, Knockhill. It is a colorful little track.



It reminds me a bit of Grattan Raceway back in Michigan – one of my favorite tracks when I was racing. It is only 1.3 miles long, which means it is easy to walk to all the way around it. And from some viewing locations, you can see almost all of the corners. It also has a number of very interesting turns.

I went to see the British Touring Car Championship series, which is sort of like the American Trans-Am series, only it involves smaller sports sedans typical of what is driven by most Brits, rather than the larger sports sedans driven by Americans.



There are also three supporting series of Ginetta sports cars. These are purpose built racecars, not intended for the street. The slowest of the Ginetta classes uses lower powered engines and is intended for young, beginning racers. There are two progressively faster series for the Ginettas in which drivers advance as they gain experience. If I had grown up in Britain, this is where I would have

wanted to race. The cars are quite sporty and great fun to watch.



The British Formula 4 series also competes on BTCC weekends. All classes run two or three times during a typical weekend, so a spectator sees 13-15 races during a weekend.



Here is a map of Knockhill.



Turn One is a very fast downhill right-hand sweeper at the end of the start/finish straightaway, and is shown here.

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After a slight kink, the cars reach another right hander.



Then there is a set of S turns that seems to be the most popular viewing spot on the circuit.



After which the cars head back uphill through some more S turns.



One of which gets many cars slightly airborne, as they try to straighten it out and use the curbing on the inside of the corner



Another right hander follows.



And the final corner is a crazy uphill hairpin, that few drivers seem to really master.



Leading back out onto the main straightaway.



The manufactures competing were Ford, Chevrolet, Vauxhall, BMW, Audi, Toyota, Volkswagen, Mercedes, Subaru, Honda, and MG (the new version). Fans are as dedicated to their favorite drivers and manufacturers as NASCAR fans back in America. Really dedicated fans can buy used body parts at the series souvenir tent.

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BTCC has a unique form of grid marker to assist drivers in finding the correct location to line-up on the starting grid. Each team has its unique grid marker and drivers seem to find their spots quite effectively.



This is either a wee hobbit, come to pick some rhubarb for a pie.....or Wendy's friend Nancy from Indiana, in front of Dunrobin's giant rhubarb plant..... You guess which.

The racing was great and I thoroughly enjoyed my weekend, even tent camping and sleeping on the stony Scottish ground.

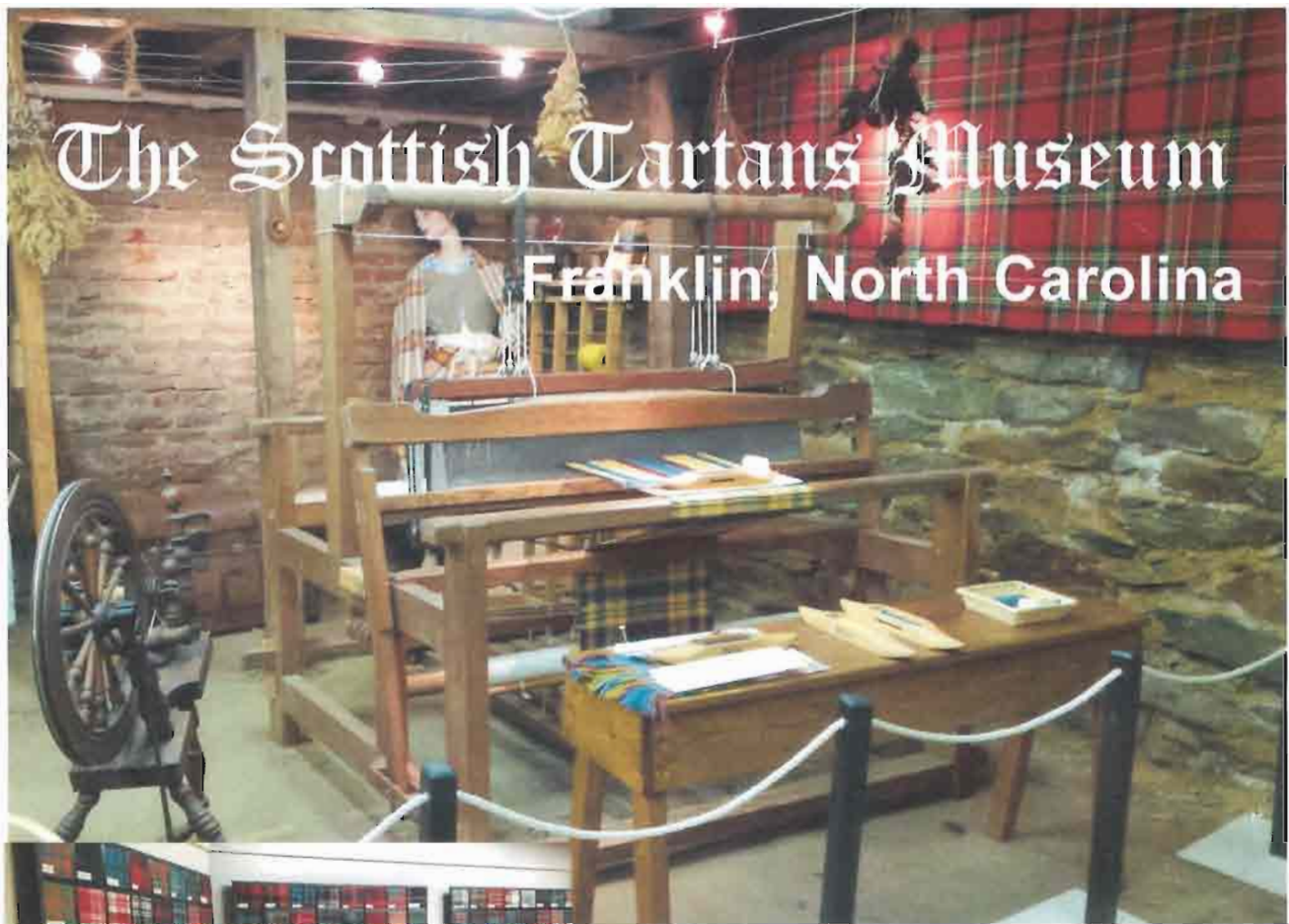
This autumn we visited Dunrobin Castle in nearby Golspie. Dunrobin is still owned by the family of the Earl of Sutherland, who operate it as a major tourist attraction in the north. Sutherland is the county just south of us in Caithness, and Golspie is a quaint little village about an hour away from our home. Here are pictures of the castle from the gardens and the gardens from the castle. Quite impressive either way you look.



You may recall that I talked about my team of high school girls from Tain Royal Academy that won the Scottish Championship in the Bloodhound competition, designing the winning scale-model



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The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

www.scottishtartans.org



rocket car and beating all the teams of boys from around the country. They earned us the chance to go to see the actual Bloodhound rocket car run at Newquay Air Field in Cornwall. Cornwall is at the opposite end of Britain from us, but it is quite similar in that its full of small villages, with narrow streets lined by small shops.

The day with Bloodhound was quite impressive. Technologically, it is an amazing car with an afterburning jet engine to get up to about 500 mph and a rocket to take it over 800 mph. It uses a Jaguar V12 racing engine just to drive the fuel pump.



Old stone churches



And the odd surprise hiding in the woods if you look closely.



There are five more pages...and they will be continued in BNFT January Section B



Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

www.elliotclan.com

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

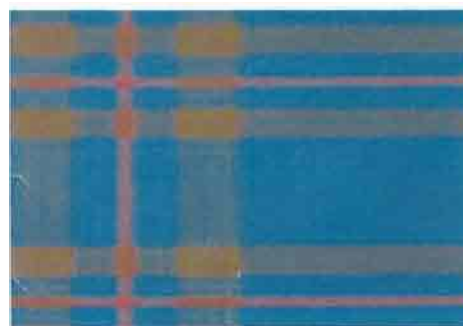
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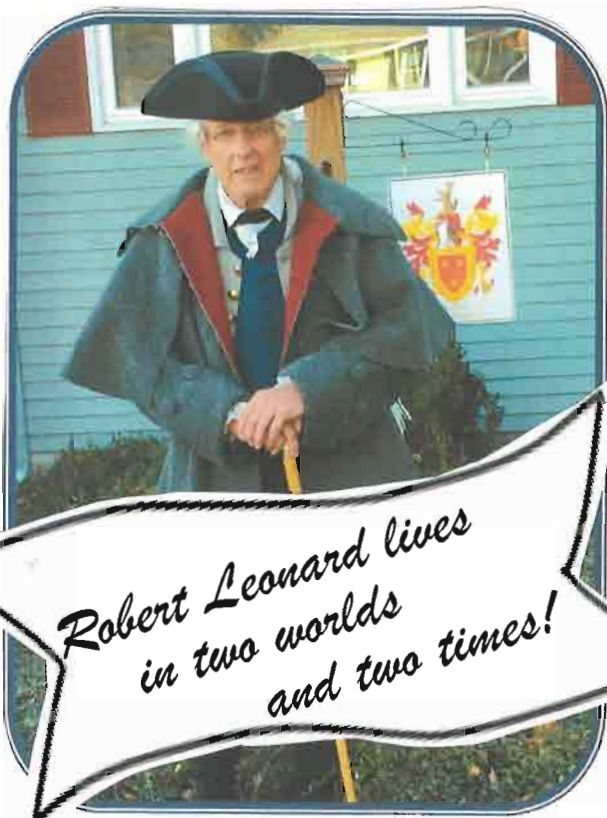
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Boldly and Rightly





Barbara Sutherland writes in the *Dunrobin Piper*, the publication of the Clan Sutherland Society, that she and her husband, Bob, had a fascinating visit from an authentically clad gentleman in the person of Sutherland Clan member, Robert Leonard, aka Captain Nathan Jarvis of the 16th Massachusetts Regiment of 1777. (See photo above.)

In town for a Revolutionary War reenactment, which was to take place at the Red Horse Tavern, Sudbury Massachusetts, or as we know it today The Wayside Inn of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow fame, to serve as Regimental Chaplain for the battle.

Robert stayed over-night with us in nearby Marlborough.

He has been involved with these reenactments for 42 years.

Bob lives in Providence, Rhode Island with his daughter, Rebecca, and her family. Rebecca is also a Clan Sutherland Society of North America member.

Is there anyone else in CSSNA who might be involved in these types of historic activities?

If so, please contact Bob at <ouldcolony@aol.com>. He'd love to swap "war" stories with you.

When not involved in this passion of his, Bob creates historical and heraldic signage. The sign seen in the photo is one he did for us a few years ago.

If you would like information on how to join



Announcing a new website featuring genealogy information from every American Community

"For the first time, we can say that every county, township, parish, rural area, village, town and city in America are recorded family-by-family, person-by-person," Noel Elliot, Director of Research for Global Research Library Inc., says. He added, "I'm happy to say that most native peoples and tribal members have their ancestors recorded in special census-type records."

Mr. Elliot says he's particularly proud that the index includes resources from every country "because America is a land populated by immigrants from around the world, as well as by the indigenous peoples that were already here."

He says the website is aimed at local geneal-

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the Clan Sutherland Society of North America, contact: President – Gene N. Sutherland, 8601 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32216 unit 713 or call (425)345-9108, or email <gsuther369@aol.com>



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Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
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For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com
or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.



Get ready for the next July's World Tin Bath Championships

This past summer saw the 46th consecutive year of the World Tin Bath Championships held each July in Mannin's Castletown Harbor.

The event involves racing, by human power only, old fashioned tin bathrubs. It's held mid July of each year.

New genealogical website, continued from page 33

ogy and history groups, professional researchers, libraries, academics and history buffs. The website covers "every imaginable subject" with records gleaned from over 100 countries and 25,000 selected websites.

In addition, millions of maps (including satellite images) and thousands of local history records indexed on the website help to provide a panoramic picture of America from early pioneer days up to the present.

The team has conducted millions of searches, merged and re-indexed the selected records, and also developed a unique research engine that "immensely simplifies the process of zeroing in on what it is you really want to find," Mr. Elliot says.

"Most professional researchers know that there are pockets of information scattered among thousands of websites, and no one website covers everything. We've visited over 25,000 well-researched websites and carried out millions of searches so that you don't have to," he explains.

By refusing to carry paid advertising, the integrity, relevancy and accuracy of the searches is much higher than what people using mainstream websites are used to, he notes. Edu.global also has a unique method of allowing searches to be refined by using subcategories built into its architecture, "vastly speeding up the time it takes to get the information you're after," he adds.

The service is supported by low-cost subscription fees from libraries, societies and institutions, who can offer it to their members as an enhancement to their own materials, although individuals are welcome to subscribe as well.

Although there is a special focus on geneal-

ogy, local history and geography, the index has also been designed to include a wide variety of subjects ranging from the sciences and literature through health and medicine, exercise, crafts, sports, gardening, cooking and recipes and so on.

"In fact, you can enter literally any noun in our search window, and if you don't get results, let me know and we'll have researchers assigned to it ASAP," he promises.



Books and documents written in over 100 languages have been indexed from every part of the world and range in time from

"the most ancient writings, up to current academic journal articles," he says.

Another bonus for researchers is that "the vast majority of our indexed resources are free to download by every subscriber, whether an individual researcher, an educational institution, a genealogical or historical society, or library," he said.

"This allows small genealogical groups, local history societies and libraries to appeal to many more community members by extending their range of resources to include regions spanning the globe, and the inclusion of different languages."

The name of the website, edu.global, is thus particularly apt "because it is truly global in scope. It's designed for those, like us, who have a 'borderless' approach to the world," he says.

"In my mind, when it comes to racial distinctions, there is only one race on this planet, and that is the human race!"

To access the new website, simply type <https://edu.global> into any browser.

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